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Chapter 251 - Knowledge Test Begin!

"That is Peng Lu, Peng Xiaowang's cousin. He is well known for his arrogance. He often harassed Yuyan and me. It's so annoying." Bai Qingyi explained to Yun Lintian through a sound transmission.

"Just ignore him. When a dog barks at you, why do you have to care about it?" Yun Lintian replied casually, but he had already written Peng Lu's name down on his killing list.

Bai Qingyi nodded and said nothing more. The three of them arrived in front of Qin Yuyan's group and immediately introduced themselves.

Qin Yuyan and Bai Qingyi's group consisted of ten people in total. They were either Qin Yuyan and Bai Qingyi's cousins or servants. Among them, Yun Lintian had a good impression of a young girl with a long ponytail. Her name was Qin Yiran.

According to Qin Yuyan's words, Qin Yiran was her younger cousin, a daughter of her Second Uncle. Qin Yiran possessed a high talent for sword art that even Yang Chen felt inferior. She was only fifteen this year, but her strength had already reached the tenth level of Origin Profound Realm. Yun Lintian believed she was definitely this year's favorite contender.

As time passed by, more and more people gathered around the rest area. Yun Lintian used this chance to observe the overall strength of the participants and discovered there weren't many Origin Profound practitioners among the crowd. Most of them ranged from the fifth to the tenth level of Spirit Profound Realm.

Yun Lintian couldn't help wonder how the academy was going to deal with this huge disparity. Undoubtedly, those in the Origin Profound Realm would gain a massive advantage.

"It's time. Everyone, please move to the square." Suddenly, an academy elder shouted loudly from the entrance of the rest area. Afterward, everyone gradually followed him out, heading back to the square.

At this moment, the square had already been filled with countless tables and chairs. A set of ink and brush was placed on them, and there was a number plate on the side.

The same academy elder went up to a stage at the front of the square. His gaze swept on everyone quickly as he said. "Everyone, take out your token and look at the number on it. After that, all of you can proceed to find the table with the same number on your token."

Yun Lintian looked at his token and saw a number 333 on it. He exchanged a few words with Yang Chen and others before walking toward table number 333 and sitting down.

Seeing everyone found their table, the academy elder said. "Welcome everyone to the six-hundredth academy recruitment. As everyone knows, the assessment has three parts altogether. The first one is a knowledge test. As long as you can score at least eighty percent, you are qualified to participate in the next test, which is a survival test."

"In this survival test, everyone will be sent to a hunting ground that fills with dangers. Naturally, you can withdraw at any time if you think you cannot continue further. The academy will take you out. However, you have to remember, doing this means you have lost the qualification to enter the academy. Please think carefully before making a final decision. Anyone who passes the second test will be officially accepted by the academy as an outer court student."

"The last test is a strength test. You can choose to participate in it or choose to stop as an outer court student. The choice is in your hands. For those who choose to accept the test. You will have a chance to become an inner court student as long as you enter the top five thousand rankings. If you're strong enough and manage to enter the top hundred rankings, you will be qualified to enter the hall. As for which hall you would enter in the end, it depends on the hall masters and your performance."

The elder's introduction caused a small discussion among the participants. It was clearly not everyone knew about this beforehand. They immediately became excited and were looking forward to a bright future.

The academy elder raised his hand, and the enormous crowd fell into silence. He exchanged a glance with another elder, who stood at the edge of the stage, then shouted loudly. "It's time. Hand out the test papers."

Several outer court students rose out of their seats and began to distribute a pack of test papers. When Yun Lintian got his test paper, he quickly scanned through the content, and a smile appeared on his face.

The test questions went from the very basic one to the difficult one. Every question was related to the profound ways, for example, how do practitioners normally improve their strength or what would happen when a fire-based profound vein practitioner practices a water profound art.

Yun Lintian did not hurry to fill the answer. He raised his head slightly to glance around and discovered a powerful spiritual sense suppressing formation had been activated to prevent the participants from copying others.

Without further ado, Yun Lintian picked up the brush, soaking the tip in ink before writing the answer down one by one.

