

Medicine God 131

Chapter 131: Despondent Sieging Team

Somewhere several hundred miles away from Ye Yuan and Feng Zhirou, four Spirit Condensation Realm martial artists were currently sieging a powerful lion type demonic beast.

"Damn fellow! Chang One, attack its eyes! Chang Two, Chang Three, let's go and hold it back!" a youth commanded the other three people.

"Yes, Young Master!"

The trio acknowledged in unison.

This lion type demonic beast was exceptionally powerful. It was already at the peak middle-stage Tier 2. It was already not far away from breaking through to the late-stage Tier 2.

The four people actually appeared to be straining to deal with this demonic beast together!

Following that youth's command, the other three people coordinated abnormally well, akin to one entity.

Chang One leaped and landed on the head of the lion type demonic beast. The demonic beast naturally would not give this fellow free rein to threaten it. It raised its paw wanting to grab at Chang One.

How could the other three give him this chance? Attacks akin to rain falling struck towards the lion type demonic beast's abdomen.

After all, these were three middle-stage Spirit Condensation Realm martial artists. No matter how strong this demonic beast's defense was, it dared not let this sort of attack go unchecked.

With no alternatives, that demonic beast retracted its paw and went from attacking to defending.

But at this time, Chang One grabbed hold of the opportunity and pulverized that demonic beast's eye into mincemeat.

Seeing the situation, the four people were euphoric. A series of attacks raided on the demonic beast again, directly sending it flying out.

That demonic beast received heavy injuries. Not only did it not retreat, but it also went berserk.

"Roar!"

The lion type demonic beast gave a heavy roar and attacked the four people frenziedly.

"Be careful! This is its death throes! Don't fight it head-on! Let's hit and run to slowly expend its strength. It can't hold on much longer!" the youth instructed.

"Yes, Young Master."

In reality, these three people were veterans. They also knew what to do without the young man's instructions.

Before long, that lion type demonic beast collapsed on the ground. The four people let out a long sigh of relief.

When the demonic beast died, the four slumped on the ground panting non-stop. They all suffered injuries which were not light.

"Damn it! Being delayed by this demonic beast, we are getting further away from Ye Yuan!" The young man swallowed a medicinal pill as he gnashed in teeth in hatred.

This youth was precisely Su Yishan who was planning to kill off Ye Yuan during the Endless Trials, while the other three were the Su Family's retainers, the Chang trio brothers.

There were many people when they just entered the forest, so they naturally could not make a move on Ye Yuan then.

But who would have thought that Ye Yuan and Feng Zhirou walked faster and faster. They were actually unable to catch up.

It was not that their speed was slow, but because there were demonic beasts continuously harassing them along the way.

This demonic beast just now was the most powerful one they have encountered. Just the delay cost them a whole two hours!

"Relax, Young Master. My Enchanted Shadow Bug has been following them this whole time. We'll catch up to them eventually." Chang One said.

Su Yishan was aware of Chang One's tracking capabilities. It was just that he was feeling very annoyed. "I'm just wondering why the demonic beasts only attack us when Ye Yuan also walked through here."

"This . . . Maybe it's also because we're unlucky," Chang One said uncertainly.

Even with Chang One's rich experience, he could not think of a reason.

"Luck? Isn't their luck way too good? We tracked all the way here, and the places they walked through didn't show any traces of fighting at all! That's to say that they didn't even go through a single battle while we have been through over a dozen big and small fights?"

The more Su Yishan said, the angrier he got. Finally, a punch smashed heavily on the ground sending dirt flying.

"Truly quite sinister! The road the two of them walked is basically a straight line as if they were running straight towards someplace. But in the Endless Forest, nobody had ever dared to journey like that. There are plenty of high-rank Tier 2 demonic beasts' territories along the way. If they accidentally startled them, they would lose a layer of skin even if they didn't die." Chang one also felt very depressed.

"That's right! Don't tell me that those demonic beasts are all blind and deaf and simply couldn't sense them at all? At this rate, we will be exhausted to death by these demonic beasts before finding them!" Su Yishan said with fervent hatred.

Initially, he thought that killing Ye Yuan in the Endless Forest was a very simple matter. He did not think that it would be riddled with troubles now.

The further in they went, the stronger the demonic beasts got! Continuing in a straight line like this was definitely out of the question. They must avoid the territories of those powerful demonic beasts and go forward in a roundabout manner.

But this way, when could they manage to find Ye Yuan and co?

Before coming, Su Yubai already told him that the Endless Forest was the best as well as the final chance to eliminate Ye Yuan.

If Ye Yuan left the Endless Forest, the Su Family would welcome never-ending troubles!

Chang One also realized that the matter was rather troublesome now. Before coming out this time, the family head had already issued the death command. They must kill Ye Yuan!

If the mission was not completed, then carry their own heads back!

The family head had never issued such a command before. One could see just how great Ye Yuan's threat to the Su Family was!

Chang One sucked in a deep breath and took out an Endless Forest map from his storage ring. Opening it, he placed it in front of Su Yishan.

"Young Master, continuing like this is indeed out of the question. Since they are hurrying towards a certain place, why don't we find that place and then lie in ambush there?" Chang One suggested.

Hearing this, Su Yishan immediately calmed down. He nodded and said, "What you said is right! Share your idea!"

Chang One reached out with his finger and pointed on the map. "Look here, Young Master. Ever since they entered the Endless Forest, they didn't stop for a moment as they went along this straight line towards the North-West direction. With their strength, it's impossible to go somewhere too deep. It must be within an area of a thousand miles! Then, inside this thousand miles, where is the place they are most likely to go to?"

"Crimson Summit Ridge!" Su Yishan blurted out.

Chang One's finger started from the entrance and kept extending until a thousand miles in the North-West direction. That place impressively marked Crimson Summit Ridge!

"Sii . . . Is Ye Yuan insane? To actually go to such a dangerous place like Crimson Summit Ridge!" Su Yishan sucked in a cold breath.

Chang One shook his head and said, "Based on common sense, him going to the Crimson Summit Ridge naturally saves us from striking. But looking at the current situation, this Ye Yuan's methods are really hard to conjecture. Ignoring other things, just based on him being able to not alarm these high-rank demonic beasts along the way is already an incredible ability! And according to my estimation, it's highly likely that he's going to the Crimson Summit Ridge to find some medicinal herbs for that little maidservant of his!"

Chang One's analysis struck deeply, practically exactly the same as the truth!

Since they came to gang up and kill Ye Yuan, Chang One naturally did sufficient homework. He understood Ye Yuan very thoroughly. Even a minute detail like Lu-er was noticed.

Su Yishan was forcefully shocked awake and could not help shooting a surprised gaze at Chang One, seeing him in a completely new light.

No wonder Father sent him to siege Ye Yuan. This guy could not be underestimated!

Very clearly, Chang One's analysis basically had no flaws. This was also the most logical explanation!

Initially, Su Yishan was still worried about whether or not Ye Yuan would take part in this Endless Trials. Finally, his concern was proven to be superfluous.

Ye Yuan was not foolish enough to think that he could spare him. But he still came. That meant that he had a reason to come no matter what!

And this reason was exactly Lu-er!

Chapter 132: Swaggering In!

"Then, what do you say we do now, Chang One?" Su Yishan actually sought for Chang One's opinion.

Chang One also appeared to be rather surprised. He understood this Young Lord a little.

Su Yishan had an ingrained pride and generally looked down on the Su Family's retainers like them.

But today, he actually sought out his opinion.

It looked like Su Yishan matured quite a bit during this period of time!

Only such a Su Yishan was worthy of being the Su Family successor.

Chang One no longer hesitated and stated his thoughts, "Regardless whether or not they went to the Crimson Summit Ridge, there is definitely a destination. And I'm afraid that it isn't going to be so easy for them to get that medicinal herb. We just have to chase after according to the direction the Enchanted Shadow Bug is pointing to and set up an ambush in advance. I figure he wouldn't be able to escape anyway! Let's keep heading towards this direction while avoiding some of the powerful demonic beasts' territories later on. This way, even if we detoured a little, it would at most be around half a day's time. We can definitely still make it!"

Su Yishan ruminated for some time and felt that what Chang One said made sense.

They were unaware of Ye Yuan's goal at the beginning, so they just blindly chased. In the end, the time delay from being impeded by demonic beasts increased instead.

Since they have the direction now, they naturally need not fear them escaping. Circling around the powerful demonic beasts' territories might even be slightly faster.

"Okay, we'll do as you said! Recuperate a while first and then set off!" Su Yishan instructed.

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Ye Yuan had settled things with Feng Zhirou. The pair swallowed another Breath Concealing Pill each and rushed over to the Crimson Summit Ridge.

"Ye Yuan, were those four people all killed by you? You're actually already this powerful!"

Feng Zhirou was still rather astonished by Ye Yuan's power. Those were four Spirit Condensation Realm martial artists, and they actually all died in Ye Yuan's hands!

Ye Yuan chuckled and said, "How can I have such capabilities? I just used some small tricks and made them kill each other for a while. That's why the results were like that."

Only now did Feng Zhirou feel relieved. "So that's the case. Gave me a fright! If you could kill those four people alone, doesn't that mean that you already have the strength to rank in the top 30 of the Martial Roll?"

Initially, the ranking everyone gave Ye Yuan was roughly around rank 50 on the Martial Roll.

It was nothing difficult for this strength to defeat several ordinary Second Level Spirit Condensation Realm martial artists.

