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Chapter 331 – Sincere Cooperation?

After walking forward for a long time.

Yang Kai's eyes suddenly flickered, looking towards a particular direction.

"Wait!" Yang Kai reached out and grabbed Leng Shan.

"Stop!" Chen Yi, hearing this sudden voice, quickly raised his hand and ordered the group of Ghost King Valley disciples to form a perimeter.

"What happened?" Leng Shan asked in surprise.

However, Yang Kai didn't answer and instead stared harder and harder at that spot ahead of them. His vision suddenly became cold, and he shot forward like lightning, as his True Qi surged, and shot out a palm seemingly at thin air.

From the void in front of him, rippling waves spread out, and in the next instant, an unexpected figure appeared in everyone's field of vision.

This person's face couldn't hide his shock and astonishment, apparently unable to believe that Yang Kai had found him, and he quickly fell back as he raised his hands and shouted, "Wait wait!"

Yang Kai's expression went dull for a moment when he noticed the opposite party's pale ghost-like hands.

Disciples of Ghost King Valley all had hands that looked like this, seeming to have no blood flow through them.

"Ah... Brother Yang, stop!" Chen Yi hurriedly shouted.

This shout reached his ears, and Yang Kai also quickly halted his attack.

"He's one of us," Chen Yi and Leng Shan hurriedly explained.

"A scout...." Yang Kai cracked a wry grin. Originally he had thought someone was waiting in ambush to attack them, but it turns out this person was just a disciple of Ghost King Valley who had been sent ahead as a pathfinder.

After being forced out of his concealment, this young man couldn't hold his shock as he stared at Yang Kai, and he only relaxed slightly when Chen Yi arrived, by loudly cursing, "What the fuck! Who the hell is this guy?"

"He's Junior Sister Leng's benefactor." Chen Yi briefly explained.

Yang Kai was soon told that this disciple named Cheng Ying really was a scout sent out by the Ghost King Valley team.

"Sorry, it's a misunderstanding!" Yang Kai cupped his fists in apology.

"Misunderstanding? Dog shit!" Shouted Cheng Ying, "I used a concealment artifact and a special stealth type Martial Skill. Senior Brother Chen Yi couldn't even find a trace of me, so how did you see through it in an instant?"

Listening to his outburst, everyone else suddenly felt something was off.

If it weren't for Cheng Ying's perfect stealth techniques, they wouldn't have allowed him to explore the road ahead on his own in the first place. With the combination of his stealth Martial Skill and concealment artifact, even if it were a general Immortal Ascension Boundary master they wouldn't be able to detect any signs of his presence. This was what Cheng Ying relied on to provide a steady stream of forward intelligence to the team.

But now, Yang Kai, a youth who hadn't even reached the Immortal Ascension Boundary, had actually seen through his camouflage!

How could they not be surprised?

"True... Brother Yang, how did you manage to find him?" Chen Yi asked curiously.

Yang Kai wrinkled his brow slightly, "Well... my senses have always been a bit keener than most people."

"That's it?" Cheng Ying clearly didn't quite believe him, but since Yang Kai apparently didn't want to say anymore he was at an impasse.

Leng Shan also glanced suspiciously at Yang Kai, and a pensive light flashed across her beautiful cold eyes, but instead of digging further into things, she swiftly changed the topic, "Cheng Ying, do you have any new information for us? Did you discover something up ahead?"

Cheng Ying immediately recovered, and a grin slowly formed on his face, "I found them! Those two slu..."

"Hm?" Leng Shan's vision instantly became cold, as a fellow woman, hearing someone use such language wasn't very pleasing.

"Ahem... the whereabouts of those two girls was exposed." Cheng Ying grinned helplessly and quickly continued, "However, those two are much stronger than we expected, their realms are obviously not very high, but when the two of them join together their strength rises dramatically, probably due to some special Secret Art that they cultivate. Those Free And Unfettered Sect bastards really ate some harsh losses at their hands, and several of them died, Yu Qing was also nearly castrated by one of them, that scene... hahaha, too good!"

Cheng Ying was apparently a lively person. Describing the battle that took place in an animated voice in great detail, "Seeing that guy who's always trying to act cool, shriek in panic as the blade struck towards his crotch, hahaha!"

"Keke... Junior Brother Cheng, enough nonsense!" Chen Yi could see that Leng Shan was becoming increasingly annoyed and thus quickly interrupted his story.

"Hah... ahem..." Cheng Ying scratched his head awkwardly and pretended to slap his mouth lightly, "Yes yes, it's all my cheap mouth's fault. Junior Sister Leng shouldn't pay it any mind."

Leng Shan snorted ill-humouredly, but she understood that this was just this guy's nature. A wild beast wouldn't just become civil all of a sudden.

Chen Yi also grinned slightly, and a look of amusement surfaced on his face before he quickly asked, "In the end, was that dog Yu Qing actually... castrated?"

Cheng Ying replied somewhat disgruntled, "Nope, such a pity, but after that near miss, my guess is he'll be shrunk up for ten days to half a month... hahaha he deserves to be beaten!"

That latter half of his sentence he directed towards Leng Shan with a smile.

"Haa, too bad!" Chen Yi also let out a long sigh, "So, what happened then? What happened to those two girls?"

"They escaped, ran further inside to be exact." Cheng Ying's expression suddenly became serious, "There were signs of purple Evil Spirits in the direction they fled... a lot of them, I'd guess they're just about to reach their limit."

"Hmm..." Chen Yi frowned, "What are Yu Qing's intentions?"

"You know his disposition. Naturally, he doesn't plan to let things drop, he wants us to go with them, kill our way through those purple Evil Spirits, then catch those two."

"That bastard!" Chen Yi cursed angrily.

Ghost King Valley had repeatedly been humiliated by Free And Unfettered Sect for many years now, but because the Yellow Spring Pond that was essential to Ghost King Valley disciples' cultivation had been occupied by Free And Unfettered Sect, even if Ghost King Valley was extremely resentful of them, they had no choice but to compromise.

In order to gain access to that Yellow Spring Pond, Ghost King Valley these years had offered innumerable female disciples to Free And Unfettered Sect. All so that their male disciples could use them as their toys.

Between the two Sects there had long been tensions, but because neither could overwhelm the other it was impossible for them to actually fight it out, so instead a fragile peace had barely been maintained.

Therefore, even though Leng Shan and her group were extremely unwilling to, they had no choice but to come here to assist Free And Unfettered Sect because Yu Qing had pledged that in exchange for the lives of these two women he would have the Yellow Spring Pond opened to them for one month.

One month, it was enough time to allow hundreds of Ghost King Valley disciples to dramatically increase their strength! Leng Shan and the Ghost King Valley Elders couldn't refuse such temptation.

Now, Yu Qing wanted their Ghost King Valley disciples to join up with them and clearly planned to use them to clean up those purple Evil Spirits in order to minimize Free and Unfettered Sect's own losses.

The two Sect's disciples had had countless dealings over many years, and each of them were very familiar with the other's thoughts and methods. How could Chen Yi and Leng Shan not understand what Yu Qing's objective was?

"Then, do we go or not?" Cheng Ying looked at Chen Yi and Leng Shan.

Chen Yi grit his teeth but eventually didn't speak and just looked towards Leng Shan.

Leng Shan sneered, "Of course we go! We have to go! Even if it's just to look at their pitiful states we should take the trip!"

Hearing her put it this way, Chen Yi's spirits were suddenly lifted, and he nodded firmly, "Good, what Junior Sister says makes sense."

After the group had finished their deliberations, they started walking forward again with Cheng Ying in the lead.

Along the way it was very quiet, not a single Evil Spirit appeared. Obviously, this path had been swept clean earlier.

A while later, a group of men appeared in front of them, and their numbers were no fewer than their own group from Ghost King Valley, and nearby there were clear traces of a ferocious battle, traces of blood and flesh were scattered on the ground and a number of fresh corpses were present as well.

A sinister looking fair-skinned man amongst this group had a bright red bloodstain on his pants. As he sat there uncomfortably, large drops of sweat continued to drip down his forehead, and his slightly pale face was filled with an expression of hatred. His cold eyes glared into the depths of the Evil Cavern, and he muttered aloud, "You two sluts! Sooner or later I'll make suffer for this. You actually dare to hurt me, you dared try to hurt me there!"

Despite the dim light, one could still clearly see a nearly half-foot long gash on his upper thigh which was until now still leaking blood.

In front of this evil-looking man, a beautiful young woman was kneeling down and carefully dressing his wound.

Even in this environment, this sinister youth's pillar was still towering high.

When the disciples of Ghost King Valley arrived, Leng Shan immediately disregarded this group with clear signs of disgust apparent in her eyes. Whereas Chen Yi looked around with great interest and called out tauntingly, "It's a minor injury, just a flesh wound really. Yu Qing, what are you getting so worked up about?"

Yu Qing suddenly roared furiously, "What dog shit minor injury, what dog shit flesh wound!? Those two sluts must pay dearly for this, I want them to suffer a living hell where they'll beg me for death!"

Yu Qing clamoured, and his face filled with rage.

Yang Kai also looked around at Free And Unfettered Sect's disciples, and impressively discovered that all the men from this sect, one by one, were all pale looking, like they had all overdrawn their blood force and vitality. Although all of them were clearly born exceptionally handsome, with their deathly pale complexions, all of their charm had been destroyed. Every Free And Unfettered Sect male disciple had a number of pretty flowers accompanying him, but unlike these men's pale complexion, each of these women was filled with vigour, and each of them wore flattering smiles, seeming to be quite unrestrained.

When these females looked towards the various Ghost King Valley disciples they made no attempt to conceal the amorous tones in their gaze. One of them even took the initiative to walk up to these male Ghost King Valley disciples and began teasing and tempting them.

Seeing this, the Free And Unfettered Sect male disciple behind her not only didn't become jealous but instead reached out to pinch her plump behind, which immediately provoked a seductive moan to leak from her cherry red lips.

Yang Kai's expression immediately became ugly. He found that since he arrived in this land, he had continuously encountered men and women who delved into various erotic and immoral acts. Even Shan Qing Luo and Bi Luo, needless to say, cultivated a supreme type of Seduction Technique, and although they themselves both still held their purity, they were more than a little familiar with the matters between men and women.

These Free And Unfettered Sect's disciple looked like they all engaged in the plucking of yin and yang. Yang Kai was just unsure about why they were so loose about it, or whether there was some hidden profoundness to them being so.

"Although your Ghost King Valley people's looks are somewhat ugly, these Free And Unfettered Sect disciples are far more disgusting," Yang Kai whispered quietly in Leng Shan's ear.

"Who are you saying is ugly?" Leng Shan angrily retorted.

"Well, I mean your hands are all a ghastly shade of white, almost like they belong to a ghost or corpse."

"What do you know! Just wait a few years, once we cultivate our Secret Art to a certain level the colour will naturally return to our hands. Don't compare our Ghost King Valley people and those Free And Unfettered Sect trash, hmph!"

Yang Kai simply shrugged and no longer said anything.

"Enough of this, since you've come, then we can get started. The purple Evil Spirits in front of us are a bit too numerous for any one of our forces to take on, so everyone needs to sincerely cooperate in order to break through." Yu Qing fixed his pants as he arrogantly said to Chen Yi.

Chen Yi snorted back coldly in response, "I certainly hope you Free and Unfettered Sect people will cooperate sincerely!"

Chapter 332 – Shocked

After the two factions came together and briefly discussed their plans, they decided to move out immediately.

Chen Yi reluctantly took the lead while next to him were two Free And Unfettered Sect disciples, a man and a woman. Behind them the rest of the group dispersed in the fan-shaped arrangement, ready to enter the battle at any moment. Soon after setting out, the group came across two purple Evil Spirits. Their dense Evil Qi auras were several times more violent than the previous red Evil Spirits, and their bodies were also significantly more opaque. Even their facial features were more clearly defined.

Sprouting from their forms there were even two tentacle-like appendages with vaguely defined fingers, a ghastly sight to behold.

"Here they come!" Chen Yi called out, as his True Qi surged.

"One for each of us!" Yu Qing said lightly, as the Ghost King Valley and the Free And Unfettered Sect disciples broke formation, each group taking on one of the two Evil Spirits.

Piercing cries and eerie howls sent shivers down everyone's spines.

In an instant, everyone viciously attacked the two purple Evil Spirits.

The Ghost King Valley disciples used a variety of Yin Qi Martial Skills and coordinated teamwork to pin down their target.

Similarly, nearby, the Free And Unfettered Sect disciples used their own Martial Skills to suppress the Evil Spirit. The only difference being that their Martial Skills weren't as ghastly as Ghost King Valley's, but instead somewhat pleasing to the eye.

Yang Kai only remained in the rear and did not actively participate in the fight. From time to time, he would send out a strike or two, but for this first contact, he wanted to observe the extent of these purple Evil Spirits' strength.

After a moment, he basically understood their bottom line.

These purple Evil Spirits were indeed much more difficult to deal with than the red Evil Spirits. The seven or eight Ghost King Valley disciples together, although firmly holding the upper hand, didn't dare rush their assault and chose to steadily consume their opponent's power bit by bit.

Such Evil Spirits, if three of them rushed in, Yang Kai estimated that these Ghost King Valley disciples wouldn't be able to cope.

The two groups fought for a long time, and eventually managed to kill their respective Evil Spirit. Each of them obtained an extremely potent Evil Spirit Essence. Both of their factions each looked extremely pleased as they held their Purifying Spirit Bottles and prepared to collected this treasure.

Working together, both parties had achieved a significant victory.

The scene was quite harmonious as a feeling of cooperation floated in the air.

However, Yang Kai was acutely aware that Leng Shan had constantly been wary of Free And Unfettered Sect's movements, even while they were engaged in combat and never once dropped her guard towards them.

After successfully killing these two Evil Spirits, the Ghost King Valley disciple who was specifically responsible for collecting its essence was about to receive it, when a female disciple from Free And Unfettered Sect, giggled, fluttered over and directly absorbed it into her body.

Immediately floating back to the Free And Unfettered Sect camp, her pretty face wore a proud and satisfied expression while her male companion beside her planted a kiss on her lips and praised, "Baby, you've got guts."

"Hehe, I just want to help make you stronger." The woman said flirtatiously.

