

I Don't Want to Get Hurt, So I'll Max Out My Defense

Chapter 26: Chapter 26 Indestructible Golden Body

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"Heh heh, think you can get benefits from me? Do you think that's possible?"

"This matter is best kept to myself alone, you guys can keep this secret for me forever."

Feng Wuxie chuckled lightly, unfazed by Lin Mang's curses.

Lin Mang wanted to say something else, but unfortunately, after his lips moved a few times, he was torn in half by a brown bear.

Feng Wuxie once again concealed his presence, planning to wait for the demonic beasts to leave before going forward to loot the bodies.

At the same time,

Li Xiaobai was feeling relaxed, buried under a pile of demonic beasts.

The strength of these demonic beasts was generally below the Golden Core Stage, and couldn't hurt him, but he had not expected that Lin Mang and Hao Jian would be such despicable scoundrels.

He had kindly offered to help, and yet those two actually turned against him, pushing him into the midst of the demonic beasts.

"Don't let me run into you again, or I'll definitely tie you up and feed you to the demonic beasts!" Li Xiaobai felt depressed.

A brown bear was gnawing at his head, his arms were being torn at by two tigers, and several wild boars kept charging at his legs.

Countless smaller demonic beasts were constantly biting at every part of his body.

The System panel's Attribute Points were rapidly increasing.

[Attribute Points +10...]

[Attribute Points +30...]

[Attribute Points +50...]

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Put all points in defense!

[Defensive Power: Indestructible Golden Body First Revolution (0/10000) Can Advance]

"Man, the Indestructible Golden Body, this name is sky-high, it feels a whole level more imposing than before. Looks like I'm about to take off!"

Li Xiaobai was very excited. With the advancement in defensive power, mysterious ancient totems emerged on his skin, covered with a pale golden hue that resembled some kind of Divine Beast, though he didn't recognize it.

His eyes too were covered with a faint golden glow. The light was still weak, barely noticeable unless looked at closely.

As for his current appearance, Li Xiaobai was quite pleased, appearing very manly.

At the same time, two screams rang out, and a round head rolled to Li Xiaobai's feet. Upon closer inspection, it was actually Lin Mang's head.

It seemed that even though he had acted as bait, those two fellows still couldn't escape the attack of the demonic beasts and were eaten.

That can be considered poetic justice.

Stretching lazily, the demonic beasts on him could no longer bite through. There used to be a slight pain before, but after the advancement in defensive power, it was like he couldn't feel a thing.

[Ding! Detecting Host continuously attacked by a brown bear, comprehending skill: Bear Paw Shock. (Bear Paw Shock: Strike with a palm, powerful like collapsing mountains and seas.)]

[Ding! Detecting Host continuously attacked by wild boars, comprehending skill: Reflect. (Reflect: Passive skill, reflects a certain amount of damage.)]

[Ding! Detecting Host continuously attacked by Spotted Ripple Tigers, comprehending skill: Rend. (Rend: Increases the power of biting, able to chew through very hard objects.)]

[Ding! Detecting Host continuously attacked by a mammoth, comprehending skill: Super Abdominal Muscles. (Super Abdominal Muscles: Passive skill, doubles defensive power when actively flexing muscles.)]

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Li Xiaobai was overjoyed in his heart. Sustaining continuous attacks allowed him to learn skills; the Divine Beast Forest was indeed a paradise for him.

He needed to find more different demonic beasts to bite him.

Not only could he accumulate Attribute Points, but he could also acquire more skills. This was absolutely thrilling. Indeed, going out on an adventure was the right choice.

Now that his defensive power had ascended to the Undying Golden Body, it was time to delve deeper into the Divine Beast Mountain Range and stir things up.

Dragging the demonic beasts that were still perseveringly gnawing at him, Li Xiaobai walked slowly towards the depths of the forest.

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What he didn't know was that, shrouded in darkness, someone had been intently watching him, observing the entire process of the demonic beasts gnawing at him.

"Indeed, Li Xiaobai is not so easily killed; I was being too simple-minded, shouldn't have killed those two idiots so soon."

Feng Wuxie muttered to himself, he hadn't expected Li Xiaobai's treasure to be so powerful that an entire horde of demonic beasts couldn't even bite through it.

The more it seemed so, the more he wanted to obtain it for himself, and given that the other party didn't seem to care about the damage the demonic beasts might inflict on the treasure, it further indicated its importance.

Mere Golden Core stage demonic beasts are not enough to harm Li Xiaobai's Magic Treasure, which means the treasure in his hands must at least be of Nascent Soul stage powerhouse level.