Feng Zhirou knew that the strength of demonic beast hunters was greater than the average martial artist. Furthermore, there was a Third Level Spirit Condensation Realm martial artist among them. Ye Yuan was able to hold the four of them there. Raising another 20 places was nothing much.

Ye Yuan was only at the Ninth Level Essence Qi Realm!

Being at the Ninth Level Essence Qi Realm, he already possessed the strength of the top 30 on the Martial Roll. When he broke through to the Spirit Condensation Realm, just how terrifying would that be?

Feng Zhirou felt that it was inconceivable just thinking about it.

Luckily, Ye Yuan denied her conjecture. Otherwise, Feng Zhirou would really have felt that so many years of hard work went to waste.

"You're really full of tricks! Several veterans were actually completely toyed by you!" After Feng Zhirou felt reassured, she could not help scolding Ye Yuan.

Ye Yuan laughed and said, "Who asked this Junior Apprentice Brother, I, to be lacking in strength. If I didn't come up with some ruses, then wouldn't I be unable to even keep my life? Otherwise, Teacher Feng would not have made Senior Apprentice Sister come and protect me."

After pondering, Feng Zhirou thought the same as well, but her mouth stated otherwise, "Don't give me that. Your life is tenacious as hell. You didn't even die when challenging the Nine Heavens Road. Looks like even the heaven can't be bothered to take you in."

Ye Yuan laughed but did not reply.

What Feng Zhirou said was really true. Ye Yuan did not take the Nine Heavens Road to heart, but he was clearly already dead in the Divine Realm. But now, he was standing here perfectly fine. Ye Yuan felt that this was like a dream just thinking about it now.

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Around half a day later, Ye Yuan and Feng Zhirou finally arrived at the Crimson Summit Ridge.

This place was highly treacherous. Apart from the Long-arm Stone Apes, there were also quite a number of powerful demonic beasts around the Crimson Summit Ridge.

Demonic beast hunters had never dared to step foot fully into a place of such a level as the Endless Forest.

Even Crystal Formation Realm martial artists would move cautiously in this place. If they were surrounded by the Long-arm Stone Apes, the outcome would be being ganged up on and beaten to death.

The two found a safe place to hide and secretly observe the situation on the Crimson Summit Ridge.

It was fine if they did not look. But one look and Feng Zhirou freaked out.

Although the forest was very dense, the indistinct coming and going of white Long-arm Stone Apes appeared to be very glaring.

They walked around in groups of twos and threes, appearing as if they were patrolling!

"These Long-arm Stone Apes gathered and formed teams. Why does it look like they are patrolling the mountain?" Feng Zhirou looked at Ye Yuan somewhat surprised, as she transmitted her voice.

"The stone ape race have extremely high intelligence. Their awareness towards territory is already stronger than other demonic beasts. And their hierarchy is very strict, namely Ape Soldier, Ape General, and Ape King. Stone apes live in social groups and do not permit others to encroach into their terrain. The moment they discover that there's a trespasser, they would gather and attack," Ye Yuan explained.

Hearing Ye Yuan's explanation, Feng Zhirou asked in bewilderment, "No way? Since you're so familiar with the Long-arm Stone Ape's habits, aren't you courting death by coming to the Crimson Summit Ridge?"

Listening to Ye Yuan's meaning, the Long-arm Stone Apes had very strong exclusiveness and aggressiveness. Once they were discovered, they two of them would be in grave danger.

The so-called Ape Soldier, Ape General, and Ape King of the Long-arm Stone Apes, respectively corresponded to Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3.

Forget about the Ape Generals and Ape King, just the several tens of thousands of Ape Soldiers could drown them by rushing them.

Ye Yuan looked at Feng Zhirou and chuckled very helplessly.

Seeing Ye Yuan's laughter filled with mockery, Feng Zhirou flew into a rage again. "What are you laughing at? Did I say something wrong?"

Ye Yuan pointed at his head and said with a smile, "Why is the human race powerful? Not because we cultivate faster than the demon race nor is it because our bodies are better than the demon race, but because our intellect is way higher than the demon race! Hence, use your brain first before doing things and not just think about running or charging about recklessly, understood?"

"You mean that you have a plan? Then quickly say it! En? Hang on! Well done Ye Yuan, are you trying to say that I'm even dumber than demonic beasts?!"

Feng Zhirou reacted to it swiftly, and her rage meter shot straight up. However, she learned her lesson this time and did not make any sound, but spoke with voice transmission. Only that the expression on her face became increasingly ice-cold.

Ye Yuan sighed and said, "I say, Senior Apprentice Sister, can you not be so sensitive, alright? I'm just telling you a fact, but you just had to turn around and scold yourself. Why?"

"Humph! Don't be proud of yourself! Now isn't the time. Watch how I settle the score with you after we get back!" Feng Zhirou snorted icily.

Facing the mountain full of Long-arm Stone Apes, the proud Senior Apprentice Sister Feng finally knew how to weigh things and not blow her top easily.

There was only one Iron Paw Flying Bear, so she could still lure it away. If they alarmed the mountain full of Long-arm Stone Apes, then the pair would not even get the chance to escape.

"Haha! Many thanks for Senior Apprentice Sister Your Excellency's grace!" Ye Yuan laughed and said.

"Enough crap! What method do you have to enter, quickly say it!" Feng Zhirou pent-up a stomach full of anger and said huffily.

Ye Yuan smiled and said, "How to enter? Of course, it's by swaggering in!"

Chapter 133: Knowledge Is Power

"Swaggering in? Did your brain short-circuit? There are so many stone apes. How do we swagger in?" Feng Zhirou stared wide-eyed at Ye Yuan as if she was looking at a fool.

"Senior Apprentice Sister, please don't measure others after yourself, alright? I already said just now, you got to use your brain before doing things!" Ye Yuan gave another emotional sigh.

"You!"

Feng Zhirou's brows were vertical. This fellow actually ridiculed her again!

Fine, you're ruthless! But don't you know that women bear grudges very well? We'll record down the accounts this time one by one and tally it all up after we return!

"The Long-arm Stone Apes might be powerful, but they have a weakness, which is that they have virtually zero night vision abilities! And we have the Breath Concealing Pill. They can't detect our scent. Hence, just wait until it gets dark, and we'll just swagger in!" Ye Yuan explained.

"This also works?"

Feng Zhirou was thoroughly defeated by Ye Yuan. How did this fellow know so much?

Nobody even dared to come to the Crimson Summit Ridge. Even Crystal Formation Realm martial artists dared not stop here for long, let alone they understood the habits of the Long-arm Stone Apes.

"Why can't it work?" Ye Yuan retorted with a question.

"But . . . But didn't you say that the Breath Concealing Pill is only effective for demonic beasts below Tier 3? What should we do if we bump into the Ape King?" Feng Zhirou enquired.

"I've already enquired long ago that within a thousand miles radius of the Endless Forest, the highest is only Tier 3 demonic beasts. The Crimson Summit Ridge is still within the thousand miles radius. A mountain cannot contain two tigers. Hence, this place at most has a Tier 3 Ape King. Such a large Crimson Summit Ridge, just how lucky do we have to be to encounter the Ape King?"

Now that Ye Yuan said that, Feng Zhirou felt that there really did not seem to be much danger.

Such a dangerous looking place was actually as easy as walking on flat ground to Ye Yuan!

Of course, it was only like walking on flat ground for Ye Yuan. If it were some other person, they would have no idea how to refine the Breath Concealing Pill and would only seek their doom by coming here.

This fellow was truly a monster. It seemed like nothing could stump him!

Feng Zhirou was also a haughty and proud individual. She always felt somewhat unwilling to submit. Not knowing why she faintly looked forward to some situation to occur later up the mountain!

Who asked you to be cocky!

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A moonless dark night.

The faint breeze made the leaves rustle as two figures slowly headed for the Crimson Summit Ridge.

Although demonic beasts had greater vitality than humans, they are not tireless.

Currently, it was midnight, and most of the Long-arm Stone Apes headed back to the mountain to rest. It naturally would not be like daytime where ape shadows were aplenty.

Human martial artists' night vision abilities were quite strong. Even though they did not have the same range as daytime, nor was it as clear, seeing things within a small radius was still not an issue.

Furthermore, with a rise in realm, the changes that essence energy had towards martial artists' bodies would also become greater. The night vision abilities of human martial artists would become increasingly stronger.

Feng Zhirou and Ye Yuan walked towards the mountain unhurriedly in fear of alerting the Long-arm Stone Apes.

"The Crimson Summit Ridge is so huge. Where do we look for the Crimson Soul Grass?" Feng Zhirou suddenly transmitted her voice and asked.

"The summit!" Ye Yuan only said two words.

"What? The summit? There's a very high chance for that Ape King to be at the summit!" Feng Zhirou nearly made a sound.

"Can you not get all worked up over nothing? Why is this place called the Crimson Summit Ridge? Why is the medicinal herb called Crimson Soul Grass? Please use your brain, alright?" Ye Yuan said grumpily.

This woman had no use at all other than making a fuss over every little thing.

Being uncultured was truly frightening!

Seeing Feng Zhirou still having that blank look, Ye Yuan could only explain, "This place is called Crimson Summit Ridge because the mud at the summit is crimson in color. That sort of mud is called Crimson Xiang Soil, one of the extremely few soils which can breed the Crimson Soul Grass. However, the quantity of Crimson Xiang Soil on this Crimson Summit Ridge isn't a lot either. Just that small patch at the summit. Hence, for us to obtain the Crimson Soul Grass, we must go to the summit!"