"Yu Qing!" Chen Yi couldn't help but shout, "What's your meaning?"

Yu Qing however just chuckled, "I don't mean anything."

"That essence was obviously ours, yet you blatantly rob it from us?" Chen Yi coldly glared at him along with all the other Ghost King Valley disciples.

"Chen Yi, I don't understand what you mean. Free And Unfettered Sect, Ghost King Valley, aren't we all one group? Eeryone here is now sincerely cooperating and helping one another, us receiving this essence is the same as you receiving it, right?" Yu Qing offhandedly said, completely devoid of any kind of remorse.

"If so, if you kill and Evil Spirit we can openly take its essence?" Chen Yi stared gloomily, his tone extremely cold.

"As long as you have the ability, feel free, haha!" Yu Qing laughed maliciously, "Well, don't be so angry, it's just one Evil Spirit Essence, compared to that, wouldn't Ghost King Valley much rather obtain access to the Yellow Spring Pond? Rest assured, once this little incident is settled, the Yellow Spring Pond will be opened to you for one month just as promised, you have my, Yu Qing's word!"

After the Yellow Spring Pond was brought up again, Chen Yi's brow wrinkled, clearly hesitating, but eventually he simply grunted, "I'll hold you to that!"

Chen Yi didn't want to make too big a deal about this; Ghost King Valley disciples really had no immunity when it came to the Yellow Spring Pond, if it weren't for Free And Unfettered Sect's strength, Ghost King Valley would have fought against them for control of it long ago.

The two groups continued to move forward, but the harmonious atmosphere had now been completely shattered.

Yang Kai walked beside Leng Shan and quietly inquired, "How come that woman directly absorb that essence into her body? I can't sense her having cultivated some kind of Secret Art that can restrain that Evil Spirit's energy."

It was precisely because she had directly inhaled the Evil Spirit Essence into her body that the Ghost King Valley's disciple didn't have an opportunity to collect it. After all, it took a brief moment to prepare and use the Purifying Spirit Bottle required.

"Because she's a Charmed Slave..." Leng Shan whispered, "They're willing to accept any kind of damage or torment if it helps the male disciple of Free And Unfettered Sect they're assigned to. Don't underestimate how these bastards, Free And Unfettered Sect's men, use a special Secret Art on these Charmed Slave to brainwash them so that even if they ask for their lives, they won't even hesitate." "What?" Yang Kai exclaimed. This Free And Unfettered Sect seemed to have some formidable methods, a technique to dominate a woman's mind and body to the point she was willing to offer her life with a single command.

"En, that Charmed Slave will definitely receive some heavy injuries, but she doesn't care, and that Free And Unfettered Sect disciple also doesn't care, one is willing to offer, one is willing to receive, that's how the men of Free And Unfettered Sect work. Each of them has more than one Charmed Slave so even if one of them die, they won't even bat an eye."

"Animals!" Yang Kai scorned.

"You flatter them, they are far worse than animals!" Leng Shan sneered.

As the two of them talked, Yang Kai really saw the woman who had just inhaled the Evil Spirit Essence unscrupulously kiss her male companion, which appeared to be a passionate exchange from the outside. Their tongues intertwined as thin transparent threads of liquid stretched between their mouths and a mass of energy was transferred from her to the male Free And Unfettered Sect disciple's body.

As they finally parted, a look of satisfaction appeared on the man's face, and his pale complexion seemed to be a bit healthier, while instead the woman appeared unwell as traces of blood leaked from her mouth.

However, it really seemed like she didn't mind as she gently wiped her mouth and lovingly gazed towards her man with a look of bliss upon her face.

When Yang Kai saw all this, he couldn't help but shake his head secretly. These Charmed Slaves of the Free And Unfettered Sect were quite pitiful indeed.

Half an hour later, after Ghost King Valley's disciples managed to kill another purple Evil Spirit, a female disciple from Free And Unfettered Sect sprang forward in an attempt to seize the Evil Spirit Essence again.

Seeing this unrestrained display, Yang Kai frowned, shot forward, and arrived at the essence before the woman. He stretched out his palm and directly absorbed it.

"Hm?" Yu Qing raise his brow in astonishment when he witnessed Yang Kai's actions but said nothing more and instead revealed a devious smile.

Their Free And Unfettered Sect's women didn't care about harming themselves, so directly absorbing the Evil Spirit Essence on the spot and suffering the backlash while they refined it in order to benefit their male companions was no big deal.

However, Yang Kai was obviously not immune to this danger. Therefore, Yu Qing was secretly gloating to himself, thinking that this reckless Ghost King Valley disciple was simply cutting off his nose to spite his face, so he was happy to just sit back and watch.

"Seems I owe you two essences now." Yang Kai returned with wry grin.

"No need, better to have Brother Yang take it than to have those bastards pick it up for free." Chen Yi laughed, also not giving it any more thought. He knew that Yang Kai cultivated a Secret Art which

completely restrain the Evil Spirit's energy, so even if he absorbed and refined it on the spot, he wouldn't suffer any harm.

Leng Shan also nodded lightly, agreeing with Chen Yi, and since neither of them had any opinion, naturally the rest of the Ghost King Valley disciples didn't say any more. Instead they just directed hostile glares at the Free And Unfettered Sect disciples.

For the next half a day or so, whenever the Ghost King Valley group killed an Evil Spirit, Yang Kai would swoop in and absorb its essence. He had even considered swiping the Evil Spirit Essence from the Free And Unfettered Sect's group, but because he didn't want to add on to Leng Shan and her group's troubles, he finally restrained himself.

Seeing Yang Kai, in his mind, go so far to spite Free And Unfettered Sect, Yu Qing couldn't help but stare at him coldly with a devious grin on his face as he taunted, "Little brat, I'd like to see just how long you can endure! After absorbing so many essences without refining them, sooner or later you'll fall onto the Demonic Path!"

In reply though, Yang Kai merely grinned, "No need for you to worry!"

"Good, we'll see!" Yu Qing's said as a cold light flashed across his eyes.

The path they walked upon had been quiet for some time now, and they had actually stopped encountering Evil Spirits since a while back.

The two groups exchanged glances, as both of them were confused about what exactly had happened.

Suddenly, as they were proceeding forward cautiously, from somewhere not far away, an intense burst of extremely rich energy welled up.

This energy was similar to the Evil Qi given off by Evil Spirits but much more concentrated. It was like the warning signs of the advent of some terrible monster, and it immediately caused everyone present to pale in fright.

A moment later, this sudden burst of Evil Qi suddenly disappeared and the surroundings once more became extremely calm.

The group all turned to one another, and all of them understood the look in each other's eyes.

The more dangerous the situation was the greater the benefits there were to be had. Both the Ghost King Valley and Free And Unfettered Sect disciples were people with keen senses for these kinds of things, but remembering how oppressive that Evil Qi was, all of them couldn't help but have some reservations.

"Do we go and check it out or not?" Yu Qing asked after some hesitation.

Chen Yi was also indecisive and turned to look at Leng Shan.

Leng Shan's brow furrowed, apparently weighing their options.

But before she had enough time to think it through, one of the Free And Unfettered Sect female disciples suddenly screamed, "Evil Spirits!"

"What? Where?" Yu Qing quickly asked as he glanced around.

"Behind us!"

As these words were uttered, everyone turned back to look and suddenly felt a burst of cold wind hit them from behind, which caused them all to tremble unconsciously.

Half a kilometer behind them, a cluster of vague purple shadows emerged, sending out sharp howling cries as they raced towards them. Looking at their numbers, it was clear that there were at least a dozen of them.

A dozen purple Evil Spirits. Even if the Ghost King Valley and Free And Unfettered Sect disciples truly banded together, they would definitely be unable to cope.

"How are there so many !?" Chen Yi shouted, as his face instantly drained of all colour.

"Who cares! Run!" Cheng Ying quickly shouted.

Without any hesitation, the entire group hurriedly displayed their Movement Skills and fled forward away from the oncoming Evil Spirits.

"There's more around us!" As they ran, Yu Qing suddenly shouted.

Sure enough, as all of them scanned their surroundings, they really found a large number of Evil Spirits floating around them. A shocking number of purple figures seemed to be traveling in exactly the same direction as them. It seemed like every purple Evil Spirit within a several kilometer radius was rushing this way, probably attracted by the sudden burst of Evil Qi from before.

Chapter 333 – Refuge

None of them knew what dangers lay ahead, but behind them, to their left, and to their right, only death awaited them, so they pushed on.

After running more than a dozen kilometers none stop, all of a sudden everyone stopped, and their eyes bulged in shock at the sight before them.

In front of them was a large open space filled to the brim with purple Evil Spirits. These Evil Spirits all floated back and forth, and for some unknown reason they were fighting amongst themselves.

From all directions, more and more purple Evil Spirits flooded into the space and joined the fray. It was a thrilling spectacle to behold.

Even Yang Kai with his numerous fantastical experiences was shocked by this scene, not to mention the disciples from Ghost King Valley and Free And Unfettered Sect.

Although he cultivated the True Yang Secret Art which could restrain these Evil Spirits, but against such a vast quantity he was still helpless. If they really turned and attacked them, Yang Kai reckoned he wouldn't even be able to resist.

Suddenly, everyone was filled with despair, and many of their eyes overflowed with tears as panic and fear spread across their faces, as they stood there stunned, not knowing what to do next.

Before them was the wolf. Behind them was the tiger. There was no place to go, and they were basically in an absolutely hopeless situation!

"Brother Yang? Brother Yang!" Not far away, a loud voice called out, seemingly recognizing Yang Kai.

When he heard this voice, Yang Kai turned his head and saw Tao Yang, the one he had first met when he entered the Evil Cavern, hollering and waving towards him.

He was on a naturally formed plateau that stood atop one of the large pillars that could occasionally be seen inside the Evil Cavern. It had a flat surface that seemed to be about twenty or so meters off the ground.

To Tao Yang's side were his two Junior Brothers and his Junior Sister, gathered together looking scared.

In addition, not far away there was another such high platform.

"Over there!" Yang Kai shouted, leading Leng Shan and the others toward the pillar, Yu Qing and others suddenly seeing hope for survival also scrambled to keep up.

In this life or death crisis, Yang Kai also no longer concealed his strength, and he charged through the swarm of purple Evil Spirits, sending a number of them flying with full powered strikes infused with his True Yang Yuan Qi.

Fiercely rampaging through this horde of Evil Spirits, he finally managed to cut a path through their encirclement and jumped up onto the high platform that Tao Yang stood upon along with the disciples from Ghost King Valley.

This plateau's area wasn't overly large, so with the four people in Tao Yang's group and the seven or eight Ghost King Valley disciples, although it wasn't crowded, but it also couldn't accommodate the entire group from Free And Unfettered Sect.

On top of the plateau, Yang Kai turned around and glared coldly at Yu Qing's group.

Fortunately, they also had some self-awareness, knowing that now was not the time to fight amongst themselves.

Immediately, the Free And Unfettered Sect group turned, summoned their respective artifacts, and quickly made their way to the other pillar a short distance away.

These artifacts all emitted various glows in the dark cave, apparently a mix of fire and lightning attribute offensive artifacts. Only these kinds of attacks could restrain these yin type Evil Spirits.

Numerous Evil Spirits swirled beneath the platforms, screaming at each other, just like crazed beasts, yet atop these pillars it was extremely peaceful, seemingly like a separate world from the chaos below. This whole situation puzzled everyone greatly, and all of them wondered what mysteries these pillars hid.

"Brother Yang, we meet again." Tao Yang looked at Yang Kai with a wry smile.

Yang Kai also looked back at him, gratefully cupping his fists, "Many thanks, Brother Tao."

"Brother Yang is too polite."

"How did Brother Tao end up here?"

"Same as you probably, we were chased over..." Tao Yang laughed helplessly. He and his Junior Brothers and Junior Sister had followed behind Yang Kai for quite a while, yet the result was that they didn't come across a single Evil Spirit for quite some time.

After a while, Tao Yang could only lead his group in a different direction, no longer following Yang Kai's trail. As they explored, they had unwittingly entered the domain of purple Evil Spirits and finally came across an isolated one, but before they had time to launch an attack, an accident occurred.

Behind them, a large group of Evil Spirits suddenly appeared and chased after them. In a panic, they escaped in the opposite direction and eventually wound up here, taking refuge atop this high platform.

"Are there others here as well?" Yang Kai asked as he caught his breath. Looking around, he discovered that about a kilometer away from them there really were two slender figures sitting atop a third high pillar.

Such a distance, under peaceful sun-lit conditions, Yang Kai could see across clearly, but in the dim depths of this cavern, obstructed by various obstacles, all he could make out was that they were a pair of young women.

"They must be the pair of twins Free And Unfettered Sect are chasing," Leng Shan said, glancing towards them as she whispered.

Yang Kai nodded lightly in agreement.

"Are these Brother Yang's friends?" Tao Yang looked around curiously at the Ghost King Valley disciples. Yang Kai was definitely alone when he had entered the Evil Cavern, yet now he had suddenly appeared before them with a big group of people who didn't appear to be strangers. This scene made Tao Yang somewhat surprised.

"En, they're old acquaintances. I didn't expect to meet them here," explained Yang Kai.

Tao Yang laughed heartily, "Looks like Brother Yang has friends and relatives all over the world, even in this forsaken place you can come across old acquaintances, good good! This one is Treasure Instrument Sect's Tao Yang!"

"Treasure Instrument Sect!?" Chen Yi exclaimed loudly, Leng Shan's beautiful cold eyes also flashed with surprise as she looked towards Tao Yang, apparently also having heard of this Sect.

"Excuse our disrespect, it turns out Brother Tao is a disciple from the famed Treasure Instrument Sect, this one is called Chen Yi, we are disciples of Ghost King Valley!"

"So it is Brother Chen!" Tao Yang laughed happily, not changing his expression in the slightest because the opposite party was from Ash-Grey Evil Land's Ghost King Valley.

Yang Kai was also surprised, not expecting that Tao Yang was actually from the famous Treasure Instrument Sect.

Treasure Instrument Sect ...

It was a very small, yet very special Sect.

The entire population of Treasure Instrument Sect numbered only around one hundred, even smaller than most third-class Sects, truly amongst the smallest in existence, but its name was in no way inferior to Medicine King's Valley.