At first, he had guessed that it was a mid-grade Spiritual Artifact, but now it seemed that poverty had limited his imagination.

With a light tap of his foot, Feng Wuxie followed silently, seeking another opportunity to kill Li Xiaobai.

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Among the jungle, Li Xiaobai was humming a tune, starting a new round of his quest for demonic beasts.

This was his first time entering such a dangerous place, having no idea where the beasts might be more plentiful, he could only search randomly, scurrying in all directions.

Feng Wuxie, trailing behind him, was frustrated. So many times they were close to a demonic beast's territory, but Li Xiaobai just wouldn't take the usual paths, always narrowly missing encounters with the beasts.

As a result, they ventured deeper and deeper but remained unscathed from danger.

Feng Wuxie started to feel uncertain; if they delved deeper, and if a demonic beast sprang out, he might not be able to handle it.

He was only a third-layer Golden Core Stage cultivator, and even with full power, he might outperform his rank, but in this jungle, the beasts always appeared in groups.

He still needed to find an opportunity to finish off Li Xiaobai soon.

It was then that the murmur of voices reached them.

"Hehe, little sister, hand over the Linglong Grass, and sister here will let you off the hook."

"Yeah, don't resist a toast only to be forced to drink a forfeit."

"No way, this Spiritual Medicine was discovered by our Holy Demon Sect; you cannot take it away!"

Huh?

People talking?

Li Xiaobai also heard the arguing voices, his eyes lit up and he hurried towards the direction of the sound.

Being a newbie here, he couldn't even find a demonic beast; if he could find people to team up with, he might avoid a lot of detours.

But as he ran, his movements made quite a ruckus, and a horde of beasts that had been drawn in from the outskirts chased relentlessly behind him; the ground thundered, beasts roared, and in a blink, dust filled the air.

Among the jungle,

Five young men and women were encircling a little girl, who looked to be about twelve or thirteen years old, very tender, holding tightly onto a clump of Spiritual Medicine.

Feeling the trembling underfoot, the expressions of the young men and women changed drastically.

"This is bad, these are hordes of demonic beasts; why are they charging at us?"

"I don't know, we haven't done anything!"

"Run fast, we can't handle this horde of beasts!"

"But this Linglong Grass..."

"Take her with us, if the Holy Demon Sect learns that we left their Disciple behind, we won't be able to escape the consequences!"

The expressions of the young men and women were one of panic as they took out their Magic Treasures ready to flee for their lives.

But at that moment, from within the thick billowing dust, an angry shout could be heard.

"Damn it, you idiots scared them off, how am I supposed to find people to team up like this!"

"All of you scram!"

Chapter 27: Chapter 27 Little Loli Chu Xiaoxiao

Li Xiaobai was now very angry, with a large number of Demonic Beasts chasing after him, nearly scaring off the cultivators in front of him.

He turned around and threw punches and kicks at the group of Demonic Beasts, but unfortunately, without using skills he could not affect the beasts, and using skills would cut off his source of Attribute Points.

He was counting on these Demonic Beasts to help him level up!

The several young men and women were sweating profusely. What kind of cultivation level was this, allowing Demonic Beasts to bite him like it was nothing?

With such strength and such odd preferences, he must undoubtedly be an expert, possibly even a senior powerhouse?

Seeing this, a little girl nearby wasn't afraid. Taking advantage of the others not paying attention, she ran towards Li Xiaobai's direction, clinging to his leg and wouldn't let go.

"Big brother, save me, they want to steal my Spiritual Medicine!"

"I'm from the Holy Demon Sect, and Sect Leader Ou Yezi is my master. Big brother, if you take them out for me, my master and grandmaster will reward you!"

This little girl was clever and witty.

Li Xiaobai scrutinized the Spiritual Medicine in her hand for a while, shook his head in disappointment—he didn't need to cultivate, and these kinds of cultivation-boosting Spiritual Medicines were useless to him.

Noticing Li Xiaobai's expression, the little girl relaxed. It seemed she had bet correctly; the big brother wasn't interested in her Linglong Grass and wouldn't compete for it.

His gaze turning to the few disciples in front of him, Li Xiaobai hesitated. The little girl seemed unreliable at best, and perhaps he would need to rely on these older disciples to find Demonic Beasts more swiftly.

The young men and women were frozen in place, looking at the fierce beasts continuously tearing and gnawing at Li Xiaobai, their calves cramping and cold sweat pouring out.

"Senior, we know we were wrong. We shouldn't bully the weak or snatch this young lady's Spiritual Medicine. We will leave now," the leading young man said as he pressed his hands together in salute, braving the pressure.

"Wait, no one is allowed to leave!"