Unknowingly, Yun Lintian flipped through the test paper and found he had already answered every question. After knowing this, he simply put the brush down, leaning comfortably against the chair, and closed his eyes, waiting for time.

"Interesting. It's only thirty minutes in. He has already finished the questions. This should be a new record, right?" Far away in the sky, a middle-aged woman with a long green robe said as she stared at Yun Lintian. She was the Mystery Hall Master, Nangong Xi.

On the side, Hong Wuya calmly sipped a tea and said. "Told you. He is special." His current appearance was entirely different from the time Yun Lintian met him back then. The previous pale complexion was gone completely.

"Why are you so sure he would answer correctly?" Nangong Xi glanced at the old man with doubt.

Chapter 252 - Knowledge Test Result

Hong Wuya smiled faintly, unbothered to explain. After accepting the challenge from Xie Yuan last month, Hong Wuya had violently thrashed Xie Yuan to the point his parents couldn't recognize him. Everything was due to Yun Lintian's help. In his opinion, how could someone with high talent in medical profound art fail in the knowledge test?

"Cheh, stingy." Nangong Xi clicked her tongue annoyingly and turned toward the square.

Slowly, more and more people finished up their test papers, some excited, some had a disappointed expression.

Finally, the academy elder stood up on the stage and signaled the end of the knowledge test.

"Everyone put the brush down and hand the papers to the helpers nearby. Afterward, you can go back to the rest area and wait for further instruction."

The outer court students immediately moved forward to collect the test papers at high speed. Following that, all the participants gradually returned to the rest area. Along the way, they kept talking about the questions, and one after another became nervous upon discovering they might answer it wrong.

Yun Lintian looked at this scene with a smile. The scene was similar to the time he did an exam on Earth. Everyone would ask each other to confirm whether they answered it right.

"Looking at your expression, it seems you are not worried at all." Bai Qingyi approached Yun Lintian and asked.

Yun Lintian shrugged slightly, as it was obvious.

As for Yang Chen and Qin Yuyan, they were no problem scoring more than eighty percent.

"Why I didn't see any important figure around here?" Sitting on the chair, Yun Lintian asked. Usually, in such a big event like this, an upper-echelon figure should appear here, but he didn't see anyone except for an outer court elder.

Qin Yuyan answered. "They won't come until the third test. However, they are likely to monitor us for all this time. That's what I heard."

Yun Lintian slowly nodded his head and glanced around until he discovered there was indeed an observing formation in this place.

"Brother Yun." At this moment, Chu Heng and Chu Mi walked toward Yun Lintian with a smile. Under Yun Lintian's guidance during the past month, their foundations were rock-solid, as Chu Heng had stepped into the first level of Origin Profound Realm while Chu Mi had reached the tenth level of Spirit Profound Realm. If they didn't commit any grave mistake, they should be able to enter the top thousand rankings at the end.

"Miss Qin, Miss Bai." Chu Heng and Chu Mi turned to greet Qin Yuyan and Bai Qingyi. They were pretty familiar as the latter two came to Heavenly Cloud restaurant often.

"Come, sit down." Bai Qingyi greeted with an enthusiastic smile. He would become happy whenever someone treated her as a woman. Meanwhile, Qin Yuyan simply gave the nod in reply.

"How is it?" Yun Lintian asked.

Chu Heng replied in a relaxed tone. "There is no problem."

"Good. For the next test, you have to be careful and watch out for the transformed profound beast." Yun Lintian gave a warning. He had told Chu Heng and Chu Mi several times about the profound beast in human form. Even though these profound beasts hadn't reached the Saint Profound Realm, they had the ability to transform with the help of Abyssal Energy.

Chu Heng and Chu Mi's expressions turned solemn as they replied. "Don't worry, Brother Yun. We know what to do."

A group of academy elders graded the tests together with great speed. It took them around an hour to grade over forty thousand test papers.

When the participants saw the academy elder appear at the entrance, their nerves instantly tensed up. The atmosphere suddenly intensified, and silence descended upon them.

"Everyone, follow me to the square. I have posted the list over there." The academy elder looked at the nervous participants with a kind smile. "For anyone who failed, you don't have to put it in your heart. The academy is not everything in your life. You can be great without it as long as you continue to strive for your goal. I wish everyone good luck."