Feng Zhirou did not know what to say either. This Ye Yuan was simply like an encyclopedia. He knew everything!

Only him with such broad and profound knowledge dared to barge into this Crimson Summit Ridge with Essence Qi Realm cultivation, right?

"What if . . . What if we bump into the Ape King at the summit? What should we do?" Feng Zhirou who was subdued by Ye Yuan suddenly had her momentum weakened considerably.

"How would I know? If we really come across it, then just drop everything and run! As for how far we can run, it will be up to our capabilities. Well, this is my affair, no need to drag you into this. Why don't you stay instead?" Ye Yuan said very irresponsibly.

"No way! I promised aunty to protect you. I can't watch you take risks alone!" Feng Zhirou was very resolute on the matter.

"Haha, then thank you so much, Senior Apprentice Sister. If we really run into the Ape King, to have a great beauty like Senior Apprentice Sister accompany me along the Yellow Springs, it's also a beautiful thing!" Ye Yuan laughed and said.

Feng Zhirou suddenly felt like she was duped. But the words already came out of her mouth, so she did not intend to take them back. She just rolled her eyes at Ye Yuan and said, "Enough crap, quickly go!"

Due to the fear of alerting the Long-arm Stone apes, the two walked very slowly. Only after two hours did they gradually fumbled their way to the summit with scares but without danger.

The summit was an open space. The Long-arm Stone Apes already cleared it out.

Arriving at the summit, there were many more night-patrol Long-arm Stone Apes. And from the looks of the aura coming off of their bodies, there were even quite a few Tier 2 Long-arm Stone Apes among them.

It looked like that Ape King was definitely on this summit.

"So many Long-arm Stone Apes. What to do?" Feng Zhirou asked rather anxiously.

Ye Yuan swept a gaze across this open field and transmitted his voice, "See that small hill in the distance? There's a cave up there. If my speculation is right, that Ape King should be inside that cave. In the entire summit, the place with the thickest Crimson Xiang Soil is on that small hill. The Crimson Soul Grass should be there!"

"Ah? Isn't that very dangerous? Right now, we are at the summit. The moment we're discovered by the Ape King, then we won't even have the chance to escape!" Feng Zhirou said worriedly.

"Mm, it's indeed quite dangerous. But I also have to go no matter how dangerous it is! Without the Crimson Soul Grass, Lu-er definitely won't make it."

Seeing Ye Yuan risk his life for a maidservant, Feng Zhirou was also deeply touched.

Such an affectionate and faithful man, there really isn't many in this world!

Normally, Ye Yuan appeared to be cheeky and frivolous. But, when it really came down to the eleventh hour, he was highly reliable.

"Then, what should we do?" Feng Zhirou kept away her nervousness and resolved to cooperate with Ye Yuan to harvest the Crimson Soul Grass.

Ye Yuan observed for a while and then said, "Have you noticed that there aren't any Long-arm Stone Apes patrolling around the vicinity of that small hill?"

Feng Zhirou looked towards that small hill and found that that was really the case!

"Behind the small hill is a cliff. We'll circle over there and scale up the cliff! As long as we don't startle the Ape King, the possibility of us getting away is still very huge," Ye Yuan said.

"C-Can this work? We have to pass by that cave if we're climbing from the cliff."

"I don't really care anymore. At this point, we can only take our chances and give it a shot. Before long, day will break. Once dawn comes, we will have even less of a chance!" Ye Yuan made up his mind.

Feng Zhirou gritted her teeth and said, "Okay! Later, you go and find the Crimson Soul Grass. I'll keep a lookout for you!"

Chapter 134: Goodbye, Ye Yuan!

Ye Yuan and Feng Zhirou avoided the night-patrolling Long-arm Stone Apes and circled around to the cliff area.

This cliff was virtually perpendicular to the ground. The distance from the top of the cliff to the place she and Ye Yuan were standing at was a full thousand feet tall!

"Ye Yuan, this cliff is so high. Can you make it?" Feng Zhirou asked Ye Yuan rather worriedly.

Scaling heights was completely different from using movement techniques on the flat ground. When one was ascending heights, they had to shake off the gravity from the Earth. Using movement techniques had a huge burden on martial artists.

After all, even if it were Crystal Formation Realm martial artists, they also could not soar in the skies.

Spirit Condensation Realm martial artists still had the advantage. But it was practically impossible for Essence Qi Realm martial artists to scale a thousand feet cliff.

Firstly, the essence energy of Essence Qi Realm martial artists could not bear the consumption of a thousand feet distance. Secondly, Tier 1 movement techniques were insufficient to support martial artists to scale a thousand feet.

"What do you mean 'Can you make it?' Take away that question mark. Of course I can!" Ye Yuan said without any care.

"But . . . the top of the cliff is a full thousand feet away from us here!"

"Isn't it just a thousand feet? You go first, Senior Apprentice Sister; I'll follow! We're already here. I can't keep dragging Senior Apprentice Sister down!" Ye Yuan smiled and said.

No matter how Ye Yuan said it, it sounded like he was going beyond his means in order to look impressive. If he were to climb halfway and fall because his essence energy was unable to support him, that would not be fun.

This cliff was a full thousand feet away from the ground. One misstep and his life would be guaranteed gone.

"There's really no problem?" Feng Zhirou asked suspiciously.

"Of course there's no problem! When have I disappointed Senior Apprentice Sister before?" Ye Yuan said with a smile.

Feng Zhirou thought about it. It seemed like Ye Yuan was really a freak and it appeared like there had never been anything he could not do before. Perhaps he could really make it?

"Fine, then I'll make a move first!"

Feng Zhirou nodded, and she tiptoed lightly, bounding on the cliff.

Feng Zhirou's body was light as a swallow. The sheer precipice which appeared to be beyond reach was akin to walking on flat ground to her.

Her movement technique was the high-grade Tier 2 martial technique, Spiritual Swallow Dance. It was originally famed for its light, graceful movement and speed. It was very suited to be used to scale this cliff.

Only to see that she either tiptoed or lightly tapped occasionally with her sword scabbard on the cliff. Her entire person shot up the cliff with extreme speed and in a blink of an eye, she crossed over 200 feet in distance.

However, the higher Feng Zhirou climbed, the further her heart fell. Because she could not sense Ye Yuan's presence!

Feng Zhirou could not sense a single bit of sound from below her!

Did Ye Yuan not move yet, or did he . . . fall down already?

Feng Zhirou really wanted to tilt her head down to see if Ye Yuan was there or not, but climbing the cliff was also not a relaxed matter for her. How could she have spare energy to bend down and look for Ye Yuan?

If Ye Yuan still had not moved yet, could it be that he was intentionally playing with her?

Impossible! There was no way that Ye Yuan would be so bored to that extent!

Did he . . . fall down already? But without even making any sound?

The more her imaginations ran wild, the more anxious Feng Zhirou got. The actions of her movement technique also became somewhat erratic.

Skid!

While Feng Zhirou was restless, her feet slipped and did not give support!

In a blink, Feng Zhirou's figure fell sharply.

"Careful, Senior Apprentice Sister!"

Just then, Feng Zhirou suddenly received Ye Yuan's voice transmission.

It turned out that Ye Yuan was actually following closely behind her all along!

But right now, Feng Zhirou already had nowhere to borrow strength from, unless she used her sword to stab into the cliff.

But that way, the impact of the sword and the cliff would surely give off an ear-piercing sound. The whole mountain full of Long-arm Stone Apes would be alarmed.

Even if they could ascend the cliff, they would also be unable to escape death.

Hence, in an instant, Feng Zhirou gave up on saving herself and allowed herself to plummet down the cliff!

She decided to take a look at Ye Yuan before dying. After she died, there probably would not be anyone constantly bickering with him anymore, right?

However, she did not manage to see Ye Yuan, because when she had just slid down around 20 feet or so, she felt a palm lightly supporting from beneath her feet!

It was this support which allowed her body to go back on the right track once again!

"Senior Apprentice Sister, you go up first. I'll follow right after!" Practically at the same time, Ye Yuan transmitted his voice over.

Feng Zhirou knew that this was Ye Yuan saving her. But . . . having suffered such an impact, could Ye Yuan still survive? She could even hear the sound of the wind rushing as Ye Yuan descended sharply.

Not knowing why, Feng Zhirou had an impulse to cry currently.

Yet, she knew that she could not waste this chance Ye Yuan risked his life to exchange. Hence, her toes tapped downward, using the momentum to execute the Spiritual Swallow Dance, and headed up the cliff speedily.

Feng Zhirou forcefully chased away all the thoughts in her head and focused her mind on climbing the cliff!

To the Feng Zhirou who discarded her distracting thoughts, scaling this thousand feet precipice was not a tough matter.

Before long, Feng Zhirou saw the top of the cliff. Her toe tapped on the cliff one last time, and her entire person flew up the cliff like a swallow.

But at this moment, Feng Zhirou did not have the slightest joy from conquering the cliff. She slumped on the ground, her heart feeling like a knife was twisting in.

Feng Zhirou, it's all your fault! You caused Ye Yuan to die! Sniff, sniff . . .

Feng Zhirou sobbed lightly but did not dare to make any sound. She used her hands to cover her mouth as she just convulsed there.