Medicine King's Valley represented the apex of Alchemy in this world, whereas Treasure Instrument Sect was the highest authority when it came to artifact refinement!

There were only a few Mysterious Grade Top-Rank artifact refiners in this world, but half of them hailed from Treasure Instrument Sect.

Treasure Instrument Sect had its own unique artifact refining style, making their products easily recognizable, so although the Sect wasn't large, its name was very loud.

Each year, Treasure Instrument Sect would only produce and sell twenty artifacts!

But each of these artifacts were at least Heaven Grade and were sought after by great families and large Sects all over the world.

The patriarchs of some small families and Sects did not necessarily have artifacts on par with those possessed by an ordinary Treasure Instrument Sect disciple.

So the world had a saying, any one Treasure Instrument Sect disciple was a walking treasure.

Yang Kai hadn't paid too much attention to them when they had first met, but now hearing Tao Yang say he was from Treasure Instrument Sect, upon closer inspection he found that from their robes, their weapons, even their accessories were all extraordinary artifacts.

Tao Yang daring to say that he was a Treasure Instrument Sect disciple showed that he was serious about befriending him and thus did not want to hide his identity.

Seeing him be so frank, Yang Kai was also disinclined to conceal his origins, cupping his fists in reply, "High Heaven Pavilion's Yang Kai..."

As soon as he uttered this, everyone sucked in a breath as they stared in shock towards Yang Kai.

Only Leng Shan, who already knew, shook her head slowly, knowing what effect Yang Kai's words would have.

"No way..." Cheng Ying murmured, his eyes almost bulging out of his sockets.

Chen Yi also froze for a long time before laughing awkwardly, "I see. I, Chen Yi, have had my eyes opened today."

Saying so, he lowered his voice and said, "It turns out Brother Yang is from the famous High Heaven Pavilion! Brother Yang's Sect seems to produce one powerhouse after another."

The new Demon Lord originated from High Heaven Pavilion, and now there was Yang Kai who was also a High Heaven Pavilion disciple. Simply being from the same Sect as the Demon Lord was a shocking fact, so how could everyone not be surprised?

"These two brothers being so frank with us today, my Ghost King Valley is grateful!" Chen Yi quickly put a positive spin on things.

"Alright alright..." Leng Shan shouted a few times, "You guys, can't you focus on our immediate situation for now? Before we discuss anything else we need to find a way to resolve this crisis. Honestly, I don't understand what goes on inside all of your heads."

"En en!" Rong Mei from Treasure Instrument Sect nodded in agreement.

The others who had gathered around all glanced shared a wry grin. Yang Kai raised his brow and shifted his attention to Tao Yang, asking, "Since Brother Tao has been here before, do you understand anything about this situation?"

"Unfortunately not, we came this time because our Master said he wanted some Evil Spirit Essence to see if it could use it to refine an artifact, but nothing like this has ever happened before, in fact, we only reached here a short time before all of you arrived."

"En..." Yang Kai frowned, looking down off the plateau only to see a thick layer of Evil Qi, like a dark fog that blanketed the world. Purple Evil Spirits shuttled back and forth through the Evil Qi, seeming to absorb it to strengthen themselves while fighting with other Evil Spirits. From time to time an Evil Spirit would be killed, leaving behind an Evil Spirit Essence that would exude a faint tempting light.

It wasn't long before a dozen or so Evil Spirit Essences appeared, scattered around the cavern floor, and as time passed, and more and more Evil Spirits were killed, the number of essences continued to rise steadily.

Everyone stared at these essences with hot eyes, but no one had the courage to snatch them.

Forget about the large number of Evil Spirits that would instinctively attack anyone who approached, and just being stained with the thick ink like Evil Qi that lingered around the cavern would likely not end well.

"If you really want to understand what's happening, I think it would be best to ask those two girls over there, they likely know a bit more about what's happening than we do. If it weren't for their kind reminder to climb these pillars we likely wouldn't have survived until now." Tao Yang said as he looked off into the distance.

"Chen Yi!" Yu Qing called out suddenly, apparently also having discovered the two women's hideout. His expression dimmed as he maliciously smiled, turned around, and shouted towards the Ghost King Valley group, "If you can capture those two women for me now, I can have the Yellow Spring Pond opened to you for two months instead of just one!"

Listening to this, Chen Yi couldn't help sneering, "Yu Qing, you're crazy. Look around you, we don't even know if we'll survive this and yet you're still thinking of taking revenge? If you have time to waste on that, you should try to find a way out of this mess first!"

However, Yu Qing just grinned even harder, "Even if I die here today, I want those two sluts to die under my crotch first!"

"Idiot!" Chen Yi spat in disgust, his face filled with contempt.

"Don't bother listening to any of his nonsense. If we survive this crisis, I swear to never deal with him ever again." Leng Shan cut in, as her disgust reached an extreme height.

The conversation between Chen Yi and Yu Qing had apparently reached the ears of the two women as they stood on their distant platform, both of them turned vigilant gazes towards these newcomers.

Yang Kai's brow furrowed for a moment before he stepped forward, "I'll go ask them."

"Ah... it's too dangerous," Chen Yi exclaimed. Now that Evil Spirits floated about in all directions, although they were temporarily safe atop these pillars, if any of them were to leave, it would likely prove fatal.

Chapter 334 – How Can It Be You

"That's right, don't go." Leng Shan also kindly objected, "What if you get entangled by the Evil Spirits and can't break free?"

Tao Yang also frowned, "Brother Yang, we should at least discuss this matter some more first."

"Don't worry, I have a sense of proportion!" Yang Kai shook his head lightly, "My True Yang Yuan Qi cultivation technique can greatly restrain these Evil Spirits, they won't even be able to approach me."

"But what if those two girls don't understand what's happening either, wouldn't you be doing all of this in vain then?" Chen Yi still had reservations as he shook his head solemnly. The situation was simply too dangerous, even if he knew Yang Kai's True Qi could effectively restrain these Evil Spirits. If anything went wrong, not only would he lose his life, even their own group's defensive strength would be greatly reduced.

For now, as long as they remained on top of these pillars, the surrounding Evil Spirits seemed to be ignoring them, but who could say for certain it would stay that way?

At that time, if Yang Kai was with them, even if a desperate battle ensued, their chances for survival would nonetheless be higher.

"Then... why don't we ask them to come here?" Treasure Instrument Sect's Zhao Rong asked innocently.

Immediately, everyone looked towards her awkwardly.

"... What?" Zhao Rong asked, her big eyes blinking in confusion.

Tao Yang could only smile wryly, "There seems to be some kind of grudge between those two girls and Brother Chen's group, so asking them is probably impossible."

"In order to display our sincerity, I still have to make the trip." Yang Kai said, his mind made up, "Regardless of anything else, the two of them possess formidable strength, if we can win them over and have them join us, it will increase our odds of survival!"

"En, that's right." Leng Shan's cold eyes flashed brilliantly, "If you can convince them to join us, I can swear to you that our Ghost King Valley will no longer hold any hostility towards them, as for those Free And Unfettered Sect bastards, under these circumstances we have no need to be polite with them." Chen Yi also nodded slightly and seriously reminded, "Brother Yang, be careful, if you feel like things are too dangerous you must immediately return!"

"En." Yang Kai nodded firmly, leaped up, and then shot forward towards the two girl's position.

Seeing him use such a swift and powerful Movement Skill, everyone couldn't help but feel a burst of admiration.

In an instant, Yang Kai had crossed several hundred meters and rapidly approached the plateau the two girls were resting upon.

Aware of his approach, the two girls suddenly stood up and their True Qi surged. Their eyes contained a look of vigilance, as they prepared to defend themselves.

While mid-air, Yang Kai rapidly circulated his True Qi and sent out a pure Yang aura while he dodged the floating Evil Spirits. Fortunately, at the moment, the thick Evil Qi seemed more attractive to these Evil Spirits than himself, so he didn't encounter any major trouble.

After brief flight, Yang Kai shouted out the other side, "Two young ladies, don't misunderstand. I just came to inquire about the current situation and bare you no malicious intentions."

As his voice rang out, the two girls suddenly twitched, and their vigilance dropped significantly, apparently shocked by what they heard.

Unaware of what these two were thinking and in order avoid making them feel nervous, Yang Kai didn't immediately press the issue, and he hovered nearby as he tried to sound as sincere as possible, "Two youn ..."

But before he could finish, the other side called out, "Yang Kai, is that you?"

Nearly choking on his words, his face filled with disbelief, as Yang Kai was immediately dumbstruck.

"Impossible..." Yang Kai muttered out loud as he heard this familiar voice. The image of a certain pair of girls involuntarily popped up in his mind. Quickly he took a closer look at the two girls atop the plateau. Sure enough, the two young girls standing side by side matched perfectly with the ones he was thinking of.

These two girls seemed to have been carved from the same mold, and regardless of their looks or their auras, they were perfect mirror images of one another.

Both of them had the same elegant and refined style that perfectly complimented their graceful appearances. There was some hidden fatigue upon their oval shaped faces, but their two pairs beautiful eyes still shone with a radiant splendor.

At such a close distance, the two sides stared at each other.

"It really is you!" One of the girls called out, obviously extremely happy.

Yang Kai no longer hesitated and rushed straight to their side. Landing right in front of them atop the stone pillar, he asked in disbelief, "How can it be you?"

Earlier, he had heard Ghost King Valley and Free And Unfettered Sect say they were chasing a pair of beautiful twins, and that these two had killed more than a dozen Free And Unfettered Sect disciples.

At the time Yang Kai hadn't thought too much about it, after all, although the number of twin sisters in the world weren't too many, they also weren't too few.

On top of that, among the people he knew, none of them were twins, and although this pair of enchanting Blood Battle Gang sisters had identical appearances, they weren't actually twins.

So, he had never imagined that it was actually them whom Free And Unfettered Sect were hunting.

Hu Jiao Er, Hu Mei Er!

It had been quite some time.

The last time he had seen them was during the struggle inside the Heaven's Inheritance Cave. Back then, the three of them had walked side by side as they ascended the Yin and Yang ladder; each time the Yin energy hit them, Hu Jiao Er and Hu Mei Er both snuggled up to Yang Kai to stay warm.

Remembering back, the fond memories came flooding back to him and gave him a warm feeling inside.

In a flash, it had been nearly two years.

Yang Kai had grown from an inexperienced Initial Element Stage cultivator to a True Element Boundary Fifth Stage expert.

It was also clear to him that these twin flowers had also made great progress!

One of the two girls stared happily towards Yang Kai. Her beautiful eyes overflowing with joy at their long awaited reunion, the other of the pair was gnashing her teeth, her brow furrowed as she called out, "That's what I'd like to know! How come you're here you smelly brat?"

Upon suddenly meeting them again, at first, Yang Kai hadn't been able to tell them apart, but upon hearing this he quickly wore a smile, "Jiao Er!"

The older sister immediately blushed red as she grit her teeth even harder, "You little bastard, you still recognize me."

"Haha, if you hadn't said anything I really wouldn't have been able to tell you apart." Yang Kai laughed happily, after the past few years, these two sisters now were more similar than ever. If it weren't for their vastly different temperaments, it would be impossible to tell them apart, but Hu Jiao Er was undoubtedly the more aggressive of the pair, and only she would call Yang Kai smelly brat.

That year, Yang Kai had said that one side of her bottom was slightly bigger than the other and had also taken quite a few liberties with her, gaining some unwarranted advantages.

"Mei Er!" Yang Kai nodded to the younger sister.

"En." Hu Mei Er nodded and smiled happily, and her eyes watered slightly, which placed her cuteness on full display.

"Hmph! Calling out so affectionately, your face is really thick!" Hu Jiao Er quipped, but it was obvious to anyone that she was also quite happy.

When one met a friend from their hometown it was probably always like this.

Sweeping her pretty eyes up and down Yang Kai, Hu Jiao Er said in amazement, "It's been a long time, it seems like you've become quite strong."

Before, Yang Kai had the appearance of an emaciated kid, quite pitiful, but now he had a firm heroic air to him.

An embarrassing memory of Hu Jiao Er's surfaced when she mentioned that. All those years ago when she had been teasing Yang Kai, her soft peaks had smacked again Yang Kai's bony ribs and it had caused her quite a bit of pain afterwards.

(TL note: What a random excuse to talk about boobs...)

"You two have also become more beautiful." Yang Kai replied in kind.

The two beautiful flowers exchanged a glance and giggled, while the fatigue and weariness on their faces seemed to drift away, which restored some of their vitality.

"Your mouth has gotten quite sweet!" Hu Jiao Er glanced at him. "You can fly as well, so you must have reached the True Element Boundary too."

"En..." Yang Kai nodded lightly as he swept the sisters with his Divine Sense, and his expression suddenly became shocked as he stared towards Hu Mei Er.

"What is it?" Hu Mei Er asked as she blushed slightly, feeling somewhat embarrassed being stared at so intensely.

"Your cultivation ... "

"True Element Boundary Fourth Stage!" Hu Jiao Er laughed impishly, with a playful and proud look upon her face.

There was no need for her to say anything, Yang Kai had already clearly felt it.

True Element Boundary Fourth Stage! Although it was not too high, strangely enough, the two sisters were both now at the True Element Boundary Fourth Stage.

Yang Kai and the younger sister Mei Er were almost the same age, and after such a long time and across a variety of experiences where he had gained all kinds of opportunities, he had only managed to reach the True Element Boundary Fifth Stage.

But now, Hu Mei Er was only inferior to him by a single Minor Realm. This cultivation speed could only be described as terrifying!

What was of more concern to Yang Kai though was Hu Jiao Er's realm.

She was about the same age as Su Yan and was one of the Three Sects' most elite disciples, but now, Su Yan had reached True Element Boundary Ninth Stage, and even if she hadn't yet broken through to the Immortal Ascension Boundary, he estimated that it wouldn't be long until she did.

However, Hu Jiao Er now was still at the True Element Boundary Fourth Stage; a big gap had opened up between them.

The younger sister's cultivation was lightning fast, while the elder sister's had slowed to a crawl. This situation was obviously strange!

Considering Hu Jiao Er's aptitude, it was completely unreasonable for her cultivation to have all but stagnated for the past two years.

"Is it related to the opportunity you gained in the Inheritance Heaven's Cave?" Yang Kai suddenly thought.