The participants weren't reacting until the academy elder turned around and left. Coming back to their senses, they hurriedly headed toward the square. With every step they took, their hearts would thump heavily.

Yun Lintian didn't hurry to go out. He didn't want to squeeze through the crowd. Bai Qingyi and others were also the same. They waited for everyone to leave before following behind.

When everyone arrived at the square, they were immediately attracted by a gigantic wooden board that stood tall at the center. All the tables and chairs were nowhere to be seen now.

In order to make it quick, the academy elder had turned the spiritual suppressing formation off and let everyone use their Spiritual Sense to find their name on the board.

One by one, the participants scanned the board nervously while praying in their hearts.

"Hahaha! I pass!"

"Me too!"

"No! Impossible! How come there's no my name!?"

Some participants jumped up with great joy upon seeing their names. Meanwhile, those who didn't find their names on the board immediately collapsed on the ground and started wailing.

Yun Lintian looked at the contrasting scene and sighed inwardly. The world was like this. He could only hope those who failed wouldn't give up on themselves.

"Brother Yun, I and Little Mi passed the test." Chu Heng reported when he found his name and his sister's name on the board. They obtained quite good rankings, 1071st and 1014th, respectively.

"Congratulations." Yun Lintian said from the bottom of his heart. He always had a high expectation for the Chu sibling.

"What about you, Big Brother Yun?" Chu Mi asked nervously. She secretly searched for Yun Lintian's name but didn't find it.

"Let's see." Yun Lintian smiled and spread his Spiritual Sense out to cover the board.

A moment later, he smiled and said. "Found it."

"Really? Where is it?" Chu Mi was overjoyed.

Yun Lintian pointed at the leftmost of the board.. "Twentieth place."

Chapter 253 - The Next Test

Chu Mi and others looked over and saw Yun Lintian's name displayed on the twentieth place with 91 points out of 100. They immediately felt happy for Yun Lintian.

On the contrary, Yun Lintian didn't feel anything special about it. He was thinking, why did he get this twentieth place as he had deliberately answered it wrong. Initially, he had estimated his ranking around the ninetieth or more than that. Seeing the result, it seemed he had greatly overestimated these participants.

Tracing up the ranking, Yun Lintian saw Qin Yiran's name in the first position with a full mark. He turned to look at her and said. "Congratulations for claiming the first position."

Qin Yiran was the same as Yun Lintian. She didn't feel it was anything worth celebrating. She gave a slight nod in reply without saying a word.

Checking on the others, Bai Qingyi got the seventh place, and Qin Yuyan claimed fifth place. Meanwhile, Yang Cheng's position was relatively lower than everyone's expectation as he barely passed the top two thousand rankings.

Seeing everyone looking at him, Yang Chen scratched his head in embarrassment. "Ugh... I don't like reading a book since young."

Everyone was amused by Yang Chen's embarrassing appearance, and they didn't think it was something to be embarrassed about. After all, the knowledge test was pretty much unimportant as long as they could pass the next test.

"Oh? Who is this Lan Shuiying? She got a second place." Bai Qingyi's voice brought everyone to look at the board.

Yun Lintian wasn't surprised seeing Lan Shuiying's name in the second place. He looked around for a while and saw her standing among the crowd with a nonchalant expression.

Suddenly, she seemed to notice Yun Lintian and smiled at him as she sent a sound transmission. "Congratulations on getting the twentieth place."

Yun Lintian's mouth twitched slightly because he could feel a trace of ridicule in her voice. It seemed she still held a grudge being deceived by Yun Lintian. He responded. "Sister Lan is really promising. She could get second place effortlessly. Look like I have to learn more from you in the future."

Lan Shuiying curled her lips and changed the topic. "Is that your ally?"

Yun Lintian replied. "Yes. Do you want to join us? The next test is dangerous. It's better to form a team." He wasn't sure whether Lan Shuiying knew about the transformed profound beast. If she didn't know about it, she could easily lose her life in the survival test.

Lan Shuiying observed Bai Qingyi and others briefly and decided to join them. "Alright. Let me join you."