Tears cascaded down from the corner of her eyes and drifted down the cliff along with the wind.

Feng Zhirou, the one who should have died was you! Why you are still alive now, but Ye Yuan's dead?!

Feng Zhirou, why couldn't you have been nicer to Ye Yuan normally? He clearly helped you out a lot, but why can't you swallow your pride to say thanks?

Ye Yuan, I'm sorry, sorry, sorry . . .

Feng Zhirou kept on blaming herself in her heart, but she knew that Ye Yuan would never hear it.

Although Ye Yuan voice transmitted earlier that he would follow right after, Feng Zhirou knew that Ye Yuan definitely only said that to console her.

Under the impact of her plummeting down the cliff, it was impossible for Ye Yuan to have any chances of survival.

Even with her Fourth Level Spirit Condensation Realm strength and high-grade Tier 2 movement technique, it was also impossible to survive under those conditions, much less Ye Yuan who was only still at the Ninth Level Essence Qi Realm.

Feng Zhirou knew that Ye Yuan's Instant Flash was already trained to an extremely profound level. But that was still a Tier 1 movement technique after all. How was it possible to negate such a large impact power?

I'm sorry, Ye Yuan! I won't die! I'm going to finish your dying wish! I'm going to find the Crimson Soul Grass and other herbs! I'll return to the State of Qin and request for Lord Wu Daofeng to help Lu-er refine the Essence Yang Pill! If Lord Wu Daofeng can't refine it, then I'll go outside to look for even more amazing alchemists. No matter what, I'll definitely find a way to let Lu-er survive! Feng Zhirou silently swore.

Finishing, Feng Zhirou forcefully roused her spirit and stood up, preparing to seek out the Crimson Soul Grass.

Feng Zhirou looked at the pitch black cliff, and her tears started flowing once again uncontrollably.

Goodbye, Ye Yuan!

Saying this in her heart, Feng Zhirou turned around and prepared to leave.

But right then, Feng Zhirou suddenly heard wind rushing sounds coming from below the cliff. It seemed there was something moving!

Chapter 135: Discovered!

"No way! This . . . How's this possible? Could it be a hallucination?"

Feng Zhirou felt that she just heard an indistinct sound. It should be a hallucination because the probability of Ye Yuan surviving was really not great.

"But if it's a hallucination, why is the sound getting louder? Could it . . . Could it be . . ."

Just as Feng Zhirou was completely dazed, a figure darted up from the pitch black cliff!

Seeing the figure, Feng Zhirou was stunned there as tears burst forth from her eyes.

"Great! Great! He's fine! He's really fine!" Feng Zhirou shouted in her heart.

"Senior Apprentice Sister, I . . ."

Ye Yuan only voice transmitted a few words before noticing a light blue mass pouncing on him and hugging him.

That faint fragrance wafted into his nose, involuntarily shaking up Ye Yuan's mind.

"Ye Yuan, you're really alright. Excellent! It's really great!" Feng Zhirou transmitted as her tears flowed silently.

This feeling of holding a beauty in one's embrace was truly something that all men desired!

However, this was not the time to be immersed in affection. They had to quickly look for the Crimson Soul Grass.

Feng Zhirou clearly also noticed her discomposure and hastily released Ye Yuan. She wiped the tears from the corner of her eyes and said, "You . . . Don't misunderstand. I just . . . I just thought that you died because of saving me . . . That's . . . That's why I was like that."

Ye Yuan was stunned and immediately broke into a smile. "What happened just now? Why can't I remember anything? Senior Apprentice Sister, I'm exhausted. Let's recuperate for a while and then go find the Crimson Soul Grass."

"En . . ."

Ye Yuan's condition at the moment was not good. His essence energy was virtually depleted completely.

If not for the fact the thickness of his essence energy greatly surpassed those of the same rank, most likely, he would have burned out and died.

The expenditure of the duo was not minor. They each consumed a medicinal pill and adjusted for some time before recovering some strength.

"Senior Apprentice Sister, there's no time to lose. Let's hurry up and look for the Crimson Soul Grass."

"En, let's go."

Finishing, the pair descended side by side.

Along the way, Feng Zhirou was relatively silent, significantly different from usual.

"Ye Yuan, you . . . How did you come up? I . . . I didn't mean that . . . I . . . I . . ."

It was still Feng Zhirou who broke the silence first. She simply could not suppress her curiosity.

Except that her attitude when asking the question was completely different from usual, rather like a little wife instead.

Ye Yuan knew that Feng Zhirou was still feeling awkward, so he smiled lightly and said, "I know that Senior Apprentice Sister didn't mean that. But I'm rather surprised, how come Senior Apprentice Sister fumbled?"

Feng Zhirou's face turned red as she said with embarrassment, "Actually, I . . . I thought that you couldn't keep up, so . . ."

Ye Yuan only came to a realization after hearing Feng Zhirou say that. So she actually caused such a blunder because she was worried about him.

Initially, he found it weird too. With Feng Zhirou's base, it should have been impossible to make such a mistake.

Ye Yuan felt touched in his heart. His bad impression towards Feng Zhirou in the past also pretty much dissipated.

"Hur hur, so Senior Apprentice Sister thought I fell down. Senior Apprentice Sister look down on me too much."

"T-That's not my intention. It's just . . . It's just . . ."

"En, why didn't Senior Apprentice Sister think about it? My Master is so amazing, how could it be possible to not leave behind some impressive movement techniques for me? When I was battling with Lin Tiancheng, I could already sense that Instant Flash was lacking. After breaking through to the Ninth Level Essence Qi Realm, my essence energy is barely enough to cultivate Tier 2 martial arts already. I naturally have to supplement this weak point," Ye Yuan explained.

Feng Zhirou was suddenly enlightened. "So, that's the case! I've never seen you use other movement techniques before, hence . . ."

"En, I understand. Thanks, Senior Apprentice Sister!"

This thanks came sincerely from Ye Yuan.

Although Feng Zhirou's blunder gave Ye Yuan quite a bit of trouble and even nearly cost him his life, it arose from concern towards him.

In reality, the new movement technique Ye Yuan cultivated was not a Tier 2 movement martial technique. Ye Yuan really did not possess such a low-grade movement martial technique.

However, his essence energy was barely enough to reach the level to cultivate Tier 2 martial techniques. Ye Yuan naturally had to compensate for his lacking movement technique.

The name of the movement technique he cultivated was called Spirit Void Shattering Space. This movement technique did not have a specific tier, because it could be cultivated continuously in later realms.

At the Spirit Condensation Realm, one could cultivate the first level of the Spirit Void Shattering Space. The thickness of Ye Yuan's essence energy was already not beneath half-step Spirit Condensation Realm, although barely enough to reach this threshold.

Although the skill that Ye Yuan selected so prudently was only at the first level, its might was extremely formidable.

Even though it was just Entry stage, it was no problem for Ye Yuan to keep up with Feng Zhirou.

As a matter of fact, Ye Yuan had been maintaining the same pace as Feng Zhirou just now; not too fast nor too slow. Hence, Feng Zhirou could not detect his presence.

Except, Ye Yuan did not expect Feng Zhirou to actually misunderstand because of this and nearly slipped up and fell down the cliff.

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The pair avoided that cave from far away and searched for traces of the Crimson Soul Grass from top to bottom.

Due to the fact that the range of sight was very limited at night, the pair searched very meticulously. But after searching for a long time, they still did not find a trace of the Crimson Soul Grass.

The two spent close to two hours and virtually searched through the entire hill, but they still did not find the Crimson Soul Grass.

"Ye Yuan, do you think the Crimson Soul Grass is . . ." Feng Zhirou transmitted her voice as she looked towards that cave.

Presently, only the area where the cave was located had not been searched. If this hilltop had Crimson Soul Grasses, it could only be there.

And currently, dawn was about to break. If they still could not find the Crimson Soul Grass, the two would be in danger.

Ye Yuan sighed and said, "80% chance it's in that region. Looks like we still have to go over there eventually! Wait for me here, Senior Apprentice Sister. I'll be back soon."

How could Feng Zhirou comply? She stubbornly said, "No way! If you want to go, we'll go together! I promised aunty to protect you. How can I let you take the risk alone?"

Ye Yuan could not persuade her, so he could only say, "Fine then. But once there's any situation, immediately run!"

Feng Zhirou nodded and slowly combed their way over to the cave's vicinity.

As the pair gradually got closer to the cave, they felt a powerful aura undulating from inside the cave.

"Quickly look, Ye Yuan! Isn't that the Crimson Soul Grass?" Feng Zhirou suddenly discovered something and hurriedly pulled Ye Yuan as she transmitted.

Ye Yuan looked over to where Feng Zhirou was pointing at, and as expected, he saw several stalks of crimson-colored, serrated edged tiny grass. If that was not Crimson Soul Grass, that what was?

After going through many hardships and finding the Crimson Soul Grass, even Ye Yuan with his Heart Like Still Water was quite excited right now.

Even though he prepared so many items painstakingly for the Crimson Summit Ridge, he also undertook extremely huge risk.

No matter how powerful Ye Yuan was, he was merely but an Essence Qi Realm martial artist. There was naturally no need to mention the risks he braved when facing pairs of Tier 2 demonic beasts and even Tier 3 demonic beasts.

Ye Yuan sucked in a deep breath and said to Feng Zhirou, "I'll go and retrieved those stalks of Crimson Soul Grass. After I'm done, we'll leave this place at maximum speed!"