Seeing the group attempting to leave, Li Xiaobai got a bit anxious—it was not easy to have finally encountered a bunch of people, and he wasn't about to let them go so easily.

"What advice does Senior have for us?" The young man's anxiety peaked, already calculating how to escape.

In his Space Ring, there were a few Explosive Talismans, unsure if they would have any effect.

The rest of them also stood solemnly, as if facing a formidable enemy.

"No advice, really. It's just lonely on the road; could you keep me company?" Li Xiaobai asked with a sudden change of expression, smiling cheerfully.

"This..."

The group was taken aback; they had not expected this "senior expert" to make such a request.

"Certainly, Senior. If you do not despise our company, we would be honored to explore the Divine Beast Mountain Range together."

"I am Ouyang Feng, may I have the honor of knowing Senior's illustrious name?" The young man was very respectful.

"My name is Li Xiaobai."

Li Xiaobai found this very amusing—how had he, Xiaobai, suddenly become a revered senior expert?

"Big brother, you can't go with them, wah! They just tried to steal the Spiritual Medicine I worked so hard to dig up!" The little girl cried out loudly, utterly unwilling to team up with the group.

Ouyang Feng's face turned awkward. No one had anticipated that in less than a minute, their relationship would shift from enemies to companions.

"You don't want to walk with them?" Li Xiaobai asked.

"Right, right, they are not good people!" The little girl saw a glimmer of hope.

"Then you can walk by yourself. I came from that way, and I didn't see any Demonic Beasts when I arrived," Li Xiaobai said considerately, moving the little girl aside and then pointed out the direction he had come from.

The little girl was stunned; she hadn't dreamt she would receive this kind of response.

What's going on, why isn't the big brother playing by the rules?

Could it be that this big shot didn't come especially to save her?

She's so cute, how could the big shot be so heartless to let her walk alone?

Could it be that the big shot doesn't like little lolitas?

Yeah, that must be it!

After a brief struggle, the little lolita immediately stepped forward and hugged Li Xiaobai's thigh again. In her view, only by following the big shot could she be safe, and maybe she could even make a small fortune!

"Big shot, after thinking about it, these people aren't all that bad. They just wanted to snatch the Spiritual Medicine and didn't have any murderous intentions. They're pretty decent!"

Everyone was somewhat speechless, the little lolita changed her face faster than flipping a book, and for a moment, they didn't know what to say.

"What's your name, is the Sect Leader of the Holy Demon Sect your master?"

Li Xiaobai asked, curious about the Holy Demon Sect.

"I'm Chu Xiaoxiao, I am indeed the personal disciple of the Sect Leader of the Holy Demon Sect. Out of all the disciples, the Sect Leader treats me the best!" Chu Xiaoxiao said with pride.

"Then why are you so weak?"

Li Xiaobai was puzzled. How could a True Disciple of the Holy Demon Sect be bullied by these guys who didn't even seem to be at the Golden Core Stage?

As soon as these words came out, it was awkward for everybody all over again.

There was no helping it, whatever the big shot said was right. Being looked down upon just had to be accepted, it wasn't shameful.

"I wanted to prioritize peace. If I had taken action, it would be either death or serious injury..." Chu Xiaoxiao said with less confidence.

Li Xiaobai shrugged, noncommittal.

Ouyang Feng chimed in just in time, "Senior, which way should we go now?"

Upon hearing Ouyang Feng's question, Li Xiaobai remembered that he came to hunt Demonic Beasts.

"Whichever way has more Demonic Beasts, that's where we'll go!"

"Then what about these on your body..."

Ouyang Feng pointed at the fierce tiger gnawing on Li Xiaobai's shoulder as he spoke.

The fierce tiger seemed to sense what Ouyang Feng meant and bared its teeth at him, causing Ouyang Feng to retreat repeatedly in fright.

"No problem, just let it hang there."

Patting the tiger's head, Li Xiaobai said with a chuckle.

The team set off in a strange fashion, with the young men and women walking up front, and Li Xiaobai following leisurely behind. The people in front moved unsteadily, constantly looking back, fearful that the Demonic Beasts on Li Xiaobai's body might charge at them.

"Crack!"

A crisp sound was heard as the tiger's teeth crumbled to pieces, its head mangled and bloody, falling to the ground.

At the same time, the porcupine that had been continuously ramming into him also fell down. This was Li Xiaobai's passive skill 'Reflect' taking effect.

Although these Demonic Beasts had been tearing at him, they had been suffering damage themselves. Now the damage had reached a critical point, and they couldn't hold on anymore, dying from their own reflected damage.