When Lan Shuiying arrived near Yun Lintian, the latter had immediately introduced herself. "Everyone, this is Lan Shuiying. She's a good friend of mine. I've invited her to join us. Hopefully, everyone doesn't mind about it."

Except for Yang Chen and the Chu sibling, Bai Qingyi and others were surprised to see Lan Shuiying. Moreover, she was actually a good friend of Yun Lintian. "Welcome to join us, Sister Lan. My name is Bai Qingyi, and this one is Qin Yuyan. As for this one...." Bai Qingyi enthusiastically introduced other members to Lan Shuiying.

"Hello, everyone. My name is Lan Shuiying. Please take care of me in the future." Lan Shuiying smiled sweetly.

In a short period, Lan Shuiying had successfully blended into the group. Her social skills made Yun Lintian amazed. If she had been trained into a spy, she would definitely become an outstanding figure.

At this moment, the academy elder stepped forward and said with a stoic face. "Those who got eliminated, please leave the square immediately. There are carriages waiting for you on the side." There was no trace of sympathy in his eyes when he looked at the wailing participants. They could only blame themselves for being incompetent.

Gradually, around seven thousand eliminated participants reluctantly walked out of the square with bitterness and left the academy directly with their followers. They didn't know what kind of fate awaited them after leaving this place.

For those who were less than fifteen, they might have a chance to try again in the next five years, but such a young participant was rare.

The atmosphere instantly turned solemn as everyone watched the last eliminated participant leave with the carriage. The previous joyous mood brought by passing the first test was now replaced by nervousness. No one dared to utter a sound. Even the usually talkative Peng Lu and Peng Xiaowang were completely silent at this moment.

The second test was the most crucial part out of all. If the participants were careless in the slightest, their lives would be gone for good.

The academy elder used his powerful Spiritual Sense to check on the remaining participants to ensure there wasn't any eliminated participant among the crowd.

A while later, he cleared his throat and said. "Congratulations on passing the first test. However, I advise all of you don't be complacent because what you are going to face next is not something you can handle

with your profound knowledge alone." He paused for a moment and continued with a serious expression. "I will give all of you an hour to prepare yourself. Please cherish this one hour. Perhaps this will be the last time you see your families.

Following that, he returned to his seat and closed his eyes.

All the participants looked at each other in dismay for a while before they went to see their families and friends. It was as the academy elder said. Maybe this would be the last time they could see their relatives.

Yun Lintian's group did not go anywhere. They chose to stay in the square and adjusted their bodies to the best condition.

"You should prepare yourself well. When you go to that place, all the storage rings will be useless. I suggest that you take healing pills with you as much as you can. It will definitely play a great role." Suddenly, Han Bingling's voice rang out in Yun Lintian's mind, causing him to frown slightly.

Chapter 254 - Fallen Dragon Forest

"We can't use the storage ring there? Is it because of formation or something?" Yun Lintian asked. He didn't know about this before.

Han Bingling explained. "The place you will be sent to a while later is called Fallen Dragon Forest. It has existed in our Northern Continent for more than five thousand years. No one knows how did it appear or where was its name came from."

"When Lord Sky Throne arrived here three thousand years ago and discovered this place. He had ventured deep into the forest and later decided to lay a powerful formation to restrict any spatial activity. This is the reason we cannot use the storage ring or the escape talisman over there."

"Fallen Dragon Forest?" Yun Lintian's eyes lit up as he somehow smelled a supreme treasure waiting for him to get... What could it be? Dragon corpse? Dragon bones?

After encountering White Tiger God, Yun Lintian fully believed there was a dragon god out there. However, he didn't think it existed in this Azure World. Just one White Tiger God appeared here alone was already a miracle. If there was a dragon god as well, Yun Lintian didn't know what to say anymore. Not to mention there was Divine Phoenix Palace on Southern Continent. From Han Bingling's words, there should be a genuine phoenix over there.

Yun Lintian was always curious why these divine beasts in the myth appeared in a lower world like Azure World. Moreover, from Blazing Sun Mythical Realm to Thunder Valley, Yun Lintian could feel someone had orchestrated everything behind the scene, as though he or she tried to pave a path for him.