Finishing, Ye Yuan fully executed his first level Spirit Void Shattering Space, turning into an afterimage flickering towards the Crimson Soul Grass.

"Howl! Howl!"

Just then, several ape cries sounded. Ye Yuan's and Feng Zhirou's complexion changed drastically at the same time!

Chapter 136: Enigmatic Man!

Following several ape howls, a feeling of extreme danger surged up in Ye Yuan's heart!

This feeling of danger made Ye Yuan's scalp tingled.

He knew that if he were to take another step forward, he would definitely invoke a calamity!

The next instant, Ye Yuan explosively retreated even faster than when he came!

"Go, Senior Apprentice Sister!"

Ye Yuan chose to retreat without any hesitation. That was a Tier 3 demonic beast. It could eradicate the two of them with just a single strike.

Feng Zhirou evidently also sensed that something was not right. Without waiting for Ye Yuan's warning, she displayed her Spirit Swallow Dance and rushed down the mountain with astonishing speed.

Feng Zhirou and Ye Yuan, one in front and the other behind, sprinted down the mountain frenziedly. Nevertheless, this process only lasted several breaths of time before the two figures stopped abruptly.

"Careful, Senior Apprentice Sister!" Ye Yuan yelled out anxiously.

Virtually the same instant Ye Yuan yelled, a white figure taller than a person shot out from diagonally, and actually reached first even though it moved later, and caught up to Feng Zhirou in a flash!

Facing this aura which was powerful to the extreme, Feng Zhirou's complexion turned pale. How could she be bothered to resist? She instantly retreated explosively.

However, when compared to that white figure, Feng Zhirou's speed was too slow!

In a blur, Feng Zhirou saw a colossal ape paw slapping down towards herself!

"Ahh!"

Panicking, Feng Zhirou raised her hand to randomly strike with her sword and then shut her eyes in fright.

This Tier 3 demonic beast was too strong. It was simply not what she could stand up to.

It's over! This was Feng Zhirou's final thought.

Swoosh!

Nine streaks of sword beams brushed past Feng Zhirou and attacked from the sides. They converged from different locations and attacked the lower abdomen of that Long-arm Stone Ape!

Ye Yuan unleashed the Nine Swords Stance straight away!

It was different from the previous time's disorderly attack. This time, the nine streaks of sword beams finally converged together. Ye Yuan's control over the sword beams once again advanced to another level!

This was also Ye Yuan's supernormal performance in a moment of desperation. If he really unleashed the sword another time, he might not be able to do it.

The nine afterimages of the Nine Swords Stance were not phantoms, but corporeal bodies!

This first stance of the Azure Dipper Floating Zero Sword Art was Ye Yuan gathering the forces of the two types of sword intent and evolved further from the Falling Flower Floating Zero Sword's extreme speed movements!

Every single attack was released personally by him!

Except, that instantaneous speed was too swift, so it looked as if it was released from nine different locations.

Nine swords merged into one. The attack power would naturally be incomparably formidable! But, this should be insufficient to injure the Tier 3 Ape King.

However, that Ape King actually chose to evade the sword beams!

With a swoosh, after the nine streaks of sword beams merged, it followed the original path it flew over from and vanished by fading into the world.

It took time to describe, but all of these actually just happened in a flash.

From Ye Yuan's explosive retreat to the duo's frenzied flight, and to the Ape King attacking Feng Zhirou, and then to Ye Yuan rescuing Feng Zhirou by besieging the Ape King, it was all but a few short breaths of time.

At this time, that Ape King stood several dozen feet away from Feng Zhirou. Ye Yuan similarly stood several dozen feet away from Feng Zhirou, while Feng Zhirou had her eyes shut waiting for the Ape King's paw to strike down.

The two humans and one beast actually entered a stalemate!

"W-what happened? Y-ye Yuan, did you save me?" Feng Zhirou recovered from her surprise and stared at Ye Yuan as she asked hesitantly.

Ye Yuan did not bother with her and kept staring at the Ape King in the distance.

Tier 3 Ape King was too terrifying. It could virtually instant-kill the two of them. Just now, Ye Yuan could save Feng Zhirou because of special conditions which allowed him to complete an impossible task.

The Ape King felt that Feng Zhirou's strength was slightly stronger and had more threat, so it chose to do a surprise attack on her right away.

And Ye Yuan happened to be some distance away from Feng Zhirou. The Ape King could not possibly attack the two of them at the same time, which gave Ye Yuan the opportunity to launch an attack unhurriedly.

The reason why the Ape King chose to keep a distance was because the place Ye Yuan attacked was precisely the weak point of the Long-arm Stone Apes! Ye Yuan's attack this time was accurate to the extreme.

If the Ape King forcefully took this stance head-on, it would probably already be heavily injured right now.

Otherwise, with Ye Yuan's cultivation, no matter how strong the attack was, it would be impossible to cause major injuries to the Ape King.

But in reality, if the Ape King attacked at the risk of getting injured, Feng Zhirou would already be an ice-cold corpse now.

As for why Ye Yuan's surprise attack worked, it was because the Ape King overly underestimated the two of them. That led to it revealing its weak point.

If the Ape King attacked once more, Ye Yuan and Feng Zhirou would die without question!

Hence, Ye Yuan did not dare to let down his guard this whole time and firmly locked his attention onto the Ape King.

That Ape King clearly also did not think that a puny little Essence Qi Realm martial artist would actually be even more threatening than that Fourth Level Spirit Condensation Realm woman!

After one attack, the Ape King spontaneously sized up Ye Yuan.

The ape stared at Ye Yuan without showing any signs of its emotion.

Seeing Ye Yuan ignore her, Feng Zhirou also did not dare to act rashly at this time. She was stuck between the two of them feeling completely awkward.

However, no matter how foolish she was, she also knew that her life was picked up just now. No matter how she thought, she never imagined that Ye Yuan, an Essence Qi Realm martial artist, could actually threaten the Crystal Formation Realm Ape King!

This was too inconceivable!

Just now, she was somewhat flustered and did not form an effective attack. But even if she gave it her all, the result would still be being smacked to death from a single slap by the Ape King.

She was all too clear on this point!

In that instant, the might of the Ape King had smothered her!

But Ye Yuan could actually save her from under the Ape King's hands!

Just several breaths of time but Feng Zhirou felt like as long as several years had passed.

Her forehead exuded fine sweat beads. Each breath from the Ape King made her feel deeply uneasy.

Feng Zhirou looked at Ye Yuan's appearance as if he was facing a formidable enemy and understood that the scenario earlier was probably very unlikely to reenact.

But what should she do?

Just as Feng Zhirou was lost in her imaginations, the Ape King made a move once again!

But Ye Yuan did not move!

Just as the Ape King moved, a series of gibberish sounds came out of Ye Yuan's mouth. Feng Zhirou completely could not understand what he was talking about.

What was Ye Yuan doing? Could it be that he wanted to communicate with the Ape King? But how could the Ape King understand Ye Yuan's words?

As the State of Qin's princess, Feng Zhirou could be counted as being experienced and knowledgeable. However, she had never heard of humans being able to communicate with demonic beasts!

There were too many species of demonic beasts, so many that it was uncountable. The language used by each species of demonic beasts was not the same. How could humans grasp it?

However, at this important juncture of life and death, would Ye Yuan do this sort of futile actions?

Feng Zhirou's eyes involuntarily turned to the Ape King and could not help widening her eyes.

The Ape King who was already prepared to unleash its attack really stopped its actions!

This . . . was simply too miraculous!

A human could actually communicate with demonic beasts!

Feng Zhirou discovered that the more she interacted with Ye Yuan, the more she felt that there were increasingly more mysteries to Ye Yuan.

Was Ye Yuan who was just 15 years old really taught by that so-called master of his?

Such an enigmatic man!

Chapter 137: Demon Crystal Pill!

Seeing the Ape King cease its movement, Ye Yuan also let out a huge sigh of relief. His entire body was feeling like collapsing.

Although he had forcefully pretended to be composed the whole time, the pressure from the aura of a Tier 3 demonic beast was no joke.

This Ape King was not those sort of half-baked half-step Crystal Formation Realm like Su Yubai, but a genuine Tier 3 demonic beast! An existence equivalent to a human Crystal Formation Realm!

No matter how monstrous Ye Yuan was, it was impossible to cross two major realms and defeat his opponent.

It was already very heaven-defying for an Essence Qi Realm martial artist's attack to be able to threaten a Tier 3 demonic beast.

His gibberish just now was already Ye Yuan's final trump card. If even this trump card had no effect, then he would really die here.

But luckily, those words from Ye Yuan was not playing the lute to an ape. This Ape King really understood!

What Ye Yuan said was the universal beast language. It was the demon race's universal language collectively set by the Divine Realm demon race powerhouses countless years ago. The goal was to allow communication among the demon race.

There were countless races in the demon race. None of the individual races could be on par with the human race.

To allow the demon race to be able to ally together to resist the human race, the demon race powerhouses in ancient times collectively set down a series of measures. And this universal beast language was one of them!

After countless generations passed, the universal beast language already became the inherited memories of each race, passing down from generation to generation.

If this Ape King did not awaken its inherited memories, then Ye Yuan would really be playing the lute to an ape!

The stone ape clan had once birthed an extremely heaven-defying existence, Equals Heaven Saint Ape. That was a Deity Realm expert!

Even though it was passed down through the generations, the Endless World's stone ape bloodline had already become very thin. But awakening a portion of inherited memories was still doable.