"Big shot, let me help you!"

With quick reflexes, the little lolita Chu Xiaoxiao pulled out a Dagger from somewhere and started cutting into the Demonic Beasts on the ground, extracting a pile of Demonic Beast materials.

The others also wanted to come forward and get a share, but with the big shot present, they didn't dare to act rashly, only watching with greedy eyes.

Having the backing of a power like the Holy Demon Sect made all the difference, even daring to take the Demonic Beast materials from a senior. Indeed, it was still a world where strength was respected.

"Hehe, big shot, these are all Foundation Establishment Stage and Golden Core Stage Demonic Beast materials, and with your boundless mana, you surely wouldn't care for such trivial things. Why not just give them to me?"

Saying so, Chu Xiaoxiao started stuffing the Demonic Beast materials into her clothing pockets.

"Wait!"

Chapter 28: Chapter 28: When Reflect is activated, no one's favored.

Li Xiaobai acted swiftly, collecting all the materials into his Space Ring.

After all, these were precious materials that could be exchanged for Spirit Stones, and he couldn't just give them away to the little loli.

"Big brother, you probably don't need these materials, right..."

Chu Xiaoxiao said, looking pitiful.

"I have a great use for them."

Li Xiaobai stated indifferently, casually swallowing a Demonic Beast inner core.

As the inner core entered his body, a wave of heat surged in his Dantian, and the fierce beast's aura swept across in all directions, causing a thunderous explosion to emanate from his stomach, which made everyone tremble in fear.

Li Xiaobai's face turned red, showing an expression of pure satisfaction.

He let out a deep breath of turbid air.

"Refreshing!"

[Attribute Points+200...]

The effect was impressive. He had heard that the energy within a Demonic Beast inner core was wildly violent and that an ordinary person would surely die if they consumed one. Now seeing it for himself, he could confirm that the energy was indeed explosively wild.

While he felt comfortable, the others were dumbfounded.

A Demonic Beast capable of condensing an inner core was at the Golden Core Stage, and they would run the other way if they encountered one on a normal day. To see someone bravely swallowing a Demonic Beast inner core was an indication of extreme confidence and strength!

Unbeknownst to Li Xiaobai, in the eyes of the young men and women, he had become a monstrous creature on par with the ancient fierce beasts, an ancient monster with thousands of years under his belt.

Li Ruojun was so frightened that she turned pale and nearly lost control of her bladder. As the only girl in the five-person team, her mental endurance was

the weakest, and the sight of such a ferocious scene nearly caused her to lose her way.

Li Xiaobai burped contentedly, still feeling unsatisfied, so he took out all the remaining Demonic Beast inner cores and swallowed them.

"Gurgle, gurgle!"

Explosions continued in his Dantian, the thunderous sounds rolled on, and the overpowering demonic beast aura raged, startling the little loli into crying out.

"Big brother, you're so fierce, daring to eat Demonic Beast inner cores raw. You're much stronger than those fresh juniors in our Sect. You're the most ferocious person I've ever met, without a doubt!"

Chu Xiaoxiao's eyes shone with admiration for Li Xiaobai.

"Senior is truly extraordinary. Such a cultivation level is unattainable for us cultivators!"

Ouyang Feng's face was filled with bitterness. The gap was so wide that it was enough for him to chase for a lifetime.

"Heh, it's just routine for me, not worth mentioning."

Li Xiaobai waved his hand, gesturing for everyone to continue forward.

Since the fierce beasts had been scared off, it was necessary to quickly find fresh blood to make up for the gap in the source of Attribute Points.

By now, the group had already reached the inner areas of the Divine Beast Mountain Range. Here, even the weakest Demonic Beast was at the Foundation Establishment Realm Great Perfection, and Golden Core Stage Demonic Beasts were everywhere.

Ouyang Feng led everyone to a swamp.

"Senior, this is Cloud Mist Marsh. It's home to a Golden Core Stage Sky Swallowing Python that should suit your tastes perfectly."

His choice of this area was also driven by his own desires. This swamp was rich with Spiritual Medicines nurtured by the Demonic Beasts' aura over the years, and they were all mature.

Unfortunately, due to their low strength, trying to take these medicines was like snatching food from a tiger's mouth. But if they could kill the python, they could gather the medicines. Even if they only took ten percent, it would be a substantial gain.

"Golden Core Stage, not bad."

Li Xiaobai's eyes gleamed. Golden Core Stage meant there were inner cores to be had, and he could gain another surge of Attribute Points.

"Go, big brother, you can do it!"