"En." The older of the sisters didn't conceal anything as she nodded and explained, "The inheritance we obtained is called the Twin Qi Shared Spirit Secret Art, it's a cultivation technique specifically suited for twins, and although Mei Er and I aren't really twins, because we're so similar we have no problem practicing it. When we circulate this magical Secret Art together, our cultivation speed is doubled, but since Mei Er's starting point was so much lower than mine, when we began most of the benefits went to her, it was only recently that our cultivations became equal at the True Element Boundary Fourth Stage."

"Hee... that's amazing!" Yang Kai laughed happily.

"How about you?"

"True Element Fifth Stage."

"You're not so bad yourself!" Hu Jiao Er giggled and did not ask any more. She could naturally guess that Yang Kai had obtained the Heaven's Cave's final inheritance.

After the three chatted for a moment, Hu Jiao Er's expression suddenly changed and immediately became wary towards Yang Kai as she said, "That's right, I almost forgot to ask you what you're doing with those bastards! It can't be that after High Heaven Pavilion was destroyed you went and joined that damn Free And Unfettered Sect, right?

"You're thinking too much," Yang Kai smiled wryly.

"Stop, don't come any closer!" Hu Jiao Er immediately stood in front of her younger sister, as she gnashed her teeth, "Then why are you together with that group of scum? Don't think I didn't see you arrive with those bastards! They've been chasing after us sisters for quite some time now; if you don't give me a good explanation, I won't forgive you and I definitely won't let you come near us sisters!"

"Elder Sister... he's not that kind of person!" Hu Mei Er tried to object.

"Knowing someone's surface doesn't mean you know their real selves, hmph!" Hu Jiao Er scolded her sister, "If you don't dig deep enough into their heart you can't be sure if they're good or evil."

"Okay okay, I can explain," Yang Kai said helplessly and briefly recanted his experiences since he arrived at the Evil Cavern.

"Really?" Hu Jiao Er tilted her head and stared at Yang Kai, seeming to be unwilling to miss the slightest change in his expression.

"Why would I lie to you?" Yang Kai said, "When I first approached you, I had obviously only asked if you knew what was happening here. I never expected that it would actually be the two of you, but since things have turned out like this, I think it's best if you come back with me to the other side so we can all help each other through this crisis."

"Elder Sister, I trust him, let's go." Hu Mei Er firmly stated. Obviously, she completely trusted Yang Kai.

Hu Jiao Er, on the other hand, seemed to hesitate slightly, as she was still very much unwilling to associate with those ugly Free And Unfettered Sect men, but she knew that the two of them staying here by themselves wouldn't lead to a good end. However, she thought that Yang Kai's proposal was reasonable, so after a moment of consideration she nodded, "Good, we'll come with you, but Mei Er and I need to restore our True Qi first before we head over."

Obviously, she didn't fully trust the Ghost King Valley group, so she needed to at least make this much preparation.

Chapter 335 – Has Some Ability

The sisters had travelled for many days through the Ash-Gray Cloud Evil Land and never had a moment of rest as they were pursued by the disciples of Free And Unfettered Sect. If not for their enhanced True Qi recovery speed, they likely would have been caught long ago.

Upon entering the Evil Cavern, the pair had to also deal with Evil Spirits, which further exhausted them, so now their True Qi really was completely depleted.

"If we wait for you to restore your True Qi it'll be at least half a day." Yang Kai smiled wryly.

"There's no way I'll agree to come with you without at least recovering our True Qi." Hu Jiao Er said firmly, and her small red lips pouted in an adorable way.

"I have a solution then." Yang Kai grinned meaningfully and extracted a drop of Myriad Drug Liquid directly from the Black Book space, then he stretched his finger out towards Hu Jiao Er, "Open your mouth!"

Almost instantly, Hu Jiao Er obediently opened her cherry red lips.

This casual reaction showed that despite her harsh words, she wasn't actually too alert around Yang Kai.

Putting his finger into her mouth, Hu Jiao Er reacted with surprise and suddenly realized what was happening. Her round almond coloured eyes immediately bulged as she blushed bright red with a mix of anger and embarrassment on her face; however, Yang Kai quickly cut off her stray thoughts, "Hurry up and absorb it."

Hu Jiao Er frowned lightly but still followed his instructions, and a sweet and refreshing taste spread across her tongue. As she swallowed this sweet liquid, a surge of warm energy burst forth and spread

from the centre of her chest to the tips of her fingers in a flash, and her dried up True Qi recovered at a phenomenal rate.

Her expression changed rapidly. Unable to hide her surprise, she looked at Yang Kai suspiciously but upon finding not the slightest indecent light in his eyes, she put down her final worries.

Hu Jiao Er understood that whatever Yang Kai had given her was undoubtedly a very precious elixir, so she definitely couldn't afford to waste it just because she was shy. She quickly curled her tongue and lightly sucked on Yang Kai's finger.

After a few gentle licks, her pair of beautiful eyes quickly became watery as her whole face took on a light pink flush.

Yang Kai couldn't hold back an awkward laugh as he slowly pulled his finger out, which brought a silk crystal thread with it.

"Enn... delicious..." Hu Jiao Er suddenly muttered and an ambiguous moan leaked from her lips.

Yang Kai felt the hair on his nape stand up, and he did his best to hide his own embarrassment to her intense reaction, but his mind relived the moment Hu Jiao Er's soft little tongue wrapped around his finger over and over again in his head.

Quickly steadying himself, he dried his finger on his clothes and then once again brought out a drop of Myriad Drug Liquid for Hu Mei Er. "Your turn."

Hu Mei Er, however, couldn't help but shake her head and blush bright red, as she stuttered in a nearly inaudible voice, "I... I'm still... not prepared..."

[This little...]

At a time like this she was actually still thinking such random thoughts!

"Mei Er, he's giving us something to complement our True Qi, it's not what you think." Hu Jiao Er hurriedly sat cross-legged and began refining this drop of liquid. The two of them were practically identical, so how could she not know what her younger sister was thinking?

"It's a rare treasure, quickly accept it." Hu Jiao Er emphasized.

Hu Mei Er glanced back and forth between her sister and Yang Kai before gently nodding. She opened her cute tiny lips and wrapped them around his finger. Compared to her elder sister, she was significantly shyer, unable to act as boldly as she accepted the drop of liquid.

"You two quickly refine it, I'll stand guard." Yang Kai lightly coughed and boldly turned his back to them.

"En." The charming twin flowers nodded and quickly ran their Secret Art to restore their True Qi.

On the other stone pillar, Chen Yi, Tao Yang and the others kept watching over the Evil Spirits in their surroundings.

"Brother Yang has been gone for so long, why hasn't he come back yet?" Chen Yi frowned somewhat suspiciously.

However, Tao Yang simply chuckled, "It looks like Brother Yang is having a detailed conversation with them. On top of that, those two girls don't seem to be wary of him at all."

Looking over from where they were, although they couldn't see their faces, it was still easy enough to make out their respective figures.

From what they could see, Yang Kai and the pair of beautiful twins were only standing about a meter or so apart. If they were at all wary of him, how could they have allowed him to be so close?

"Impressive! It looks like Brother Yang's charm isn't small," Chen Yi couldn't help but admire.

"Hmph!" Leng Shan snorted unhappily.

Originally, in that isolated world, she and Zi Mo had suffered no small loss at Yang Kai's hand, but they were also quite clear how potent his ability to charm a woman was.

Both she and Zi Mo had done their best to torment Yang Kai, making him experience a life like death, but in the end, not only was their hatred towards him essentially eliminated, on the contrary, they both felt a good deal of goodwill towards him.

If he didn't have a strong charm, how could he have done that?

"They're coming back!" Chen Yi suddenly exclaimed, which caused everyone to look up to see Yang Kai and the two girls flying towards them, side by side.

"Amazing!" Tao Yang was also sincerely impressed.

After only a few moments of talk, the two girls had willingly decided to join him; as Tao Yang thought about it, he was certain that he wouldn't have been capable of eliminating their hostility and vigilance so quickly.

Not far away, on the other stone pillar, Yu Qing's pupils shrank and instantly stared at the charming twin flowers. His eyes flashed an obscene light, and the edges of his mouth curled into a cold smile.

As the three of them reached the halfway point, an accident suddenly happened.

As the countless Evil Spirits fought amongst themselves, the jet black Evil Qi became disturbed suddenly, and for some unknown reason a dragon-like projection of Demonic Qi burst up from the ground and engulfed the space around Yang Kai and the two girls.

"Be careful!" Chen Yi couldn't help but call out in alarm.

But before his voice had faded, a brilliant burst of light emerged from within the darkness as Yang Kai's whole body suddenly radiated like the sun with True Yang Yuan Qi pouring out into his surroundings.

As this pure True Yang Yuan Q burst forth, it created a resplendent three meter wide oval light curtain.

When this wave of warmth washed over them, Hu Jiao Er and Hu Mei Er relaxed, and the chill they felt upon their skin quickly receded as they withdrew their prepared counterattack.

Tsss...

As the Evil Qi came into contact with this light curtain, a crackling, hissing noise rang out, like salt being thrown into boiling oil, but it was ultimately repelled and unable to penetrate this defence in the slightest.

"Good... too good!" Cheng Ying praised unceasingly, and his eyes stared in shock at the scene taking place before him.

"Brother Yang's True Yang Yuan Qi is so effective against this Evil Qi!" Tao Yang gazed towards Yang Kai with excitement, "But how is his True Qi so pure?"

Although none of them had actually touched that rich and potent stream of Evil Qi, they could all imagine how serious the consequences of doing so would be, but Yang Kai's True Yang Yuan Qi actually being able to directly repel and evaporate it had far exceeded their expectations.

Didn't that mean that Yang Kai was essentially free to move around inside that mass of darkness, so long as he was careful not to be attacked by those Evil Spirits of course?

Hu Jiao Er and Hu Mei Er also took the initiative to rely on Yang Kai and practically leaned against him as they flew forward.

Yang Kai was even blunter and directly hugged them both as he pushed his True Yang Yuan Qi in order to return even a moment quicker.

After returning to the high pillar, Hu Jiao Er quickly broke free from his embrace and glared at him bitterly, while muttering under her breath, "Just you wait, I'll make sure you pay for your frivolousness!"

"Haha..." Yang Kai laughed dryly but knew better than to answer back.

With the arrival of the two sisters, the group's morale climbed great. Each on their own was a strong, beautiful, and enchanting young woman, but paired side by side, they seemed to shine even brighter.

When Leng Shan secretly compared herself with these two, she couldn't help but let out a light sigh.

She found that compared with them, whether it was appearance or temperament, they had far exceeded her. Each of them was a first-class stunning beauty.

"Greetings Young Ladies!" Chen Yi cupped his fists politely.

"Hmph!" Hu Jiao Er snorted back dismissively. Although they had never actually fought one another, but the two sisters knew well that in addition to the disciples of Free And Unfettered Sect, this group from Ghost King Valley had also been chasing after them, so naturally she wouldn't forgive them so easily.

Palpably feeling Hu Jiao Er's indifference, Chen Yi wryly shook his head in embarrassment and was not sure of what to say next.

"Jiao Er, since you arrived here first, did you notice any strange anomalies? Something to explain what happened here?" Yang Kai asked, skillfully changing the conversation's direction.

Although Hu Jiao Er still continued to frown, she quickly replied, "Mei Er and I were fighting with the Evil Spirits when all of a sudden a great flow of Demonic Qi seemed to bubble up from underground. When this Demonic Qi showed up, all of the Evil Spirits started to behave a bit abnormally. When Mei Er and I

noticed something was wrong, we quickly tried to escape, but with so many Evil Spirits arriving from all directions, before we know it we somehow wound up here."

"Wait, the Demonic Qi seemed to gush from underground?" Chen Yi's expression suddenly twitched, "Do you know where it started from?"

Hu Jiao Er, taking their current crisis into account, no longer rebuffed him and quickly pointed in one direction, "Over there, do you see the roiling Demonic Qi? The burst of Demonic Qi came from there."

Shifting their gaze in the direction she pointed, everyone quickly noticed that there really was a place where the Demonic Qi seemed to be more violent, like it was flowing out from a fountain.

In addition, as more Demonic Qi erupted from that spot, the surrounding Demonic Qi beneath them was also gradually rising.

"No way..." Chen Yi's face went pale, "We can't be so unlucky, can we?"

"What is it?" Yang Kai' swiftly asked, and his brow furrowed when he realized that Chen Yi knew something about what was happening.

"It's the center of the Evil Spirit Spring!" From afar, an old voice answered before Chen Yi could explain.

Hearing this, everyone was surprised, and all of them turned around to look, only to find a new group of people rapidly approaching them with a horde of purple Evil Spirits hot on their tails.

It seems another group of people had been driven here!

The number of people in this new group was small, only one old man with four juniors, but the old man was undoubtedly an Immortal Ascension Boundary master!

Aware of his strength, everyone revealed a mix of fear and hope; Immortal Ascension masters generally didn't appear here. They would normally be deeper inside the Evil Cavern.

The old man's body was like a father eagle, sheltering the four young people in front of him as he waved his artifact around, repelling the surrounding Evil Spirits as his eyes darted back and forth, until they eventually stopped on the Free And Unfettered Sect group's platform. Then he hurriedly roared, "Stand aside!"

Yu Qing and his companions wore bitter expressions, but didn't dare disobey, and they quickly huddled together to allow the old man and his juniors up.

The old man quickly carried his four juniors and leapt up onto the plateau, as he faintly glanced towards Yu Qing, "Free And Unfettered Sect is it? You have no complaints, right?"

Under the old man's hawk-like stare, Yu Qing could only laugh, "Senior must be joking, this pillar has more than enough room!"

"Good!" The old man nodded, apparently very satisfied with Yu Qing's response.

Chapter 336 – Evil Spirit Spring

Seeing him fling off numerous Evil Spirits upon his arrival, it was obvious how strong this old man was, so even if Yu Qing was unhappy about being ordered around, he knew better than to show any dissatisfaction.

Upon landing, the attention of the four young men were drawn to the Free And Unfettered Sect male disciple's Charmed Slaves, and in response, the girls one by one batted their lashes and flirted back with them, seeming to not give a single thought to the crisis around them, or even the jealousy of their male partners.

"If you lot want your cultivations sucked dry by those women keep staring!" The old man gruffly reminded his four juniors.