It would be very tough for ordinary Ape Soldiers and Ape Generals to awaken their inherited memories, but there was still the likelihood of this Ape King awakening them.

What Ye Yuan said earlier was, "Senior Ape King, wait a moment!"

The Ape King was clearly very surprised. A human actually knew the universal beast language.

The Ape King discovered that this human youth seemed to be extraordinary. Not only was he extremely strong, he even knew the universal beast language!

Even he himself only learned the universal beast language after awakening his inherited memories.

The Ape King also started using the universal beast language to communicate with Ye Yuan. "Brat, the two of you trespassed my territory and stole the Crimson Soul Grass. How do you plan to plead?!"

Since this Ape King was willing to talk, Ye Yuan was not too worried.

He gave a bow towards the Ape King and said, "Please forgive me, Senior Ape King. This junior came to seek out the Crimson Soul Grass because I really have no other alternatives. This junior has a close friend who possesses the Nine Yin Absolute Meridians. Now, seeing as the frost poison is about to erupt, she desperately needs the Crimson Soul Grass to save her life. I hope that Senior Ape King can be generous!"

"What has it got to do with me if your friend is in trouble? I also have great use for these Crimson Soul Grass. How can I give it to you so easily? Ignoring this point, just the fact that you barged into my territory, you can forget about leaving today!"

The Ape King was not some living bodhisattva. It obviously could not be bothered with a stranger's life or death.

If not for the fact it found Ye Yuan rather interesting, it would have long smacked him to death with one palm. Why would it talk so much crap with him?

After the Ape King finishing talking, it howled a few times. Immediately, a bunch of Long-arm Stone Apes surrounded them. They were shockingly all late-stage Tier 2 demonic beasts!

Feng Zhirou was alarmed after seeing the situation and hurriedly scooted over to Ye Yuan's side.

Just an Ape King could already take their lives. What could they do with so many late-stage Tier 2 demonic beasts surrounding them?

"Ye Yuan, you can really talk with that Ape King?" Feng Zhirou said softly.

Ye Yuan nodded. "Luckily, the Ape King awakened its inherited memories and learned the universal beast language. Otherwise, we would be dead for sure! Back then when Master taught me the universal beast language, I objected to it. I didn't think that it would really be put to good use."

Ye Yuan also knew that communicating with demonic beasts was incredibly shocking, so he just pushed this responsibility onto his Master.

Feng Zhirou looked at the enclosing Long-arm Stone Apes and smiled bitterly. "In this current situation, we're still dead for sure."

Ye Yuan smiled and then said, "That might not be the case! If the Ape King had not awakened its inherited memories, then nothing can be discussed. But since he awakened it, not only do we not have to die, we might even be able to take the Crimson Soul Grass and leave!"

"Stop joking! You just said a whole bunch to it just now, but not only did its attitude not turn for the better, it even summoned such a large group of late-stage Tier 2 demonic beasts over. How can it let us leave alive?" Feng Zhirou said dejectedly.

Indeed, being walled in by a large group of late-stage Tier 2 Long-arm Stone Apes, the pressure they faced was not much lesser than facing the Ape King.

Luckily, these Tier 2 Long-arm Stone Apes did not receive the order to attack. Or else, the two of them would probably be meat paste by now.

"Heh heh, just watch me!" Ye Yuan chuckled and said.

"The two of you chattering over there, ready to die yet? You humans hunt down us demon race every day. Now, we'll also let you experience the taste of being hunted," the Ape King said and grunted coldly.

Although he said it very savagely, it did not order those Ape Generals to attack,

Ye Yuan took two steps forward and said to the Ape King with a smile, "Senior Ape King won't kill me!"

"What a joke! Why won't I kill you? Just because you know the universal beast language? Aren't you overestimating yourself too much, brat?"

"Hur hur, Senior Ape King said wrongly. It's not me who's overrating myself, but you who are underestimating me!"

At this stage, Ye Yuan could not be bothered to pretend to be subservient anymore. He might as well show off a fearless appearance.

How could it be that he, an exalted Alchemy Emperor, could not even handle a Tier 3 demonic beast?

The Ape King involuntarily burst into laughter when it heard Ye Yuan's words. Except that a stone ape laughing so boisterously made one's hair stand on its ends.

"Brat, you're really a newborn calf who isn't scared of the tiger! Looking at your bone age, you're at most 15 to 16 years old. Such a young age, how do you expect me to attach importance to you?"

Ye Yuan simply chuckled and did not have any intentions of refuting. He just lightly spat out three words from his mouth.

"Demon . . . Crystal . . . Pill!"

The face of the Ape King who was originally still laughing its head off suddenly changed. A pair of enormous ape eyes stared fixedly at Ye Yuan.

That manner looked as if it wanted to eat Ye Yuan.

"Brat, your family's elders know how to refine the Demon Crystal Pill?" The Ape King enunciated each word carefully.

It was enough to tell from its attitude just how important this Demon Crystal Pill was to it.

Although Feng Zhirou did not know what they were talking about, from the Ape King's condition that Ye Yuan had successfully hooked the Ape King's appetite. So she could not help looking forward to it.

The Ape King was entirely certain that Ye Yuan would nod his head and acknowledge. Who would have thought that Ye Yuan shook his head and said, "Nope."

The Ape King instantly flew into a rage when he heard that. "Brat, you dare to make a fool out of this king?! Do you believe that this king will swallow you alive?!"

Ye Yuan laughed and said, "After swallowing me, you'll probably also stop at the initial-stage Tier 3 your entire life. No matter how many more Crimson Soul Grass you eat, it will be futile."

Ye Yuan stood in front of the Ape King with his hands behind his back without the slightest trace of fear.

Chapter 138: Ignorant Ape!

"Hur hur, such an audacious tone! You, an Essence Qi Realm brat, actually dares to talk wildly about this king's limits!" The Ape King sneered.

Ye Yuan did not mind the Ape King's attitude. He already knew that the Ape King was already interested.

Otherwise, with him strutting around so arrogantly in front of the Ape King, it would have slapped him to death with one palm long ago.

Ye Yuan just smiled and said, "I'm afraid that Senior Ape King is much clearer on where your own limits are than I am. Senior Ape King knows yourself whether or not what I said was right. If you feel like I'm bragging, you can completely kill me right now. Either way, it's just a matter of lifting your hands for you."

Now that Ye Yuan said that, the Ape King went silent instead.

Just as Ye Yuan said, the Ape King itself knew best just where its limits were.

Without some fortuitous lucky encounter, it would be very hard to break through to the middle-stage Tier 3 in its lifetime.

Demonic beasts were stronger than humans at the same rank and also had a much greater lifespan than the latter. This was where their strengths were.

Nevertheless, when compared to humans, the limitations were also very huge.

Their intelligence was very low, and their cultivation mostly relied on instincts. Hence, progress was very slow.

And the difficulty of them breaking through realms was also much harder than humans.

To human Crystal Formation Realm martial artists, each breakthrough in a minor realm was tremendously tough. But to demonic beasts, the difficulty of breaking through a stage was even greater!

The Ape King's current strength was roughly around a human Third Level Crystal Formation Realm.

The difficulty was already very huge for human martial artists to cross this small step. To the Ape King, it was naturally doubly difficult.

Hence, while Ye Yuan's words might sound wildly conceited, it was truthfully not a false statement just to raise alarm.

The Ape King was naturally crystal clear on this point.

And the Demon Crystal Pill was precisely a medicinal pill which could aid Tier 3 demonic beasts to breakthrough a minor realm!

The Ape King had awakened a part of its inherited memories, and within this portion of inherited memories, there was the description of the Demon Crystal Pill.

It was just that even if the Ape King knew about the Demon Crystal Pill, it was impossible to refine it.

While refining medicinal pill was not a right that was exclusive to humans, human alchemists were way more powerful than the demon races'.

Furthermore, it was simply impossible for these sort of low tier demonic beasts like the Ape King to refine medicinal pill. What they could do was only to beg human alchemists to help them refine.

But how many human Alchemy Grandmasters knew how to refine the Demon Crystal Pill? Even if they knew how to refine the Demon Crystal Pill, how many were able to communicate with the Ape King?

If the two parties encountered each other, it would already be pretty good if they did not have a life and death struggle.

One had to know that the inner core of the Ape King was also a pretty decent alchemy ingredient!

"Brat, your family's elders don't know how to refine it, but you mentioned the Demon Crystal Pill to this king. Isn't this messing with me? If you don't give me a justifiable explanation, you can forget about leaving here alive!"

While the Ape King's words were callous, there still existed a trace of expectation. Or else, how could he talk so nicely with Ye Yuan here?

Ye Yuan grinned and said, "I already said just now that Senior Ape King is looking down on me. I only said that my family's elders don't know how to refine it, but I didn't say that I don't know how to refine it!"

The Ape King started to suspect that it heard wrongly. "You? You, an Essence Qi Realm brat, refining a Tier 3 medicinal pill? This king might not be knowledgeable about alchemy, but I also won't make such a naïve mistake and fall for your trick! You've been going in circles for half the day, aren't you just hoping that I would let the two of you go? But since you have the guts to play tricks on this king, then forget about leaving."

The Ape King's patience had clearly already reached its limits. It waved its paw and prepared to let those Tier 2 Long-arm Stone Apes attack Ye Yuan jointly.