The little loli cheered from behind, and Li Xiaobai's face darkened. While her voice was strong, her body kept an honest distance, obviously wanting to avoid getting caught in any backlash. Being so timid, how did she manage out in the world?

After stretching his muscles, without much ado, he stepped directly into the swamp.

As soon as he touched the swamp, his Attribute Point panel started to fluctuate; the swamp was poisonous.

[Attribute Points+1...]

[Attribute Points +1...]

[Ding! Detection of sustained poison damage to the host, skill upgrade: Muscle Flaccidity.]

Muscle Flaccidity: When used, induces a state of muscle flaccidity within a two-meter radius centered on oneself; the longer the duration, the more severe the symptoms become.

Hmm?

That dose of poison actually caused Muscle Flaccidity to upgrade. Although the name didn't change, the range of use increased to a two-meter radius. It won't be as restrictive to use from now on.

The swamp was eerily quiet, and there were no earth-shattering roars to be heard, only a strange silence.

Li Xiaobai knew that this was the calm before the storm. Snakes are always very cunning and might be looking for the right opportunity to strike with a fatal blow.

Sure enough, a sudden chill underfoot felt as though something had licked him.

[Attribute Points +30...]

Hiss!

What kind of tongue is this, to lick and add so many Attribute Points? This is much stronger than those Demonic Beasts I encountered before.

Without hesitation, Li Xiaobai bent over and frantically groped through the swamp, attempting to haul up the Sky Swallowing Python.

Ouyang Feng and the others retreated again and again in terror. Such provocative behavior was universally considered suicidal. If the Sky Swallowing Python became enraged, they wouldn't be able to withstand it; it was wiser to retreat further away first.

"Roar!"

Stirred by Li Xiaobai's action, the Sky Swallowing Python hidden in the depths of the swamp erupted in fury, feeling severely provoked.

The roar was deafening, echoing between heaven and earth. A terrifyingly powerful pressure swept over the area in an instant. It wasn't incorrect to say that snakes carried a hint of dragon blood in their veins.

The swamp exploded, and the Sky Swallowing Python soared into the sky, opening its massive jaws and biting down towards Li Xiaobai.

The python in front of him was surprisingly large, with a body length of dozens of meters. Its scales shimmered with a cold light, like armor.

But no matter how intimidating it looked, it only had the cultivation level of the Golden Core Stage and couldn't possibly harm him.

[Attribute Points +100...]

As it bit down, Li Xiaobai was unharmed, but the python's teeth shattered, and it was doused in its own venom. His Attribute Points soared once again.

With a swift move, the python quickly coiled around Li Xiaobai's waist—an innate skill of its kind, constriction.

The snake tightened its grip and bulging veins popped out on Li Xiaobai's body.

[Attribute Points +100...]

[Attribute Points +100...]

[...]

The Attribute Points were increasing wildly. The constriction was continuous damage. It was evident that the python was exerting its full strength.

Li Xiaobai felt pain yet was elated; the python was providing a bounty of Attribute Points. He wished it would keep constricting him forever. It was just unfortunate that Reflect was a passive skill, constantly activating.

Nobody loves Reflect when it's on.

The tighter the python squeezed, the greater the damage it received.

Soon, its scales began to crack and break apart, and streaks of blood floated into the air.

"Roar!"

The python roared in agony. It wasn't very intelligent; once it wrapped around its prey, it wouldn't let go, which led to it sustaining immense damage.

After the roaring persisted for a while, it abruptly stopped.

The intense feeling of restriction suddenly vanished, and Li Xiaobai felt his body relax. The Sky Swallowing Python lay motionless in the swamp, devoid of life.

It had been shaken to death by its own sheer force.

"Ah, it's a pity... I rarely come across one that's so handy to use."

Chapter 29: Chapter 29 Holy Demon Sect Yin Susu

Those hiding in the distance finally understood why this "senior" was seeking out the demonic beast. If their guess was correct, the senior must have had some special hobbies, otherwise, he would not have acted this way.

During the Sky Swallowing Python's strangulation, they clearly saw the "senior" actually showing an expression of enjoyment.

This was the secret of the senior's great power, and they definitely had to keep it confidential; otherwise, it could very likely bring about deadly disaster. The group quickly reached a consensus and chose to selectively forget what they had just seen and heard.

With the death of the Sky Swallowing Python, the swamp once again quieted down.

Li Xiaobai looked at the system panel before him, the corners of his mouth lifted, unable to keep back a smile.

[Host: Li Xiaobai.]

[...]

[Defensive Power: Indestructible Golden Body First Layer (2000/10000) available for progression.]

[Attribute Points: 7000.]

Put all points into defense.