Awakened by this harsh scolding, the four young men suddenly blushed in embarrassment and shifted their gazes.

The Charmed Slaves of Free And Unfettered Sect were able to absorb part of a man's vital energy when she 'interacted' with him and pass it along to any Free And Unfettered Sect male disciple to help him increase his own cultivation.

Because of this, the Charmed Slaves of Free And Unfettered Sect had no taboos about devouring other males. In fact, Free And Unfettered Sect's male disciples would even encourage their Charmed Slaves to actively attract other men so that they could ultimately benefit.

In addition, these Charmed Slaves were also trained to use a variety of mystical techniques to accomplish similar acts, so in the eyes of Free And Unfettered Sect male disciples, Charmed Slaves weren't people but instead useful tools.

The old man was obviously very familiar with Free And Unfettered Sect's methods and feared that his inexperienced juniors would suffer a loss at their hands so he had promptly warned them.

After settling in, the old man turned his furrowed brow below, and a greedy light flashed past his eyes as he stared at the so-called Evil Spirit Spring's position.

Waving his hand dismissively towards Chen Yi he said, "Little Ghost King Valley brat, you seem to know some things about this Evil Spirit Spring. Explain it to them so they won't die ignorant."

"Good!" Chen Yi also wanted to explain things to Yang Kai and his companions, so now that this old man was telling him to he no longer had any reason to hold back.

"These two young ladies didn't misread the situation, this Evil Spirit Spring is just like it sounds, a fountain of Demonic Qi. This thing is extremely harmful to us cultivators, but to the local Evil Spirits it is a huge opportunity. If they are given enough time, they can absorb the Evil Qi from the spring and grow stronger and more solid, so whenever it appears it will attract all the Evil Spirits in the vicinity towards it." Chen Yi explained slowly, and his expression was quite dignified.

"Whenever the Evil Spirit Spring appears, the Evil Spirits inside the Evil Cavern become extremely unstable as can you see, they'll even kill each other in order to monopolize the Evil Qi below. For the time being they'll be occupied trying to absorb as much Evil Qi as possible but soon... once they begin to really rampage they'll certainly also attack us. Our luck is really terrible, the Evil Spirit Spring doesn't necessarily appear for many years at a time yet we've managed to bump into it." "Ah... then... what should we do?" Exclaimed Treasure Instrument Sect's Zhao Rong, "Should we try to escape now while they're still ignoring us?"

"And go where?" Chen Yi grinned wryly, "There's nowhere left to flee anymore. If we stay here we'll be able to survive a bit longer, if we leave, I'm afraid we'll just die sooner."

"Hey hey, the little brat is right," The old man smiled and nodded, "Even this old master or other similar experts, once forced into this situation there's no hope of escape, your group of kids wanting to flee? Don't even dream!"

Wearing an evil grin, the old man suddenly addressed everyone present, "How about it? Why not join hands with this old master to see if we can go on living?"

Chen Yi looked towards the old man, wrinkling his brow slightly, "What is Senior's plan?"

"Nothing fancy, everyone just needs to fight!" The old man cackled, "Although your strengths aren't high, but fortunately there are a number of you. All you need to do is stay on that platform and resist with all your strength for as long as it takes for these Evil Spirits to leave. Since you've all dared to come here you must be carrying a lot of artifacts designed to resist these Evil Spirit, right?"

"Good." Chen Yi firmly nodded. They were not the same as Yang Kai who had come here haphazardly. Naturally, since they dared venture into the Evil Cavern, they had prepared a number of appropriate artifacts beforehand, but up until now they hadn't used them simply because there was no need.

"Good, so we fight, with our lives hanging in the balance, ha ha ha... this old master can even help you out if you need some assistance." The old man smiled and nodded, and a look that didn't quite seem like kindness flashed across his face.

Chen Yi wryly grinned, cupping his fists respectfully, "Then this Chen must offer his thanks to Senior in advance."

Obviously he didn't believe that this old man would take care of his group out of the goodness of his heart. In fact, even if it were true, with the number of Evil Spirits around it was quite likely even he would die sooner or later, so how could he purposefully increase the pressure on himself? They were neither friends nor relatives, and the relationship between the two sides could at best be described as co-dependants.

It was only because of the circumstances that this old man had said these words.

"At the critical moment, this old master can indeed help you once or twice, but I have a condition!" The old man grinned deviously.

"What condition?" Chen Yi asked.

The old man's gaze shifted greedily towards the Evil Spirit Spring, quickly saying, "If we make it through this crisis, this old master wants whatever is inside that spring!"

"Good, we juniors only wish to survive!" Chen Yi seriously replied.

"Good!" The old man grinned, no longer saying anything.

"What exactly is inside that spring?" Yang Kai whispered quietly in a curious voice. Seeing the old man suddenly become so happy after Chen Yi agreed to his request, he estimated that it was something quite valuable.

"An Evil Spirit Essence!" Chen Yi replied, "But it is definitely a very special type of Evil Spirit Essence considering the huge amount of energy that is erupting out of the spring."

"A very special Evil Spirit Essence?" Yang Kai couldn't help but become excited, Shan Qing Luo had told him that some special Evil Spirit Essences could contain things that increased Spiritual Energy or perhaps held powerful Martial Skills...

Could this Evil Spirit Spring contain an essence that held such a treasure?

But after remembering their current circumstances, Yang Kai immediately calmed down, knowing that the priority now was to keep his life.

On both of the high pillars, everyone waited nervously, the Evil Qi which circulated below them steadily rose higher and higher as it spewed from the Evil Spirit Spring, all while dozens of Evil Spirit Essences glittered brightly just out of reach, which caused all of them to salivate.

As long as one leapt down, they could instantly harvest several tens of these essences, far more than one could obtain from multiple days hunting inside the Evil Cavern.

Of course, more Evil Spirit Essences had appeared here, and since they had arrived, at least one or two hundred Evil Spirits had been killed, but many of the essences which condensed after their deaths had already been absorbed by other Evil Spirits or integrated into the turbulent Evil Qi.

However, obviously no one dared leave their respective plateau even with such wealth lying before them, and instead forced themselves to stare helplessly as these essences were swept away, and a great sense of loss welled up in each of their hearts.

After some time, a lot the Evil Spirits below let out piercing shrieks, and their purple bodies suddenly flickered, as if they had become extremely unstable. The ambient temperature also rapidly plummeted and turned the surrounding thousand meters or so into a frozen purgatory.

"Everyone get ready, do your best to stay alive you brats, hahahaha!" The old man suddenly cackled.

Just as he let out this horrid laugh, more than a dozen Evil Spirits suddenly leapt up from below and charged towards the cultivators atop the two pillars as if they had suddenly noticed the presence of living creatures within their midst and had gone crazy.

As the howls rang out, Yang Kai and his group were swiftly surrounded by six or seven Evil Spirits.

All of them had been waiting for this moment, and they let loose their prepared Martial Skills upon these new attackers.

Purple Evil Spirits had great strength but not against such a dense bombardment of attacks. They didn't die immediately, and a delicate balance between them and the cultivators was formed.

As quickly as the Evil Spirits launched their offensive, they were beaten back, their bodies flickering nonstop. In preparation for the next assault, the Ghost King Valley and Treasure Instrument Sect disciples finally brought out their artifacts.

The Ghost King Valley group had two artifacts designed to restrain Evil Spirits, one with a fire attribute, and one with a lightning attribute.

Using these artifacts, they summoned a flaming dragon phantom which quickly engulfed two Evil Spirits that seemingly howled in pain while burst of lightning kept them paralysed.

These two artifacts were both Earth Grade Top-Rank, and though not as potent a restrain as Yang Kai's True Yang Yuan Qi, they at least had no difficulty holding off a number of these Evil Spirits at once.

Treasure Instrument Sect's Tao Yang was obviously wealthier than the Ghost King Valley group, directly summoning a Heaven Grade artifact that created a burning plume of fire which instantly wrapped up two Evil Spirits, gradually incinerating them.

These two Evil Spirits kept screaming and flitting back and forth, but neither of them seemed to be able to escape the burning cloud's range.

Between the two Sects, relying on the power of their artifacts, they could easily deal with four Evil Spirits at once.

The Hu Sisters on the other hand coordinated with each other perfectly. They didn't have an artifact designed to resist Evil Spirit's, but by fully utilizing their Twin Qi Shared Spirit Divine Art, both of their battle strengths were greatly increased, so dealing with a single purple Evil Spirit didn't present too much of a challenge to them.

Finally, Yang Kai dealt with the last purple Evil Spirit on his own. Forming a blade from a drop of his Yang Liquid, he took full advantage of his True Yang Yuan Qi's ability to restrain the Evil Spirit in order to single-handedly hold his own.

With every strike he made, the purple Evil Spirit's body would fade significantly.

Although he also had powerful Heaven Grade artifacts at his disposal such as the Asura Sword, Yang Kai felt that using his Yang Liquid would be more effective against these Evil Spirits.

Now putting it into action, it seemed his guess was right.

From the start of the battle until now, Yang Kai's group managed to hold back all six of the Evil Spirits that had rushed them with relative ease.

Seeing this, the tension they had all initially felt gradually relaxed and their offensive became smoother, gradually securing the upper hand.

Soon, the Evil Spirit that Yang Kai was dealing with was crushed, and with a last deathly cry, it died and transformed into a lump of Evil Spirit Essence.

Without any hesitation, Yang Kai stretched out his hand and directly absorbed this essence into his meridians before turning to his side and assisting the Hu Sisters with the Evil Spirit they were battling.

Hu Jiao Er couldn't help but glance towards Yang Kai in surprise, not having thought that on his own he would be able to defeat an Evil Spirit even faster than her and her sister.

[It seems like, over the past two years, this little rogue's combat strength has made great progress! Looks like I've still underestimated him.]

While Yang Kai and his companions didn't have any difficulties defending their position, the old man and the Free And Unfettered Sect disciples also seemed to be holding their own with ease; the old man, after all, was an Immortal Ascension Boundary master and his four juniors also possessed significant strength, add on the group from Free And Unfettered Sect and their plateau's combat effectiveness was actually higher than Yang Kai's side.

Even while the old man was dealing with a number of Evil Spirits, he still had enough leeway to check up on Yang Kai and his group from time to time, probably concerned that they would be defeated by this first wave of attacks.

But after seeing the purity and strength of Yang Kai's True Yang Yuan Qi, a light flashed across his eyes, "Very good! Young man, do you want to come here and work together with this old master? Old Master can help keep you alive!"

With the strength he had displayed, coupled with the Yang attribute's ability to restrain these Evil Spirits, once the old man could draw him to his side, their strength would be greatly increased!

On top of that, the pure combat effectiveness Yang Kai had shown was quite impressive, which naturally gave the old man a pleasant surprise.

Chapter 337 – Light Curtain

Hearing what the old man said, everyone from Ghost King Valley and Treasure Instrument Sect all tightened their fists and glanced hesitantly towards Yang Kai.

Although Tao Yang and Chen Yi both thought they were getting along fairly well with Yang Kai, in the end they were still at best passing acquaintances. If at this time Yang Kai decided to leave them, they wouldn't be able to say anything.

Moreover, from a practical standpoint, Yang Kai choosing to cooperate with the old man was undoubtedly more beneficial to him.

Thinking so, everyone couldn't help but feel nervous.

However, Yang Kai simply sprang up from the platform and hovered mid-air, while violently attacking the Evil Spirit that the Hu Sisters were engaged in battle with while offhandedly saying, "Many thanks for Senior's consideration."

Momentarily stunned, the old man soon grinned meaningfully and retorted, "Little brat, no need to be stubborn, if you cooperate with this old master, afterwards, one of every five Evil Spirit Essences we obtain can be yours. How about it, this old master won't make you suffer a loss."

"No thanks!" Yang Kai decisively refused. This old dog obviously wasn't anyone good, so even if he wasn't worried about the Hu Sisters' safety, Yang Kai still would have refused to work with him lest he find himself caught inside the tiger's den.

"Fine fine, this old master won't insist." On the surface the old man's casual reply didn't make it seem like he was least bit upset over being rejected, but the instant he had spoken a cold light had flashed past his eyes.

[Little bastard doesn't appreciate this old master's kindness, hmph!]

Seeing Yang Kai reject the old man so firmly, the Ghost King Valley and Treasure Instrument Sect disciples involuntarily breathed sighs of relief, and all of their eyes revealed a touch of gratitude. Only the Hu Sisters continued to smile towards him sweetly, as they had from the start.

Without saying anything else, the three of them had all come from Black Plum Town and shared a not shallow friendship. They had never even considered the possibility that Yang Kai would abandon them.

After all, in the Inheritance Heaven's Cave, he had not once even given a hint of abandoning them as they climbed the Yin-Yang stairs.

Shortly after, Yang Kai and the Hu Sisters managed to crush the Evil Spirit, which left behind a floating Evil Spirit Essence. Yang Kai quickly threw his Purifying Spirit Bottle to Hu Jiao Er and shouted, "Use this to collect that essence, don't try to absorb it directly!"

"En." Although Hu Jiao Er hadn't seen or heard of this Purifying Spirit Bottle before, it only took her a moment after Yang Kai tossed it to her to figure it out. She inputted a small amount of her True Qi into it and watched it suck up the essence immediately after.

As Jiao Er processed this, Yang Kai flew towards the other side to assist the Treasure Instrument Sect and Ghost King Valley groups.

After a quick and decisive battle, all six of the Evil Spirits that attacked them had been beheaded, but what was odd to everyone present was that these Evil Spirits, which normally feared nothing, wanted to flee and escape when attacked by Yang Kai's Yang attribute True Qi.

But just as they had finished off this first wave, before they had a chance to catch their breath, a new batch of Evil Spirits flew up from below, and this time in even greater numbers.

Immediately, the group was thrust back into the heat of battle.

Under these strained circumstances, Yang Kai soon found himself fighting two Evil Spirits at once.

Unable to execute them quickly, the shortcomings of Yang Kai True Yang Yuan Qi immediately emerged.

Although his True Yang Yuan Qi was highly effective at restraining and eliminating these Evil Spirits, but because of this natural restraint, all of the Evil Spirits also seems to have an instinctual impulse to avoid Yang Kai, so unless directly engaged in battle with him already they would do their best to distance themselves from him and instead attack the others.