Of course, Yun Lintian thought about the mysterious woman who brought him from who knows where to Misty Cloud Sect. However, he had no clue about her and didn't even know where to start or how to find it. He could only move along the path until the end. Maybe everything would be revealed by itself later.

"Since it's so dangerous. Why would the academy send us to that kind of place? Are they planning to kill everyone?" From Han Bingling's description, Yun Lintian felt this Fallen Dragon Forest was awfully perilous and definitely not a place where a mere Spirit and Origin Profound practitioner could go. Was it necessary to choose this kind of place for the test?

"Although it looks scary, it is actually not that dangerous as long as you stay in the perimeter. The main problem... well, for others, is the contenders themselves. You should understand about it." Han Bingling responded.

Yun Lintian didn't continue to ask her. He turned to Chu Heng and others. "Do you have enough supplies in your hands? I just got the news, we can't use a storage ring over there."

The Origin Profound practitioner could live without eating for several months, but the Spirit Profound practitioner was different. They still needed to eat something to maintain their body. Chu Heng was fine since he had already stepped into the Origin Profound Realm. The problem was Chu Mi and Lan Shuiying. They had to bring a lot of food with them as the profound beasts over there could not be eaten due to Abyssal Energy.

Chu Heng immediately understood the situation. He looked at his sister worriedly, did not know what to do.

"It's not just the storage ring. The escape talisman is not available as well." Yun Lintian added.

Lan Shuiying frowned and asked. "Can you elaborate more?"

This time, Bai Qingyi took the initiative to explain. "The place we're going to a while later is called Fallen Dragon Forest. It's a dangerous place with a powerful formation that prevents any spatial activity from occurring, which means we can't use the storage ring and the escape talisman there. Also, as we all know, many months ago, most of the profound beats were infected with Abyssal Poison and couldn't be eaten. So you have to bring enough food with you."

"Our positions will be random when entering that place." Qin Yuyan added. She wanted to tell Chu Mi and Lan Shuiying that they had to rely on themselves unless they were lucky to meet someone from the group right away.

Lan Shuiying and Chu Mi quickly understood everything and fell into deep thought.

Yun Lintian took all the dry rations and several high-grade healing pills and handed them to Lan Shuiying and Chu Mi. "Take them."

Lan Shuiying wasn't polite and took half of them away directly. Meanwhile, Chu Mi hesitated and felt these things were too expensive.

"You don't have to be polite. Just take them... Remember, you have to escape whenever facing someone at the Origin Profound Realm." Yun Lintian said and took out the small dagger he got from the Blazing Sun Mythical Realm. "This dagger can easily pierce any heaven-level armor. Don't show it to anyone unless it is a last resort."

Under Chu Heng's urging, Chu Mi finally accepted everything and gratefully thanked Yun Lintian. Although her profound art was powerful, she was inexperienced. Yun Lintian estimated she wasn't an opponent of Origin Profound practitioners. Hence, it would be better for her to avoid them.

A while later, Yun Lintian saw the academy elder open his eyes and stand up, walking to the front of the stage. His movement immediately attracted every participant, and they quickly returned to the square one after another.

"It's time, everyone. Please return to the square." The academy elder said calmly while watching the participants reluctantly say goodbye to their relatives.

Upon seeing most of them had returned to the square, he continued. "As everyone knows, the second test is the survival test. All of you will be sent to an exclusive hunting ground of the academy called Fallen Dragon Forest. Over there, all the storage rings and the spatial related items are not available. That means you have to take out enough supplies and weapons right now before entering the transmission formation. Please."

As his voice fell, the expressions of many participants changed drastically.. They instantly had the urge to quit.

Chapter 255 - First Kill

The participants' reactions were within the academy elder's expectations. He continued. "Anyone who wants to quit, please state your intention right now. This is your last chance."

Many participants became hesitant upon hearing this. Entering the academy was their greatest wish, but of course, it had to be on a premise they were still alive in the end.

The academy elder added more information. "When you enter that place, no one can rescue you. You will be completely isolated from the outside world. Hence, I hope all of you think carefully before making a decision."