[Defensive Power: Indestructible Golden Body First Layer (9000/10000) available for progression.]

The death of the Sky Swallowing Python directly provided more than seven thousand attribute points for himself, truly powerful as expected of a Golden Core Stage demonic beast.

The little loli behind him very sensibly rushed forward, raised her dagger, and started cutting furiously, stripping all the valuable parts from the Sky Swallowing Python's body.

With hands presented upward, she wore a look of flattery.

"Senior, there are still many precious spiritual medicines in this swamp. Shall we also pick them together?"

Ouyang Feng, fearing that the little loli would beat him to it again, hurriedly stepped forward and said.

"Then dig them all out."

Li Xiaobai said.

The group began efficiently harvesting in the swamp; the herbs here were almost all fully matured spiritual medicines.

Picking even one could cause their spiritual energy to soar, but it was a pity that the big boss was watching, so they did not dare to pocket any for themselves.

Soon, dozens of precious medicinal herbs were placed in front of Li Xiaobai.

Looking at the glowing spiritual medicines before him, Li Xiaobai frowned. Although he did not understand herbs or alchemy, it was clear these were beneficial to the human body and would not provide any attribute points.

They were the type that looked good but were not particularly useful; however, they could later be exchanged for spirit stones.

With a wave of his hand, and without giving a second glance at the hopeful looks of the others, he collected all the herbs into his space ring.

"Senior, this..."

Ouyang Feng had a look of despair. He had followed the senior, thinking he would get a share of the spoils, but now it seemed completely different. The senior was somewhat stingy, plucking even the feathers from a passing goose.

"Hmm?"

"Wealth is an external possession that you can't bring with you at birth or take with you in death."

"Moreover, this is for your own good. Keeping these spiritual medicines with you would only lead to disputes and needless sacrifice. As the saying goes, 'If

"I don't enter Hell, who will? I am willing to bear the roots of this suffering alone!"

Li Xiaobai stood with his hands behind his back, speaking indifferently. Unconsciously, his old habit of showing off had flared up again.

Ouyang Feng saw the truth. It seemed that the senior was only powerful in cultivation and had none of the awareness one would expect from a superior senior, not letting go of any loot worth taking.

It looked like they had no chance of getting a piece of the pie.

"Boss, you're too strong, I'll follow you from now on!"

Chu Xiaoxiao had stars in her eyes, seeing Li Xiaobai as a moving treasury.

"Let's keep going!"

Li Xiaobai laughed heartily, leading the group onward.

They had reaped great rewards this journey, with their defensive power soaring. Even if they encountered a Nascent Soul Stage cultivator, they might still stand a chance in battle.

As they ventured deeper, fewer Demonic Beasts were encountered, but the bodies of Human Cultivators became increasingly common. The farther they went, the more bodies they found—it was clear that a fierce conflict had taken place here.

Amidst the corpses, Li Xiaobai recognized many familiar faces, all Inner Sect Disciples from the Immortal Feather Sect.

Most had been cloven in half at the waist, seemingly torn apart by some kind of beast.

The jungle was eerily quiet and this time, Ouyang Feng seemed to be enjoying a streak of good luck. No matter which path he chose, they miraculously never encountered any Demonic Beasts.

Ouyang Feng was puzzled; he was certain they were traversing the Demon Race Territory. Demonic Beasts were usually fiercely protective of their domains. Logically, they should've attacked without hesitation upon human trespass—a silent reception was decidedly abnormal!

"Chu Xiaoxiao!"

A sudden cry of surprise came from the dark beside them, startling Li Xiaobai.

The speaker was a female cultivator in a white battle dress, wielding a longsword, her gallant presence undeniable. A number of people followed her.

A small-eyed crew-cut young man looked particularly vigilant, keeping his eyes fixed on Li Xiaobai and his companions.

"Su Su sister!"

The little loli's face lit up with joy upon seeing the newcomer, and she immediately rushed over.

"Su Su sister, the outside world is so scary. Xiaoxiao hardly found a Linglong Grass and someone almost stole it. Luckily, we ran into a big shot; otherwise, Sister wouldn't be seeing Xiaoxiao now!"

Chu Xiaoxiao's eyes brimmed with tears as she put on a pitiful look.

Hearing this, the brows of the woman named Su Su knitted in an instant.

"Who dared to rob my sister? I'll help you take him down!"

"It's alright now, Su Su sister. With the big shot's protection, nobody dares to steal my Spiritual Medicine," Chu Xiaoxiao explained.

Yin Susu examined Li Xiaobai, another True Disciple of the Holy Demon Sect. She hadn't planned to bring Chu Xiaoxiao on this mission, but the young girl insisted on tagging along. After a wave of Demonic Beast assaults, the group had gotten separated.