Yang Kai was soon dripping in sweat as he was forced to chase down these Evil Spirits as he attempted to assist everyone he shared this high pillar with, and this lead to the once stable situation to show some signs of breaking.

Fortunately, the members of his group were all quite strong and carried with them a lot of powerful artifacts, which allowed them to hold their group steadily even at critical junctures.

As time passed, the pressure and intensity of the fighting only continued to increase, and they soon found themselves unable to completely eliminate a group of Evil Spirits before the next wave descended upon them.

"Junior Sister, you and Junior Brothers quickly use the Five Dragon Entangling Seal to assist Brother Yang!" Tao Yang suddenly shouted after seeing the awkward position Yang Kai was in.

"Good!" Zhao Rong promptly replied and quickly summoned a seal type artifact.

This new artifact had five dragon images engraved onto it, and after being infused with True Qi by Zhao Rong and other two Treasure Instrument Sect disciples, it was accompanied by a fierce dragon roar, and the five engravings suddenly transformed into dragon phantoms floated up from the seal.

As these five dragons hovered mid-air, a beam of light shot out from each of their mouths and flew towards one of the Evil Spirits.

In an instant, the light beams coiled around the Evil Spirit and bound it in place, and despite how it struggled it couldn't break free, only able to howl indignantly as he squirmed back and forth.

Yang Kai's expression suddenly filled with joy as he raced towards this Evil Spirit; gripping his Yang Liquid sword, he unleashed a powerful slash and swiftly sent it to its death.

The three Treasure Instrument Sect disciples also smiled happily; seeing Yang Kai so easily kill this Evil Spirit, they quickly changed their hand seals and directed the five dragons toward another Evil Spirit.

Although three people had left the defence line to help Yang Kai, not only did their formation not collapse, but instead it became more stable.

Everyone had taken out a number of True Qi restoring pills in advance, so they could quickly recover their energy whenever need be.

The only exceptions were Yang Kai who naturally didn't need such pills and the Hu Sisters who had just swallowed a drop of Myriad Drug Liquid which would continuously help them restore their True Qi for some time to come.

With the assistance of the Five Dragon Entangling Seal, the battle's momentum once again shifted in Yang Kai's group's favor.

On the other hand, atop the other platform, the old man and the disciples from Free And Unfettered Sect were finding the situation a bit more strenuous.

Although there was an Immortal Ascension Boundary master with them, but their total number was not as high as Yang Kai's side, and more importantly, they lacked the extremely high level artifacts that the Treasure Instrument Sect disciples had brought with them, so while their combat effectiveness was higher, the number of options available to them to deal with these Evil spirits was actually lower.

As the old man continued to watch Yang Kai show off his might, an uncomfortable feeling suddenly flashed across his thoughts, like he, as the one with the highest cultivation here, had lost a lot of face. So with a great palm thrust, the old man unleashed a gale of wind that tossed two Evil Spirits towards the opposite pillar.

The Evil Spirits could only use pure physical attacks and decided their prey almost entirely on instinct, so once they had been shot away towards another target, they wouldn't bother turning around to pursue the old man.

When the old man blasted these two Evil Spirits over, it suddenly put the Hu Sisters into a crisis.

Working together they could somehow deal with a single Evil Spirit, but now suddenly facing three all at once, how could they possibly handle it?

Seeing the two sisters suddenly fall into crisis, Yang Kai's eyes flashed a murderous light, and this also cemented his earlier suspicions that this old dog was really nothing good. He quickly broke away from the Evil Spirit he was fighting and rushed to help Jiao Er and Mei Er.

As he leapt towards them, he knew he wouldn't make it in time, so Yang Kai quickly flicked his hand and threw a drop of Yang Liquid towards them.

Using his exquisite True Qi manipulation, the drop of Yang Liquid suddenly turned into a semi-circular light curtain, which directly enveloped the Hu Sisters.

At that moment, Xiao Fu Sheng's Yuan Qi control techniques truly displayed their worth!

Just as the light curtain appeared, the two Evil Spirits that had been flung over by the old man crashed into it, and both of them suddenly released piercing howls as parts of their ethereal bodies seemed to sizzle and burn.

Instinctively, both Evil Spirits hurriedly retreated.

Even the Evil Spirit the Hu Sisters had been dealing with also fell back as fast as it could, which caused the two's attacks to hit thin air.

Yang Kai stared at this scene in shock.

Truthfully he hadn't expected such a dramatic result to arise from his spur of the moment impulse.

"No way, seriously?" Cheng Ying and the rest of the Ghost King Valley disciples cried out, also unable to believe what they were seeing.

"Watch out! Everyone focus!" Leng Shan yelled as she saw the two Evil Spirits the old man had flung towards them along with the one previous fighting the Hu Sisters decisively give up attacking Hu Jiao Er and Hu Mei Er and instead rush towards the others atop the plateau.

All of a sudden, the pressure everyone other than the Hu Sisters felt increased sharply.

"Hey, Brother Yang, that's not fair!" Chen Yi helplessly cried out with a wry grin upon his face.

Although the Hu Sisters were now extremely safe, the rest of them were now facing an even bigger crisis.

"Sorry, I didn't know this would happen!" Yang Kai awkwardly apologized; fortunately, he was also there to share this sudden increase in pressure, otherwise he wouldn't have been able to apologize if his actions had resulted in casualties.

As he engaged the two new Evil Spirits his thoughts quickly turned towards trying to find a way to take advantage of this accidental discovery of his.

Suddenly, a wonderful idea came to him!

Hurriedly dispatching the two Evil Spirits the Treasure Instrument Sect trio had entangled, Yang Kai shot up into the air and hovered above the crowd.

Ignoring everyone's surprised and confused stares, Yang Kai quickly withdrew a drop of Yang Liquid from his dantian and condensed it between his palms.

Once again displaying his exquisite True Qi control, Yang Kai transformed this drop of Yang Liquid turned into another semi-circular light curtain. This time it covered the entire top surface of the high pillar the group was standing on. The only difference was that this time the curtain was undoubtedly thinner and less radiant.

As soon as this light curtain fell, all of Evil Spirits fled backwards, as if they were struck with dread.

However, such a thin light curtain could only serve as a deterrent, if the Evil Spirits were to crazily attack, it would only be a few breaths before it shattered.

Seeing this, Yang Kai decisively went all out and repeatedly withdrew drops of Yang Liquid and shaped them into light curtains.

Layering these light curtains one on top of another, under Yang Kai's exquisite True Qi control, all of these hemispheres precisely overlapped one another.

Using a full twenty drops of Yang Liquid, Yang Kai quickly completed this masterpiece.

Within this twenty layer True Yang Yuan Qi Light Curtain, though no one dared say they were perfectly safe, but handling these Evil Spirits was no longer an issue.

"This..." Everyone's jaws dropped as the gawked.

The life and death crisis they all found themselves in had all of a sudden become extremely relaxed; this unexpected transformation was something that none of them could quite keep up with.

The surrounding Evil Spirits fluttered around the platform, but most did not dare to even approach; occasionally, one of them would attempt to attack them as before only to be burned on contact with the light curtain before quickly receding.

After standing dumbstruck for quite some time, everyone turned and stared awkwardly at Yang Kai.

The Hu Sister's eyes both contained a slightly hot light as they gazed at this young man they had recently reunited with.

"I just did it on a whim, I didn't think it would work out so well." Yang Kai grinned awkwardly as he laughed.

"Simply amazing..." Chen Yi praised, almost in awe of Yang Kai.

Everyone else nodded, their eyes filled with admiration and gratitude.

After slowly recovering from their initial shock and examining their situation more closely, all of them were shocked as they estimated just how much True Qi Yang Kai had used to create such a solid defensive curtain!

How did he come up with such a massive quantity of True Qi, and how could he be standing there as if it were nothing to him?

"Monster! Absolute monster!" Leng Shan spat.

Everyone nodded again.

What they didn't know was that every layer of this Light Curtain was the result of the crystallization of the total amount of True Qi Yang Kai could condense in his meridians! So twenty of these curtains were equal to Yang Kai completely emptying his meridians twenty times! How could this defence screen not have such astounding strength?

Moreover, the density and purity of Yang Kai's True Qi were both abnormally high for his cultivation.

If converted to average terms, this light curtain's strength was almost equivalent to ten Immortal Ascension Boundary masters fully focusing on defence!

With this shield protecting them, weathering this crisis was now a piece of cake.

"Young man, could you be so kind as to help this old man out?" The old man held down his pride to ask. Even he, an Immortal Ascension Master, had no means to reproduce the Heaven-defying feat of a man that has barely reached a third of his age. Therefore, under such circumstances, he had to swallow his pride and pled.

The high pillar that Yang Kai's group occupied was now an impregnable fortress, not letting a single leak through, even if their group stood around and did nothing, they wouldn't have to worry about their safety, but as a result, on the old man's side, the number of Evil Spirits they had to deal with subsequently increased, making their situation more and more difficult.

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Chapter 338 – Sacrificing Charmed Slaves

As their situation deteriorated, the old man could only call out to Yang Kai and ask for help.

Hearing this plea, many of the Ghost King Valley disciples sneered sarcastically and glared at the old man.

Zhao Rong of Treasure Instrument Sect even went a step further and muttered under her breath, "That old dog just tried to harm us, yet now he's begging for Brother Yang's help, how shameless!"

The old man's underhanded scheme a moment ago had not escaped any of their sights, but although all of them were extremely annoyed by his behaviour, due to his strength, none of them had dared to hit back.

The old man obviously saw this look in all of their eyes but didn't seem to mind, and instead just lightly said, "Youngsters, you should all carefully consider the current situation, who knows if you'll need to ask this old master for help in the near future? You should sell this old master a favour now while you can lest when your turn comes you wind up with regret."

Although his tone was light and casual, anyone who had any discernment could tell that he was threatening them. If they didn't help him now, he would certainly make them suffer for it later.

In his heart, Yang Kai sneered, but on his face he wore a serious expression and shook his head slowly, "Unfortunately I cannot help Senior right now, my True Qi has been completely exhausted so I need to restore myself first."

As he spoke, Yang Kai 'unsteadily' sat down cross-legged.

The Ghost King Valley and Treasure Instrument Sect disciples all suddenly realized this point, and each of them quickly pulled out a number of True Qi restoring pills and offered them to Yang Kai.

It wasn't that they were gullible enough to be deceived by Yang Kai's word, but in this chaotic situation it was simply something they should do.

Moreover, during this intense battle, Yang Kai had definitely consumed a lot of True Qi, not to mention him setting up this multi-layered light curtain, so needing to restore his True Qi only seemed appropriate.

Hu Jiao Er and Hu Mei Er on the other hand simply exchanged a glance, as the two of them pouted and smiled.

The two sisters knew that Yang Kai possessed a kind of miraculous liquid that could almost instantly restore one's True Qi reserves, so how could they believe the slightest bit of his nonsense?

The situation atop the pillar was clearly displayed before the old man's eyes, and because what was said was reasonable, he couldn't tell if Yang Kai was lying or telling the truth, so he no longer forced the issue and instead let out a somewhat hollow laugh, "Very well, you should first quickly restore yourself."

Ending the conversation, the old man re-focused his attention on the battle around him.

Atop the plateau, the Ghost King Valley and Treasure Instrument Sect groups glanced around in amazement, not expecting that in this life or death crisis Yang Kai would somehow create an absolute safe haven.

And so they observed the other side's battle while talking in hushed voices amongst themselves, as they watched as Yu Qing and his party struggle to defend themselves as their True Qi and Blood Force rioted.

The old man in particular lived up to his status as an Immortal Ascension Boundary master. His True Qi seemed endless as he casually sent out strikes. In fact, each of his seemingly simple moves was actually extremely powerful and allowed him alone to fight four Evil Spirits without any disadvantage.

While he battled, he also diverted some of his attention to protect his juniors. Meanwhile, the Free and Unfettered Sect disciples were struggling to maintain their line of defence as their True Qi continued to be exhausted. Although the old man should have provided some assistance, but he would never lend his hand out to such scum that even their grandparents would disown.

The male Free And Unfettered Sect disciples' originally pale complexions became even whiter while their Charmed Slaves also no longer showed any coquettish looks. Each of them wasnow drenched in sweat as they struggled to cope.

Outside the True Yang Yuan Qi defensive shield, the Evil Spirits continued circling as they attempted to find a weak spot, but no matter where they struck, the result was the same.

After a while, they actually gave up and began flying towards the other platform to attack the old man's side.

Instantly, the situation became critical; the old man roared furiously and no longer held back. He summoned his artifact and sent out various powerful Martial Skills one after another.

The Free And Unfettered Sect group also struck back harder, but it was obvious they couldn't cope with so many Evil Spirits.

"Senior, senior!" Yu Qing shouted anxiously, "Please help us!"

Although the Free And Unfettered Sect disciples outnumbered the Ghost King Valley group hey suffered because they specialized in raising their cultivation through various male female plucking techniques. Their True Qi wasn't as pure or stable as others in the same realm, so their defences were quickly overwhelmed, which forced Yu Qing into a situation where he needed to beg the old man to save them.

"Heh heh!" The old man laughed evilly, "This old master can barely defend himself, how could I have the spare capacity to save you lot?"

Yu Qing cursed silently, and knowing that this old man wasn't some benevolent benefactor, he quickly followed up, "If Senior can help us survive this crisis, my Free And Unfettered Sect will definitely compensate generously!"

"Let's hear it!" The old man said as his eyes flashed a greedy light.

"If I we can make it back alive, each of us can offer Senior a Charmed Slave! Senior should be familiar with my Free And Unfettered Sect's methods and certainly understands the value of these Charmed Slaves!" With his life on the line, Yu Qing didn't dare spew any nonsense and directly offered extremely rich conditions.

Hearing this, the old man's eyes lit up with an obscene light and he grinned maliciously, "This old master is naturally aware or your Free And Unfettered Sect's Charmed Slave's usefulness, along with their Secret Art and skills designed to assist one's cultivation, they're also all extremely well versed in meeting their master's desires!"

"Senior is well informed!" Yu Qing nodded.

Casually accepting this flattery, the old man laughed happily, "Good, since there are four of you, when this old master feasts on your four Charmed Slave's vital yin, my cultivation will improve greatly."