"I quit!"

The academy elder's statement was like a huge boulder, crushing the last lingering thoughts of the hesitant participants. They didn't hesitate anymore and raised their hands, expressing the desire to quit one after another.

The majority of the people who quit was possessed a good background. Even if they hadn't entered the academy, they could still live well without much struggle. It was absolutely unnecessary for them to take the risk.

As for those who were carrying their family's hopes, they quickly solidified their thoughts and became resolute a short while later. They totally had no choice and could only continue forward.

In an instant, there were twenty thousand people left in the square. The people who quit earlier weren't that much as Yun Lintian had expected.

"Very well." The academy elder looked at the crowd with a satisfied smile. "Let's not waste time further." He then waved his hand, and a ball of blue light suddenly appeared before the stage and gradually expanded into a huge portal.

"Everyone will be sent to a random location after passing through the portal. All you have to do is persist for a month, and you will be teleported back automatically." The academy elder explained. "Enter when you're ready."

No one moved as they watched each other, waiting for someone to go first. Yun Lintian thought it was better to enter before others. He simply gave a cautious point to Chu Heng, Chu Mi, Lan Shuiying, and Yang Chen before walking toward the portal with White Dragon Spear in his hand, disappearing into the light.

Peng Xiaowang and Peng Lu glanced at each other briefly and followed suit. It seemed they had an ulterior motive against Yun Lintian.

Seeing this, Bai Qingyi, Qin Yuyan, and the rest of the group quickly followed Yun Lintian.

Yun Lintian's vision turned entirely white for a while until he regained clarity and found himself standing in a plain-looking forest.

The first thing he did wasn't check the surroundings but communicate with the Gate of Beyond Heaven in his mind and his interspatial ring. The result was, as Yun Lintian's conjecture, both of them could be used just fine. Yun Lintian could enter the Land of Beyond Heaven and take anything from the interspatial ring at any time.

Discovering this, Yun Lintian immediately felt at ease. As long as he could summon the Gate of Beyond Heaven, his safety was pretty much guaranteed.

Yun Lintian exhaled and looked around for the first time. The forest in front of him was nothing extraordinary. There wasn't any strange vegetation or a sign of a profound beast. The ancient trees seemed to be a common thing here, as they were all over the place. Yun Lintian assumed this place should be the perimeter area.

Following, Yun Lintian opened Eyes of Heaven to check the so-called spatial suppressing formation. The first thing that came to his sight was a bizarre grey colored dome covering the sky. Yun Lintian could feel a powerful aura emit from it. Without a doubt, this was the spatial suppressing formation.

Moreover, Yun Lintian noticed a surveillance formation hiding behind it. Every action within this Fallen Dragon Forest was definitely be monitored by the academy. It seemed he had to move cautiously during this period.

Swoosh!

While Yun Lintian observed the formation, a male figure suddenly emerged from a white light a hundred meters behind him. Before Yun Lintian could react, a scorching flame arrow speedily flew toward his head, obviously aiming to kill him.

Yun Lintian's eyes turned cold as he instinctively avoided the flame arrow with Shadow Step.

The man who attacked Yun Lintian was shocked upon seeing the target vanish in a ghost-like manner. He frantically spread Spiritual Sense out to find Yun Lintian, but it was futile as he didn't even see a trace of Yun Lintian's presence in the surroundings.

Puff!

The man suddenly felt a sharp pain behind his head, and his vision instantly turned black. His lifeless body slumped on the ground with a giant hole on his head. He couldn't be dead more than this.

Yun Lintian retracted his White Dragon Spear and looked at the corpse while shaking his head. He didn't expect someone had actually attacked him without checking his strength first. Just this move alone displayed how inexperienced this man was.

Unbothered to think further, Yun Lintian used the spear to check for any item on the corpse and found some dried rations, nothing more. He grabbed them and looked around for a while, choosing the north direction, and moved forward.

In Lin Zixuan's bamboo hut, a light curtain displayed Yun Lintian's movement hung in the air in the living room. Lin Zixuan calmly sipped the tea and listened to a report from a beautiful woman on her side.