Now, seeing Chu Xiaoxiao safe and sound, Yin Susu was naturally delighted and her gaze toward Li Xiaobai softened.

"Thank you for your assistance!"

"I am Yin Susu from the Holy Demon Sect. If you ever find yourself in trouble, feel free to seek me out!"

"Su Su sister, the big shot doesn't need your help—he's very powerful!"

Chu Xiaoxiao cheekily said, curious to find out who was stronger between her sister, unmatched among her peers, and the formidable stranger.

Yin Susu was polite, but her eyes betrayed confusion; no matter how she looked at him, Li Xiaobai appeared to be an ordinary person without cultivation. Why then did Chu Xiaoxiao call him a big shot?

Could it be that his strength was far superior to her own, rendering her unable to sense it?

Impossible, absolutely impossible. She herself was on the cusp of reaching the Nascent Soul Stage, a step away from entering that realm; among the younger generation, how could someone's cultivation far surpass her own?

"Uh, my name is Li Xiaobai, a Loose Cultivator. May I ask what happened here, as my journey has been lined with the bodies of cultivators?"

Li Xiaobai inquired, intending to stir up trouble in the mountain range, he obviously needed to conceal his identity.

"That's a long story; we can talk as we walk,"

Yin Susu responded warmly. She could tell her sister had grown quite attached to Li Xiaobai and invited him to join them in exploring the Divine Beast Mountain Range without hesitation.

"Su Su, isn't it inappropriate to discuss this matter with outsiders? Just give him some compensation. What if he interferes with our plans if he travels with us?" a discordant voice chimed in.

Chapter 30: Chapter 30 Dragon Serpent Fruit

The speaker was a crew-cut young man with eyes like a serpent, and just his appearance made one feel uncomfortable.

"Exactly, Senior Sister, let's not forget our mission. Not just any petty thief can join us."

The other young cultivators also spoke, clearly showing disdain for Li Xiaobai.

"What are you talking about? The boss is my lifesaver!"

"The boss has boundless mana; all of you combined couldn't beat even his pinky!"

The little girl, Chu Xiaoxiao, was immediately displeased upon hearing this.

"For Brother Li to escort Xiaoxiao is already a favor. Our journey's plan is arduous; having a master join us would be all to our benefit and no harm."

Yin Susu frowned, feeling that her junior fellow disciples were somewhat lacking in manners.

"But..."

The crew-cut young man wanted to say something more, but Yin Susu gestured with her hand, stopping him.

"I have made my decision on this matter; there is no need for further discussion."

Li Xiaobai felt the atmosphere was a bit strange; the crew-cut young man seemed to have an inexplicable hostility towards him.

Could it be that he had unintentionally offended him somewhere?

"So we..."

Ouyang Feng and the others, knowing how to read the room, were thinking of leaving.

"Let's go together."

Li Xiaobai said casually, after all, having met them, it seemed inappropriate to part ways so abruptly.

Upon these words, everyone present was taken aback, as they hadn't expected Li Xiaobai to be so oblivious to the mood.

Yin Susu was also astonished; she felt that Li Xiaobai was very unique, and his way of doing things was not at all like that of a cultivator.

It wasn't that she feared more participants would compete with them for the treasures; rather, the inner reaches of the mountain range were incredibly

perilous, and it would be unfortunate if these fellow cultivators were to meet with unforeseen dangers.

These people were only at the Foundation Establishment Stage; how could they be allowed to join in?

However, Chu Xiaoxiao didn't care about these considerations. To her, whatever the boss said was right. She immediately nodded vigorously, taking charge and gesturing for Ouyang Feng and the others to follow.

Yin Susu and the others, having no other choice, reluctantly agreed.

"Young Master Li, the demonic beasts here have already been slain almost to extinction by the people from Tianwu Sect."

"As for the corpses, well, that's the work of Tianwu Sect too. They used forces from smaller sects to scout ahead, forcibly clearing a path into the core area of the Divine Beast Mountain Range."

"We are here to look for any Heaven and Earth Treasures remaining in the inner areas."

Yin Susu recounted the deeds of Tianwu Sect, and Li Xiaobai was shocked.

Tianwu Sect was so ruthlessly heartless, pushing the factions that wanted to ally with them into a pit of fire; the cruelty of their methods was enough to make one's hair stand on end.

"What's inside the mountain range?"

"A mature Dragon Serpent Fruit Tree. The Dragon Serpent Fruit is one of the Heaven and Earth Treasures, eating one not only allows one to rebuild their foundation, but the power and toughness of one's physical body can greatly increase," Yin Susu explained.