"What Senior says is absolutely right." Yu Qing was in a hurry, so although he was cursing this old dog inside he did his best to wear his most flattering smile, "As such, Junior asks Senior to quickly take action!"

However, the old man simply coldly snorted, "However, this old master has heard that you Free And Unfettered Sect men all have more than just a single Charmed Slave, and looking at you lots demeanor, your positions in the Sect shouldn't be low, you must have at least four or five each, right?"

Yu Qing's smiling face twitched, as he realized he had underestimated this old dog's appetite.

"Little brat, your luck is quite good!" The old man grinned. "This old master is willing to help, but this old master wants eight Charmed Slaves as compensation! That is, each of you must deliver me two Charmed Slaves in order to equal the value of this old master taking action! Whether you agree or not is up to you but... hah, if you're life is gone, you won't be needing those Charmed Slaves anyways, right? Hahaha!"

This last sentence thoroughly poked Yu Qing's weakness, not allowing him to refuse, so with a gloomy expression, Yu Qing nodded without hesitation, "Good, I accept!"

"Little brat, you're certainly decisive enough! Good, we have a deal!" The old man laughed, and his moves suddenly became even more ferocious, as he protected the Free And Unfettered Sect disciples as well, which greatly relieved the pressure Yu Qing's group felt.

[The price was worth it.] Yu Qing comforted himself, trying to balance his unwillingness with his desire to live.

Free And Unfettered Sect's male disciples indeed had more than one Charmed Slave each; however, each Charmed Slave took a significant amount of time and resources to develop, so losing two of them was by no means a small loss.

As Yu Qing was discussing terms with the old man, the Free And Unfettered Sect Charmed Slaves were totally unmoved, as if the discussion had nothing to do with them.

"Remember your words, if you dare try to renege ... this old master will pay a visit to your Free And Unfettered Sect to collect what he's owed!" The old man coldly threatened.

Yu Qing's heart jumped, as he suddenly wondered what origins this old man had that allowed him to not fear his Free And Unfettered Sect, then he quickly wore an ugly smile, "How could Junior dare! A gentleman's word isn't spoken lightly!"

Hearing this, many people covertly spat disdainfully.

If Yu Qing was a gentleman, there were definitely no villains under the Heavens.

Meanwhile, Yang Kai and his group were now idly sitting atop their platform, but the joyful feeling they gained from seeing the hope of survival gradually calmed down as they observed their surroundings.

Not knowing when this tide of Evil Spirits would recede, it was difficult for them to not feel somewhat desolate.

Opposite them, the old man and the Free And Unfettered Sect continued fighting with the Evil Spirits, killing them at a steady pace and causing numerous Evil Spirit Essences to appear around them, but no one had time to collect these and gradually, these essences fell into the swirling jet black Evil Qi below.

Suddenly, the old man's expression changed and he roared angrily, "Free And Unfettered Sect brats, quickly sacrifice your Charmed Slave!"

His tone was fierce and did not permit any objections.

"Ah..." Yu Qing froze for a moment and stared at the old man in confusion, wondering why he would suddenly issue such an order.

"If you don't want to die, then do it now!" The old man hurriedly snapped, and a faint hostile intent surfaced from his aura!

"Bu..." Yu Qing didn't fully understand what was happening, but he felt that now was not a good time to sacrifice their Charmed Slaves. Their numbers were currently enough to hold their formation, but once their Charmed Slaves were sacrificed, it would essentially be like halving the number of Free And Unfettered Sect disciples.

Naturally he wanted to avoid such an outcome.

"This old master will give you three breaths, if you haven't sacrificed them, I'll kill all of you!" The old man delivered his ultimatum.

"Senior Brother, what should we do?" One of the Free And Unfettered Sect male disciples asked Yu Qing, his anxiety and helplessness apparent.

"Do it!" Yu Qing angrily shouted, not daring to hesitate any longer. The only reason they had been able to preserve their lives until now was because this old man would occasionally help protect them. If the old man all of a sudden turned on them, they would no doubt die immediately.

Although extremely unwilling to sacrifice their Charmed Slaves in this way, Yu Qing had no alternative.

With Yu Qing giving his order, the few Free And Unfettered Sect male disciples all simultaneously let out their strongest attacks to push back the Evil Spirits they were engaged with and then grabbed hold of their respective Charmed Slaves. A determined light flashed across their eyes as they deeply kissed them.

Seeing this, Leng Shan couldn't bear to watch and averted her gaze while quietly pulling Zhao Rong and the Hu Sisters with her, "Don't look!"

"En? What's happening?" Zhao Rong asked curiously.

Leng Shan obviously knew what would happen once these Charmed Slaves were sacrificed, so she had intended to spare her fellow females this scene.

Chen Yi also sighed lightly, and a glimmer of pity flashed across his eyes. In fact, most of the Ghost King Valley disciples also hung their heads slightly and averted their gazes from what was to take place.

Although their relationship with Free And Unfettered Sect wasn't friendly by any stretch, and each of them had often fought with these Charmed Slaves, in the end, they couldn't help but sympathize with these unfortunate women, who had their minds and bodies completely enslaved and were unable to determine their own fate anymore.

It's wasn't that they didn't know how to care about themselves, nor were they born inherently debased, but they were trained that way by Free And Unfettered Sect's men with special tools, medicines, and techniques.

The three young women couldn't hold back their curiosity, even though Leng Shan had told them not to look, so Zhao Rong and the Hu Sisters quietly glanced over to see what would take place.

However, the moment they saw, all three of them shivered violently.

As they exchanged what looked like a passionate kiss, the four Charmed Slaves' bodies trembled, and as the trembling became more intense, their once beautiful faces quickly became old while their delicate bodies aged at a pace visible to the naked eye, rapidly drying up, as if a dozens of years were passing by in an instant.

The True Qi and Blood Essence of these Charmed Slaves was quickly transformed into energy that constantly flowed from their lips into the male Free And Unfettered Sect disciples.

As this happened, the pale faces of these Free And Unfettered Sect men suddenly flushed with colour, like they were being infused with vitality, and it instantly gave them a healthy radiant glow that perfectly complemented their originally handsome looks.

Even the strength of their auras also began to rise sharply.

Chapter 339 – Soul Type Evil Spirit

This was a sacrifice!

Free And Unfettered Sect's forbidden technique, only by taking advantage of these brainwashed Charmed Slaves could such an inhuman Martial Skill be displayed!

This technique could no longer be described as simply 'evil'.

After less time than it would take to drink a cup of tea, the Free And Unfettered Sect's male disciples had undergone a massive transformation and became vigorous and high-spirited.

The Charmed Slaves in their arms on the other hand had been forever drained of their vitality, but their dull dim eyes still showed an unrelenting affection as their old haggard mouths wore extremely satisfied smiles.

Their role as devoted slaves had been imprinted in their very souls!

True Qi burst out uncontrollably from Zhao Rong and the Hu Sisters, and their eyes filled with fire as they glared maliciously at the still celebrating male Free And Unfettered Sect disciples.

They were all women, so watching these Charmed Slaves die in such a pitiful manner had naturally provoked their ire.

After this sacrifice was completed, Yu Qing laughed and released the aged body in his embrace, not even sparing it a glance as this withered corpse rolled off the plateau and disappeared into the sea of Evil Qi below.

The strength of these Free And Unfettered Sect male disciples had skyrocketed, which gave them a domineering and ruthless aura. All of their attacks now contained at least twice their previous might, but as he glanced towards the old man, Yu Qing's eyes still had a well hidden trace of anger and hatred.

He had not wanted to sacrifice these Charmed Slaves at this time because the most dangerous moment had yet to arrive.

But because of the old man's overbearing strength, he had no choice but to obey him, so naturally he held some dissatisfaction.

The old man seemed to have not noticed this glint as he laughed wantonly, "Good, this old master knew you were a decisive person. In the future you will certainly become someone great! Little brat, you and your Junior Brothers defend here for a moment while this old master handles something!"

"Good!" Yu Qing nodded firmly, not asking the old man what it was he intended to do.

With that, the old man roared, flew up into the air, and shot out from the platform. After he flew up, a single purple Evil Spirit tightly followed behind him, almost like a shadow following its master.

"What is he trying to do?" Chen Yi muttered gloomily when he noticed the venomous grin that appeared on the old man's face as he led that Evil Spirit towards their side.

As he flew towards them, the old man continued to attack this particular Evil Spirit, drawing its attention as he approached Yang Kai and his group.

"Has this old guy gone crazy?" Cheng Ying smiled contemptuously, "Struggling to lead a single Evil Spirit towards us, could it be that he thinks that Evil Spirit can kill all of us?"

"Hahaha!" One of the Treasure Instrument Sect male disciples laughed dismissively, "That old man is wasting his time, doesn't he know that these Evil Spirits can't even touch Brother Yang's light curtain?"

Because none of them had lowered their voices, it was clear that the old man could hear them, but even so, he didn't get angry and instead just sneered even more as he led the Evil Spirit towards them.

Leng Shan's cold eyes flashed, as he realized something wasn't right, and he quickly called out, "Be careful, he's definitely up to something."

Tao Yang also nodded and increased his vigilance.

A moment later, when the old man and the Evil Spirit arrived next to their pillar next to the high platform, everyone tensed slightly and prepared to counterattack if need be.

"Here, a gift for you!" The old man maintained his sneer and laughed loudly as he struck the Evil Spirit with a palm, which sent it crashing towards the light curtain before he darted away, almost immediately reappearing on the Free And Unfettered Sect's side.

"Senior, did you make us sacrifice our Charmed Slaves just to give you a moment of freedom?" Yu Qing's expression was quite ugly, and his voice contained a questioning tone.

"En!" The old man nodded plainly.

"And with that moment... all you wanted was to lead that Evil Spirit over to them?" Yu Qing almost couldn't contain the anger in his chest.

He hadn't known why this old man was so anxious to have them sacrifice their Charmed Slaves, but now it seems like he forced them to do so just for this one insignificant act. Obviously this wasn't worth the life of a single Charmed Slaves let alone four.

"Do you have any opinion?" The old man glanced back at Yu Qing coldly, and his eyes were full of overbearing arrogance.

"Junior doesn't dare!" Yu Qing's blood ran cold, and he quickly suppressed his anger. Although after the sacrifice the strength of him and his fellow brothers had rose, but when faced with an Immortal Ascension Boundary master they still weren't qualified to object!

"Good. Well, just wait a bit and you'll see, if they don't beg this old master for help soon, Old Master here will unscrew his head for you to use as a chamber pot!" The old man grinned.

Yu Qing was stunned, not understanding why this old man was so confidant all of a sudden.

At that moment, the Evil Spirit that was led to Yang Kai's group was launching a series of attacks towards their defence shield.

But as it collided with the light curtain again and again, it was inevitably repelled. The fiery True Yang Yuan Qi easily disintegrating any residual Evil Qi from its attacks, but contrary to the previous Evil Spirits, this one did not immediately retreat.

After many failed attempts, this Evil Spirit no longer recklessly attacked but instead stared towards them with its almost clearly defined face, opened its mouth, and let out an ear piercing scream.

That sound was sharp and grating and caused everyone's ears to ring, and as the sound penetrated their heads, a purple halo sudden enveloped them, wrapping all of them in an eerie radiance.

Everyone had been indifferently watching this Evil Spirit's fruitless attacks but hadn't expected it would suddenly come up with such a hand, so by the time they had perceived a threat it was too late to defend themselves.

As this purple halo washed over them, they all felt their consciousnesses tremble and their strength drain from their bodies, and some of them even fell limply to the ground.

Others were overwhelmed by nausea as they felt like a million ants were gnawing at their minds, delivering them an unbearable pain.

Even the Hu Sister combination couldn't withstand this attack, and their pretty faces distorting in pain.

Only Yang Kai remained unaffected. Unlike the others of his group, he had already begun cultivating his Soul and was able to offset some of the damage. On top of that, he also had his Soul Palace Soul Skill which allowed him to easily withstand this Evil Spirit's attack.

"A Soul Skill!" Chen Yi screamed, "It's a Soul Type Evil Spirit!"

By this point, everyone had figured this out, and each of them become pale, as they stared in fear and panic towards this Soul Type Evil Spirit in front of them.

Soul Type Evil Spirits were a very special presence in the Evil Cavern.

It looked no different from the other Evil Spirits, but because it had the ability to use Soul Skills, any cultivator under Immortal Ascension Boundary that ran into one had only two paths before them.

Escape or die!

But in this situation, running away was not an option, but trying to fight it was akin to suicide.

Within the Evil Cavern, Soul Type Evil Spirits were exceptionally rare, which was obvious from the scene before them; although there were hundreds of Evil Spirits gathered here with more constantly arriving, but from beginning to end only one Soul Type Evil Spirit had appeared. This was sufficient to show how few of them existed.

None of them had thought they would encounter a Soul Type Evil Spirit when they first came to the Evil Cavern, just like they never dreamed they would be caught up in the Evil Spirit Spring's eruption.

But right now, such a situation had arisen and caused all of their hearts to sink.

The old man who had deliberately led this Soul Type Evil Spirit to them was no doubt harboring malicious intent, likely doing so as retaliation for Yang Kai's refusal to help them.

Turning his gaze towards the old man, Yang Kai's eyes flashed a cold light!

He didn't fear this Soul Type Evil Spirit, but everyone else who was with him did! The Soul Skill it had just used was a wide area attack as well, so it could affect all of them at once, meaning that everyone besides Yang Kai would sooner or later have their Souls destroyed and result in them either dying or degenerating into an idiot!

"Quickly!" As the Soul Type Evil Spirit, looking in from outside the light curtain, opened its gruesome mouth again, Chen Yi shouted, "Does anyone have a Soul defence type artifact!"

Instinctually, everyone looked towards Tao Yang.

Although the Ghost King Valley disciples had made sufficient preparations for this expedition to the Evil Cavern, but Soul type artifacts were just as rare as Soul Skills themselves, not to mention a Soul type artifact that could defend against Soul Skills needed to be of a very high grade.

None of these Ghost King Valley disciples had the qualifications to hold such a precious artifact.

Tao Yang on the other hand was a Treasure Instrument Sect disciple, if he didn't have an appropriate Soul type artifact, then no one here would.