Feng Zhirou jumped in fright when she saw the situation. She knew that Ye Yuan and the Ape King's talk had fallen apart, and immediately raised her sword to prepare to face the enemies.

However, Ye Yuan pressed on her sword and looked at the Ape King unhurriedly, saying, "Senior Ape King don't know alchemy, but do you know the grading among human alchemists?"

"Of course I know it! But don't you dare tell me that you, an Essence Qi Realm martial artist, is an Alchemy Grandmaster."

Ye Yuan took off the alchemist badge on his chest and tossed it over to the Ape King, saying, "This badge is issued by the Alchemy Association to alchemists. There's my personal information inside it. Senior Ape King just have to insert essence energy into the badge, and you'll naturally understand."

Though the Ape King did not feel that Ye Yuan had the ability to refine the Demon Crystal Pill, it felt that he also could not play any tricks, so it inserted a wisp of essence energy into the badge, and Ye Yuan's information instantly surfaced inside his mind.

"Low-rank Alchemy Master? Essence Qi Realm low-rank Alchemy Master?" The Ape King looked at Ye Yuan in astonishment.

The Ape King was an old demon who had lived for several hundred years. It still knew a little about the grading among human alchemists.

Under normal circumstances, the alchemist grade corresponded with the martial artist's strength. Rarely would there appear Essence Qi Realm Alchemy Masters or Spirit Condensation Realm Alchemy Grandmasters

One could tell from this that this youth's alchemy standards were rather high. No wonder he dared to be so rampant!

But . . . so what?

"You're just an Alchemy Master and even a low-rank Alchemy Master who just passed the Alchemist Association's test not long ago. Don't tell me that you can refine the Demon Crystal Pill now!" Ape King threw the badge back to Ye Yuan and said.

Ye Yuan caught the badge and pinned it on. He looked at the Ape King and stretched out a finger, saying, "One year! Within a year, I'll definitely give Senior Ape King a Demon Crystal Pill!"

"One year? How's that possible? Brat, don't think that this king is easy to hoodwink. Regardless of how glib your tongue is, you can forget about leaving here today!" the Ape King said disdainfully.

A low-rank Alchemy Master refining a Tier 3 medicinal pill within a year?

This king might have read very few books, but don't deceive this king!

However, Ye Yuan just said with a cold smile, "To think that you awakened inherited memories in vain. You're just an ignorant ape."

"What did you say? Do you believe that this king will kill you immediately?!" The Ape King could not help exploding in anger after hearing Ye Yuan's words.

"Isn't it so? What you can't do, doesn't mean that others can't! Things that you don't understand don't mean that they don't exist! Back in those days, Senior Equals Heaven Saint Ape only used two years to go from Tier 1 to Tier 3! How do you know that I can't refine Tier 3 medicinal pill within a year? To think that the descendant of Senior Equals Heaven Saint Ape who had the Divine Realm at his beck and call would actually be ignorant to such an extent. Lamentable, oh how pitiable!" Ye Yuan shook his head and sighed.

"Brat, you actually dare to compare yourself to Equal Heaven Old Ancestor?! Truly unaware of the immensity of Heaven and Earth! Equals Heaven Old Ancestor is a Deity Realm expert. How can an ant like you compare?!" The Ape King said furiously.

Ye Yuan sneered and said, "Are aristocrats born nobler than others? Senior Equals Heaven Saint Ape did not grow up in the Divine Realm but rose to power in the lower realms. Back then, wasn't there also people who said that he didn't know the immensity of Heaven and Earth? Truthfully telling you, refining the Demon Crystal Pill is but an effortless matter for me. It's just that my current realm is insufficient, that's why I can't refine it. Breaking through to the Crystal Formation Realm within a year is a breeze to me. That's all I have to say. Talking anymore won't help. If Senior Ape King doesn't believe my words, then make a move right now."

Finishing, Ye Yuan turned around and really just ignored the Ape King.

The Ape King stared at Ye Yuan and was at a loss on what to do for a moment . . .

Chapter 139: The Tides Turn!

Honestly speaking, Ye Yuan's words were indeed incomparably rampant. No matter how it sounded, it just seemed like big talk.

What kind of existence was the Equals Heaven Saint Ape?

That was a Deity Realm existence!

In this era where the Deity Realm was lost, the bright halo of those former Deity Realm experts appeared to be even more dazzling and legendary.

A native of the Endless World actually dared to compare himself to Equals Heaven Old Ancestor. Just how much dauntless courage was needed?!

To the stone ape clan, Equals Heaven Old Ancestor was a totem-like being; an existence that brooks no blasphemy!

This comparison by Ye Yuan truly angered the Ape King!

However, what surprised the Ape King was that this original inhabitant of the Endless World actually knew about Equals Heaven Old Ancestor!

If not for having awakened his inherited memories, even he himself did not know about the existence of Equals Heaven Old Ancestor. How did this brat know?

Not just that, he even knew clearly about Equals Heaven Old Ancestor's growing up experiences. That was even stranger.

Although this brat might be a little weak, his body was leaking with abnormality.

Clearly having only Essence Qi Realm cultivation, yet he could unleash a powerful attack that could threaten Spirit Condensation Realms.

Clearly having only Essence Qi Realm cultivation, yet he could become a low-rank Alchemy Master.

Moreover, the data on that badge said that Ye Yuan was only at the Fourth Level Essence Qi Realm when he passed the test! This was simply subverting!

The Ape King even knew that human alchemists rarely knew about the existence of the Demon Crystal Pill. But this teenage brat actually knew!

All in all, it was so abnormal!

If these things were combined, perhaps . . . this brat could really refine the Demon Crystal Pill?

Then again, it was just a year's time. If Ye Yuan could not refine it, he did not lose much anyway. At most he would just blow his top and then kill Ye Yuan.

But what if Ye Yuan could really refine the Demon Crystal Pill?

Then what if Ye Yuan could help him advance to late-stage Tier 3?

Could it be that he still had the possibility of breaking through to Tier 4 in this lifetime?

Thinking up to here, the Ape King found it hard to calm his emotions down again. The temptation of Tier 4 was . . . utterly irresistible!

What was the concept of Tier 4?

Even in this Endless Forest where high tier demonic beasts were as plentiful as clouds, Tier 4 demonic beasts also counts as a hegemon of a region!

The current Ape King was at most occupying a mountain and calling himself king.

Within a radius of a thousand miles, who knew how many Tier 3 demonic beasts there were just like him. He was merely one of them.

This was a sure win and no losses gamble!

Even if the Ape King lost, what he lost was just a year's time anyway. But if he won, then he would obtain an even broader future!

A year was completely irrelevant to the Ape King. It could not even increase his strength the least bit.

"You . . . you can really refine the Demon Crystal Pill?" the Ape King asked somewhat weakly.

Ye Yuan turned his face over and snubbed the Ape King.

He knew that his words already took effect. As long as he let the Ape King become conscious of his mysteriousness, he definitely would not lay hands on him.

Just a year's time was completely worthless to the Ape King.

Ye Yuan could naturally think of what the Ape King desired.

Hence, it was the Ape King who was begging him now, and not him beseeching the Ape King anymore.

Compared to Tier 4, what did the Crimson Soul Grass even matter?

Seeing Ye Yuan ignore him, the Ape King could not help feeling awkward. But when he recalled his attitude towards him just now, the Ape King felt that the attitude of this person now did not seem to be improper.

On the contrary, the more Ye Yuan behaved so, the more the Ape King felt that he was unfathomable.

Only a capable person would posture like this!

Feng Zhirou who was looking at this scene by the side could not help widening her eyes.

This plot reversed too quickly!

The Ape King was still in a billowing rage just now and wanted to smack people to death at the slightest provocation. Why did his attitude do a 180 degree U-turn after exchanging a few sentences?

Feng Zhirou unintentionally looked at Ye Yuan curiously. She really wanted to know what went on between Ye Yuan and the Ape King.

However, she knew that now was not the time to interrupt, so she could only press down her curiosity deep in her heart.

Feng Zhirou knew that she and Ye Yuan was already safe now. That was enough.

"Bra . . . young man, if you can really refine the Demon Crystal Pill, you can have as much Crimson Soul Grass as you want!" The Ape King changed his form of address at the last moment and turned 'brat' into 'young man.'

Right now, the only bargaining chip on the Ape King's hands was the Crimson Soul Grass. Ye Yuan was ignoring him, so he could only take that out.

Ye Yuan only turned his head back slowly after seeing that the Ape King went to the main point, saying indifferently, "Isn't Senior Ape King bullying people too much by using the Crimson Soul Grass to exchange for the Demon Crystal Pill?"

Crimson Soul Grass was only a Tier 2 medicinal herb. Though it might be scarce, it was simply garbage when compared with Tier 3 medicine pills!

And this sort of medicinal pill for the consumption of demonic beasts like the Demon Crystal Pill was practically unheard of in the human territories. In the Endless World, alchemists who could refine demonic beast medicinal pills could likely be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Such was the pricelessness of the Demon Crystal Pill!

The Ape King also showed slight embarrassment and said, "Young man, as long as you can really refine out the Demon Crystal Pill, just list your terms! As long I can I do it, I definitely won't say no!"

Ye Yuan looked at the Ape King and suddenly beamed, smiling until the Ape King felt scared.

However, Ye Yuan did not list his terms. Instead, he asked with a smile, "Senior Ape King, I wonder if you have any interest in the Demon Manor Pill?"