"What does the Dragon Serpent Fruit look like?"

"It is entirely red, like flames, and easy to recognize; usually, there are nine fruits on a tree."

"So now we are heading deep into the mountain range in search of the Dragon Serpent Fruit?"

Li Xiaobai's eyes were whirring around in excitement, his heart ablaze. If he could obtain the Dragon Serpent Fruit, his defensive power might increase by a great margin.

A fruit that could enhance the physical body was perfect for him.

"Heh, what are you thinking? The Dragon Serpent Fruit is a treasure that the big shots fight over. We're not qualified to get involved."

"However, this time, with the Great Elder of our Holy Demon Sect making a move, the Dragon Snake Fruit will definitely fall into the hands of our Holy Demon Sect!"

The crew-cut youth scoffed, not believing at all that Li Xiaobai was some big shot; at most, he had sweet-talked Chu Xiaoxiao with honeyed words.

"Hey, Xiao Lizi, how can you talk to a big shot like that? A big shot could crush you with a flick of his finger. What makes you think you can't compete for it!"

"Big shot, let's go find the Dragon Snake Fruit. I support you!"

The little lolita wanted to curry favor with the big shot and get on his good side. She didn't mince her words, which angered the crew-cut man to the point of turning an iron blue.

The crew-cut youth's face grew even darker.

"Xiaoxiao, stop messing around. The inner area is full of dangers, and many Demonic Beasts at the Golden Core Stage might even be a match for me. We must be extra careful in our every move," said Yin Susu.

She also didn't think that Li Xiaobai was a master. Chu Xiaoxiao was always mischievous, and it was normal for her words to contain some exaggeration.

Plus, she tended to lose interest quickly. Perhaps she was clingy now, but once she got tired of it, she would stop bothering Li Xiaobai.

"Right, right, the Divine Beast Mountain Range is quite perilous. We must proceed with caution."

Li Xiaobai strongly agreed. He was all about finding suitable Demonic Beasts step by step, gradually improving his defensive power. Everything had to be done with utmost safety in mind.

Ouyang Feng and the others had strange expressions on their faces.

Are you sure this Divine Beast Mountain Range is dangerous?

When you were gobbling up Demonic Beast inner cores, you didn't even blink. How come it feels like you're even scarier than the Demonic Beasts?

When the big shot spoke up, Chu Xiaoxiao also quieted down.

Surprise flashed across Yin Susu's face. The little girl had actually become docile just because of what someone else said. Something didn't seem right.

"Brother Li, we have discovered a treasure site on the outer periphery. The Spiritual Energy in that area is densely gathered, clearly indicating that Heaven and Earth Treasures will soon emerge. Our goal is to secure the site. As for the core area of the mountain range, that is beyond our reach," said Yin Susu.

"I see. Do you know the whereabouts of that treasure site?" Li Xiaobai asked.

"It's in the northeast direction. We'll have to cross several Demonic Beast territories, so we need to be on high alert," replied Yin Susu.

"Of course..."

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What everyone failed to notice was that from the jungle behind them, someone was hanging back, watching silently.

Feng Wuxie's eyes sparkled with a sharp glint. He had heard a few incredible secrets.

"So it's the Dragon Snake Fruit. The treasure hidden within this mountain range is actually one of the extraordinary fruits of the world, the Dragon Snake Fruit. Fortune favors me! If I can obtain one fruit, my foundation could be a hundred times more solid than it is now. When that time comes, why should I worry about not becoming a master at the Nascent Soul Stage?"

"But this Li Xiaobai is indeed lucky, getting entangled with the little demoness of the Demon Sect and winning the favor of Yin Susu. Now it would be difficult to make a move against him," he thought.

"However, I have already received the news and can go ahead to the mountain range to look for the whereabouts of other treasures."

"Although masters from all the major Sects are gathered here, I might still have a chance."

With a twist of his body, Feng Wuxie disappeared from his spot.

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The journey was silent, with the team quiet as a whole.

Li Xiaobai felt that the disciples of the Holy Demon Sect were not friendly, apart from Yin Susu and the little lolita. Why did the other disciples seem so hostile towards him?

I haven't really done anything, have I?

Ouyang Feng and the others were even more uncomfortable. They had only come to watch the show, but out of nowhere, they were whisked away by the big shot, their hearts pounding with anxiety.

"Everyone, ahead is the activity area of the Demonic Beasts. Although Tianwu Sect has cleared out the beasts in this region, there's no guarantee that some didn't slip through the net. We must proceed with the utmost caution," warned Yin Susu.