Although Yang Kai was not afraid of this Soul Type Evil Spirit, in the end he was only able to protect himself from it, so with so many people gathered on this high plateau, and considering the wide range of the enemies Soul Skill, he was quite troubled about how to handle it.

Fortunately, Tao Yang was just as wealthy as imagined, hastily removing a ring from his bad and pouring True Qi into it.

A buzzing sound burst out just as the Soul Type Evil Spirit cast its Soul Skill again.

Soon after, the purple halo re-appeared and enveloped them once more.

However, the ring in Tao Yang's had also sent out a series of ripples which crashed into this halo.

Everyone held their breath nervously and stared in anticipation.

As the artifact's ripples and the purple halo collided, the ripples disappeared instantly while the purple light dimmed significantly; unfortunately, the purple halo had not dissipated completely.

Tao Yang's Soul defence type artifact wasn't strong enough to completely defend against this Soul Type Evil Spirit's attack!

Everyone suddenly looked miserable, unsure of what to do next.

The only upside was that this artifact could at least weaken the effect on their Souls to the point where it was at least bearable.

But obviously this was not a long-term solution; damage to one's Soul was no joking matter, if it continued to accumulate, it would still become a major risk.

"Sorry, I only have this Soul type artifact!" Tao Yang said guiltily as he stared towards the Soul Type Evil Spirit.

"Why are you apologizing Brother Tao? If not for you being here I'm afraid none of us would be able to withstand this attack at all!" Chen Yi said earnestly.

"En," Cheng Ying nodded, "but we still have to think about what to do next!"

Even with the support of Tao Yang's Soul defence artifact, the longest they could hold out was at best half an hour.

Yang Kai didn't say anything and instead just coldly glared at the old man.

Seeing the crisis they were in, the old man let out arrogant and outrageous laughter, apparently very pleased with himself.

Hearing this wanton laughter, everyone couldn't help but grind their teeth in indignation. If it weren't for this old man's malicious scheme, with the help of Yang Kai's Light Curtain they would be perfectly safe, but now, facing this Soul Type Evil Spirit, they suddenly found themselves helpless and in mortal danger.

"That old bastard!" Zhao Rong's viciously cursed, not caring whether the old man heard her or not.

"Little friend!" The old man smiled happily while knocking away several Evil Spirits and yelled to Yang Kai, "See, your side is now facing a crisis and so are we, why don't you cooperate with me so we can both survive?"

"How do you propose we cooperate?" Yang Kai indifferently asked.

"It's simple, you help us put up the same type of defensive cover over here and then this old master will help you to deal with that Soul Type Evil Spirit. You can't cope with it because none of you have reached the Immortal Ascension Boundary, but this old master is different, this old master is not only an Immortal Ascension master, but I have also reached the Immortal Ascension Boundary Fifth Stage, although dealing with that Soul Type Evil Spirit is a little troublesome, but killing it isn't too difficult. So, how about it? Such cooperation benefits both of us!"

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When the old man said so, everyone suddenly realized.

It seemed like his goal in guiding the Soul Type Evil Spirit to attack them was to force Yang Kai to help them. If Yang Kai could really put up a Light Curtain for them, the pressure the old man was facing would drop drastically.

At that time, they could also just sit on top of their pillar and relax like Yang Kai's group.

As long as they could delay until the Evil Spirit Spring disappeared, they would be able to simply walk out from here.

If it weren't for the old man having scruples about the strength of Yang Kai's group, why would he have taken such a roundabout method? He would have simply robbed them of their platform the moment Yang Kai put up that shield.

Yang Kai had to admit, this old bastard's plan was quite good.

Yu Qing and the other Free And Unfettered Sect disciples, witnessing this sudden development, couldn't help but let out a burst of laughter, "Senior is such a magnanimous man, Junior greatly admires!"

Earlier, Yu Qing was quite confused by the old man's actions and was even somewhat angered, but now he realized that the old man had obviously been aware of the existence of that Soul Type Evil Spirit and had planned this out from the beginning, ordering them to sacrifice their Charmed Slaves to give him enough time to execute his plan.

"Haha, how could this old master have survived so many battles without some means? You'd do well to learn from this old master!" The old man smiled deviously, and his four Juniors also applauded loudly, obviously very respectful of him.

On the other side, the Ghost King Valley and Treasure Instrument Sect disciples frowned deeply. All of them were extremely angry but were unable to say anything back.

"Little friend, have you considered well?" Confidant he had won, the old man wasn't rushed and instead boasted arrogantly as he waited for Yang Kai and others to beg him to help them.

In his opinion, this group of True Element Boundary brats would bow to him sooner or later unless they wanted to die! Having not cultivated their Souls, and with only a single Soul defence type artifact, it was only a matter of time before they succumbed to the Soul Type Evil Spirit's assault.

After a short time, their Souls would begin to take serious damage, and by then the old man could gain even more advantages from them, so he was in no rush to offer assistance and instead just casually asked if they wanted help.

Yang Kai wrinkled his brow and grunted but eventually didn't respond.

On the other side, Yu Qing whispered to the old man, "Senior, Junior wonders if you could propose another condition to them."

Raising his brow, the old man curiously asked, "Oh? What condition?"

Yu Qing's gaze immediately shifted to the Hu Sisters, his eyes filling with an obscene light as he licked his lips and said, "Let them offer up that pair of twins to us!"

The old man looked at Yu Qing with great meaning. He was quite well informed about Free And Unfettered Sect's Charmed Slaves and knew that they also had different grades. If this pair of twins was turned into Charmed Slaves, then they would undoubtedly provide their Free And Unfettered Sect male masters with greater aid, especially since they seemed to also possess extraordinary strength. It wasn't hard to understand why Yu Qing would pay special attention to them.

This group of Free And Unfettered Sect disciples had even chased them into this Evil Cavern regardless of the risks. This alone showed how attractive the Hu Sisters were to them.

"I'm afraid that's not a good idea." The old man frowned, although he didn't consider Yang Kai and his group as anything serious, but at this moment he really did need Yang Kai's help. If he added too many excessive demands, it would only be counterproductive and cause him to lose his rice before catching the chicken.

"If Senior is willing to help, Junior can offer another four Charmed Slaves to Senior, alright?" Yu Qing whispered.

"This old master can consider it..." The old man nodded with satisfaction. "Very well, this old master will help you get all those women over there, but four more Charmed Slaves aren't enough, you must offer this old master eight additional Charmed Slaves, agreed?"

"Eight Charmed Slaves is really too much, those twins are certainly worth four Charmed Slave, but the other two women... Junior can offer Senior six Charmed Slaves for all of them, it cannot be more." Yu Qing's face flashed a hint of hidden pain, like he was suffering a big loss.

"Good, six then, remember, you now owe this old master fourteen Charmed Slaves!" The old man grinned and said happily.

"Naturally Junior remembers." Yu Qing nodded, also very satisfied with the outcome of this negotiation, and he quickly wore a complementary smile, "Senior is such a powerful master, yet seems to not care much for beauty."

If he really cared about beautiful women, he wouldn't have offered up the four women on the other side so easily.

Needless to say, the twin sisters on the opposite pillar possessed country destroying beauty. While that Ghost King Valley's Leng Shan was also an extraordinary vision, and lastly the last girl's innocence and cute appeal, although not comparable to the other three, was also a unique and delicious flavour.

However, the old man just contemptuously smirked and arrogantly said, "Beauties? Only you young brats who only have lust on your brains will care about such things, with this old master's strength, if Old Master wants any woman, what kind of woman can I not get?

"Yes yes, Senior is wise." Yu Qing nodded repeatedly, unable to refute this statement, and he suddenly thought this old man was more pleasing to the eye after he agreed to help him obtain the Hu Sisters. A smug smile even began to creep into his expression as he imagined capturing those four, bringing them back to Free And Unfettered Sect, and subjecting them to various drugs and Soul Skills to train them into loyal slaves.

With the negotiations finalized, the old man and Yu Qing were both happy; the old man's four juniors also had delighted expressions.

They knew that when the old man received those fourteen Charmed Slaves, they would each receive one as a reward.

Charmed Slaves! Not only would they willingly warm their beds, at a critical moment they could be sacrificed to drastically increase their strength. Who wouldn't want such a convenient tool?

With a Charmed Slave to accompany them, they would never be lonely again.

"Little friends, don't blame this old master for not reminding you, if you don't want to cooperate, you and your friends will definitely die!" The old man casually taunted Yang Kai with a victorious grin plastered all over his face.

"Senior need not worry!" Yang Kai replied indifferently.

"Hah, seems you can't appreciate kindness!" The old man's expression twitched, and he sneered as he said, "If you don't beg this old master for help, this old master won't take action!"

Yang Kai no longer paid attention to the old man, and his eyes stared towards the Soul Type Evil Spirit floating just outside his light curtain.

The three disciples from Treasure Instrument Sect also held the Five Dragon Entangling Seal, nervously preparing.

While Yu Qing was negotiating with the old man, Yang Kai's group was also discussing their next course of action.

"Brother Yang, are you certain?" Tao Yang asked, worry apparent on his face, and he quickly offered up his ring shaped Soul defence type artifact, "You should also bring this with you."

"That's right, just in case," Leng Shan agreed, her brow thoroughly furrowed.

When Yang Kai said he wanted to go out and kill the Soul Type Evil Spirit, everyone was taken aback. All of them thought he was crazy. The Hu Sisters were even more alarmed and repeatedly tried to discourage him.

Hu Mei Er even had her enchanting pair of eyes overflow with tears of worry.

"Don't worry, I have a sense of proportion, even if I really can't beat it I have confidence in drawing back." Yang Kai stated plainly.

"Good, then you must be careful." Chen Yi said.

Yang Kai nodded firmly.

Right then, the Soul Type Evil Spirit opened its mouth again, preparing to display its screaming Soul Skill.

"Now!" Yang Kai roared as he shot out.

The three Treasure Instrument Sect disciples promptly poured their True Qi into the Five Dragon Entangling Seal.

The five dragons spat out their light ropes towards the Soul Type Evil Spirit and bound it in place just as it launched its Soul Skill.

Forming a sword with his Yang Qi, Yang Kai charged towards the Evil Spirit like lightning and crashed through the purple halo it sent out.

"HA!" Tao Yang simultaneously activated his Soul defence type artifact to counteract the Soul Type Evil Spirit's attack.

"So fast!" Chen Yi couldn't help but call out in surprise when he saw Yang Kai reach the Soul Type Evil Spirit and land multiple slashes on its body within a single breath.

Suffering this sudden attack, the sharp howling from the Evil Spirit became more violent as it sent out purple halos one after another, which greatly taxed Tao Yang's Soul artifact again and again to the point where he could barely resist.

Paling instantly, Tao Yang soon spat out a mouthful of blood and collapsed to the ground.

Nearby, Chen Yi acted quickly, picked up the Soul artifact, and took over for Tao Yang.

"Is he trying to get himself killed?" The old man obviously witnessed Yang Kai's bold actions, and his pupils shrunk involuntarily as he muttered in surprise.

Normally he wouldn't care whether Yang Kai lived or died, but right now, if Yang Kai died, he wouldn't be able to open the same light curtain for him.

However, Yang Kai completely ignored his overtures and continued his reckless assault on the Soul Type Evil Spirit.

Within a few breaths, the Soul Type Evil Spirit's purple body had dimmed significantly.

However, its true strength was obviously much stronger than an average purple Evil Spirit, so even though it was restrained by Yang Kai's True Yang Yuan Qi, it was still difficult to defeat it in short order.

"We can't hold on!" Zhao Rong suddenly cried out, the next moment her and her fellow Treasure Instrument Sect disciples paled, and the Five Dragon Entangling Seal in their hands quickly lost its radiance.

Immediately, the Soul Type Evil Spirit's bindings collapsed.

Regaining its freedom, the Soul Type Evil Spirit became even more violent. Its distorted facial features twisted in rage as it shot a purple beam of light towards Yang Kai.

Unable to dodge in time, Yang Kai was struck head on. The purple beam penetrating into his mind.

Severe pain spread from his head, as his Soul Palace was unable to resist such a focused strike.

Although his Soul Palace had reached the minor accomplishment stage and completely engulfed his Knowledge Sea, in that moment a large gap had been blasted through it.

Yang Kai's expression stiffened, his arms froze mid-air before drooping to his sides. Seizing this opening, the Soul Type Evil Spirit crashed towards him.

The Evil Spirit swiped at Yang Kai with its ethereal claws, tore apart his robes, and opened a series of long wounds on his chest, which caused his blood to spurt out.

"Brother Yang!" The group behind him called out in panic. Their faces filled with horror.

"Hmph, courting death!" The old man coldly snorted, his expression quite ugly; he had hoped to coerce Yang Kai into helping him, but had apparently underestimated this young man's stubbornness, which caused his well laid out plot to backfire and lose all meaning.

Against such a potent targeted Soul Skill, a speciality of Soul Type Evil Spirits, even an Immortal Ascension Boundary master would have his consciousness destroyed.

Yang Kai was only a True Element Boundary Fifth Stage youth, how could he survive?

[He got what he deserves!] The old man sneered to himself, not feeling the slightest bit of compassion, only a slight regret.

Since Yang Kai was dead, his own situation had become a bit more troublesome.

"Ha!" Yang Kai suddenly roared, and his falling body stabilized mid-air, as he hurriedly dodged the Soul Type Evil Spirits next attack.

A cool sensation flooded his head, and although the pain was excruciating, the Soul Warming Lotus had once again saved him.

"Impossible!" The old man cried out, as an Immortal Ascension master, he was well aware of how powerful the focused Soul Skill Yang Kai had taken was just now. Even if it was him, he wouldn't have dared take such an attack head on, so how could the youth before him have accomplished such a feat?

Everyone from Ghost King Valley and Treasure Instrument Sect also couldn't help but breath a sigh of relief. All of them were surprised to see Yang Kai survive, and they thought he must have some kind of high-end Soul defence artifact.

However, they also realized that even if Yang Kai had such an artifact, it was certainly only able to protect himself, or else he would have taken it out earlier.

"Bind it again!" Yang Kai yelled to his comrades behind him as he re-engaged the Soul Type Evil Spirit.

"Right!" Leng Shan and the Hu Sisters arrived at Zhao Rong's side, picked up the Five Dragon Entangling Seal, and together, filled it with their True Qi.