When the Ape King heard 'Demon Manor Pill' these three words, he involuntarily sucked in a cold breath, and he became battered out of his senses. Where was there still any demeanor of an unparalleled expert?

For an ape's face to have such exciting expressions, it was hard on the Ape King.

Currently, the Ape King's entire body was trembling. He was clearly agitated to the extreme!

"Demon . . . demon . . . demon . . . you can actually even refine that?!"

After saying 'demon' for a long time, the Ape King did not complete the three words 'Demon Manor Pill' and was already so agitated that he was stuttering.

Demon Manor Pill was precisely a medicinal pill which could aid demonic beasts to breakthrough to Tier 4!

It was Tier 4!

Before today, he had never had any extravagant hopes of breaking through to Tier 4. But now, Ye Yuan whetted his appetite sky high, and actually even brought up the Demon Manor Pill!

Was it not wanting a person's life?! No wait, it should be wanting an ape's life!

No matter human martial artists or demonic beasts, who could withstand the allure of breaking through a major realm?

Nobody!

Each major realm was like a heavenly chasm!

Those geniuses could cross a heavenly chasm, but might not be able to cross the next one. After crossing the next heavenly chasm, they might not be able to cross the next one!

Each major realm was just like a fine sieve, eliminating countless geniuses again and again.

Each heavenly chasm could make innumerable geniuses fall in the sand with broken halberds.

The Ape King being able to awaken its inherited memories meant that he already counted as a pinnacle genius among the Long-arm Stone Apes.

But this heavenly chasm called Tier 4 mercilessly shut the door on his face!

Now, did he really have the chance to cross this heavenly chasm?

Ye Yuan was very satisfied with the Ape King's response and said smilingly, "Didn't I say just now? Refining pills to me is just a common meal. What I'm lacking now is but cultivation realm!"

Chapter 140: There's Only This One Chance!

Ye Yuan's manner of speaking clearly seemed like he was boasting.

However, the Ape King did not know why, but he felt that what Ye Yuan said was real!

Perhaps this feeling originated from the powerful self-confidence coming off of Ye Yuan's body.

This sort of feeling was contradictory, yet it was so persuasive.

In the end, it was the allure of Tier 4 which trumped all!

"State your terms, young man! I concede!" The Ape King said helplessly.

After awakening his inherited memories, the Ape King's intellect was no longer inferior to regular humans. He knew that Ye Yuan whetting up his appetite was definitely not for something as simple as the Crimson Soul Grass.

Seeing the Ape King's defeated look, Ye Yuan said calmly, "With ten years as the duration, acknowledge me as your master!"

"What? You, a puny little Essence Qi Realm, actually want me to acknowledge you as my master?" The Ape King was enraged when he heard that.

On the Crimson Summit Ridge, the Ape King was a paramount existence. Regardless of strength or age, he was on an entirely different level from Ye Yuan.

To ask him to acknowledge a youth as his master was even more painful than killing him!

But Ye Yuan had an indifferent look on his face as he said, "After ten years, even if you wanted to acknowledge me as your master, I'm afraid that you won't even get a queue number. If you're unwilling, then I don't really care. I'll just suffer this small loss and use the Demon Crystal Pill to exchange the Crimson Soul Grass with you. Either way, refining a Demon Crystal Pill is effortless to me. After a year, I'll hand you the Demon Crystal Pill, and the two of us won't owe each other anything! But at that time, don't think about becoming my servant to exchange for the Demon Manor Pill."

Ye Yuan paused and kept away the smile on his face, saying solemnly, "There's only this one chance!"

With Ye Yuan keeping away his smile, the aura of a sovereign undulated out naturally, as if he was a sovereign who descended upon the world!

Feng Zhirou had never seen this side of Ye Yuan as if he looked down on all things under the heavens. This sort of disposition and aura, even if her father were here, most likely he would also admit defeat, right?

Ye Yuan was originally the Medicine King Hall's young patriarch, an Alchemy Emperor with supreme status in the Divine Realm. Even when matched up against those old undying from the Alchemist Association, his standards went beyond rather than falling below the mark.

Although he changed his body now, that sort of disposition of a sovereign originated from the deepest part of the soul. It was completely unnecessary for him to fake it.

When the Ape King saw how Ye Yuan's bearing was actually so extraordinary, he was unwittingly shocked inwardly.

As a sovereign himself, the Ape King was even clearer that this sort of bearing was absolutely not something that could be faked by an Essence Qi Realm youth!

There were definitely many unknown secrets on this young man's body!

The Ape King inadvertently started to re-evaluate Ye Yuan's words.

Ye Yuan's meaning was very clear. If he chose to use the Crimson Soul Grass to exchange, then he would lose the opportunity to advance to a Tier 4 demonic beast.

So the question now was whether Ye Yuan could really refine a Demon Manor Pill.

This was similarly another gamble. Ye Yuan increased the original bet multiple times!

Ye Yuan saying to acknowledge him as his master was naturally not just verbally. It was to enter a soul contract.

After entering a soul contract, all actions of the Ape King had to comply with Ye Yuan's commands without resistance. Otherwise, a single thought from Ye Yuan could make the Ape King's soul dissipate.

That was to say, he would lose ten years of freedom!

If the Ape King chose to use the Crimson Soul Grass to exchange, he would earn without losing anything. With the Demon Crystal Pill, there was no problem for him to breakthrough to middle-stage Tier 3.

But that way, he would also lose the chance to breakthrough to Tier 4.

Perhaps, this might be his only chance to become a Tier 4 demonic beast!

If he chose the latter, the risk he faced would be much greater. If Ye Yuan could not refine the Demon Manor Pill, he would lose ten years of freedom!

This was something the Ape King could not accept!

But if he chose the latter, he would obtain the opportunity to breakthrough to Tier 4!

This opportunity was too hard to come by!

The temptation of Tier 4 was too huge!

The Ape King kept on contorting his ape face in agony. Clearly, his heart was filled with turmoil.

Seeing the Ape King show such an interesting expression, Feng Zhirou nearly laughed out loud. But she was also very astonished in her heart.

"Just what did you say to him? Why is he showing such an expression?" Feng Zhirou could not suppress her curiosity and voice transmitted to ask.

Ye Yuan did not hide it and told her the matter of his intention to take the Ape King in as his servant.

The look on Feng Zhirou's face also became very fascinating when she heard Ye Yuan's voice transmission.

"But that's a Tier 3 Ape King! Even the Dean might not be his match. You actually want to take him in as your servant?" Feng Zhirou nearly let out a sound.

"Just a Tier 3 Stone Ape, that's all. Barely strong enough to be my servant I guess. It's also because my strength is too weak, or else I wouldn't even be bothered to take him in. You're also aware, my Master is very strong. If the servant I take in is too lousy, the elder will also lose his prestige." Ye Yuan said helplessly.

Feng Zhirou stared at Ye Yuan and was already completely speechless.

The two of them barged into the Crimson Summit Ridge at nearly the cost of their lives. No matter how Feng Zhirou thought, she did not expect the situation to reverse so swiftly.

The previous moment, they were nearly killed by this Ape King, and the next moment, Ye Yuan wanted to take this Ape King in as his servant.

Not that I don't understand, but it's this world that changed too quickly!

Just what kind of existence was Ye Yuan's master?

The Ape King's struggle continued for several dozen breaths of time, but Ye Yuan did not urge him.

Ye Yuan also knew that this matter was an extremely painful choice to the Ape King.

The Ape King in the Crimson Summit Ridge was like an emperor in a mortal country.

To make an emperor become another person's servant was clearly an extremely difficult matter.

Gradually, the Ape King's facial expression settled down. Ye Yuan knew that he already made his decision.

"How is it? Have you considered it?" Ye Yuan asked calmly.

"To get me to become your servant also works, but you must swear a Heavenly Dao Oath to definitely refine the Demon Manor Pill for me within ten years!" the Ape King said solemnly.

Ye Yuan laughed in spite of himself when he heard that. "Don't be mistaken. Right now, I'm not the one begging you to be my servant, but it's me who's giving you a chance! You can only choose to believe me or not to believe in me. There isn't a third road."

Seeing the Ape King's expression turn hostile, Ye Yuan added on and said, "Don't dream about trapping me here to refine pills for you. Once I have the strength to refine the Demon Manor Pill, I have a thousand ways to make you die unknowingly. You can try if you don't believe!"

The Ape King did not expect that the notion had just jumped to mind and Ye Yuan already guessed it.

He was indeed thinking about keeping Ye Yuan here to refine pills for him just now, but he did not imagine being counter-threatened by Ye Yuan.

Just as Ye Yuan had said, if his Alchemy Dao attainments were truly so high, then he would really have this ability.

Another long bout of silence passed. The Ape King suddenly gave a sigh and said to Ye Yuan, "Fine! For this chance to breakthrough to Tier 4, I'm willing to acknowledge you as my master for ten years!"

Ye Yuan's face did not reveal any surprise. He chuckled loudly when he heard that and said, "Don't worry, following me, Ye Yuan, let alone Tier 4, even Tier 5 Demon Monarch or Tier 6 Demon Ancestor does not amount to much! I don't need ten years. Even I were to chase you away, I'm afraid that you won't be willing to leave my side!"

These words still sounded so rampant and unreliable. In truth, Ye Yuan was afraid of scaring the Ape King, so he held back.

To Ye Yuan, forget about Demon Ancestor, what was difficult about even that Tier 9 Demon Emperor?