"Master, he just killed the opponent in one move. His movement technique is like what Palace Master Han said, he could literally travel in a short distance without a trace." The beautiful woman said calmly.

She was wearing nothing more than a simple and ordinary-pure white long robe. She had a celestial countenance, long slender eyebrows, and a pair of eyes like a bright moon hanging on the dark sky.

Her long hair reached her waist. It had not been combed or tied up in any way. It merely splayed out over shoulders, releasing a soft luster. Her entire body constantly exuded a tranquil aura that gave anyone peace of mind. She was the current number one student and the number one beauty of the divine city, Jiang Yingyue.

"You can't see it?" Lin Zixuan put the teacup down and asked.

"No. It's beyond my ability.." Jiang Yingyue replied honestly.

Chapter 256 - Various Reactions

Jiang Yingyue's answer made a trace of surprise appear on Lin Zixuan's blind eyes. She understood her beloved disciple's ability more than anyone. It could be said Jiang Yingyue was unrivaled when it came to observing and cracking down on the opponent's movement. If she said she could see Yun Lintian's movement, the only conclusion was that his movement technique was beyond the scope of this world.

If Yun Lintian knew Lin Zixuan's deduction, he would be shocked to the core because Shadow Step was indeed beyond this world.

"Not only his movement technique. I saw he used a kind of eyes sorcery technique to check the formation. This technique should allow him to see the energy flow within the formation. I never heard anything like this before." Jiang Yingyue expressed her thoughts. Again, if Yun Lintian knew about this, he would definitely scream in shock because of what Jiang Yingyue thought was a hundred percent correct.

"Eyes sorcery? That's rare." Lin Zixuan said calmly. The initial surprise was nowhere to be seen on her face now. During this period, she had listened to Han Bingling's advertisement for Yun Lintian every day. The more she listened to, the more interesting she found.

However, seeing is believing, she remained skeptical at first until Jiang Yingyue had confirmed earlier. Now, she didn't question Yun Lintian's ability anymore.

"Do you want to recruit him, Master?" Jiang Yingyue filled the teacup for Lin Zixuan as she asked.

When Lin Zixuan said she wanted to watch this year's assessment, Jiang Yingyue felt incredible. Although Lin Zixuan would occasionally recruit a new disciple during the past twenty years, she never took the initiative to watch the assessment. All her current disciples were the ones who chose Lin Zixuan as their master.

Jiang Yingyue was always wondering who was this Yun Lintian to make her master attach great attention to him. Now, she understood everything upon seeing Yun Lintian by herself. Just this movement technique alone. Every hall would crazily compete for him.

Lin Zixuan slowly shook her head. "He isn't necessary to choose our hall."

Jiang Yingyue went silent and returned her gaze to the light curtain. She was aware of Lin Zixuan as well as Moonlight Hall's situation. No one would be insane enough to choose the no-future-hall... Of course, except for her and the other four junior sisters.

"Interesting. When I read the report back then, I didn't believe there would be such a traceless movement technique. Now... Hah, we have to get him at all cost." In a grandeur hall, a young man with

silvery-white hair said. Although he looked young, his actual age was almost six hundred years old. He was the current Supreme Hall Master, Peng Han. His other identity was Peng Haoye's eldest son.

"But he's our Peng clan's enemy...." On Peng Han's side, a middle-aged man with a fat belly said. He didn't finish his sentence because he suddenly figured out Peng Han's true intention.

Peng Han chuckled and shifted his gaze back onto Yun Lintian, who was moving in a light curtain on the wall. Greed was overflowing from his eyes.

In the Emperor Hall's conference room, three people were sitting together, watching Yun Lintian as Peng Han did. The two were Lin Zihuang and Lin Zihan, while another was a young man with a heroic aura. His appearance was ninety percent resembled Lin Zihuang. He was Lin Zihuang's eldest son, Lin Zhanfeng.

"What a marvelous movement technique. No wonder Lin Wuwei could not do anything against him." Lin Zihan praised. This time, he was totally convinced Yun Lintian was worth befriending.

Lin Zihuang didn't give any comment but turned to ask his son. "What do you think of him?"

Lin Zhanfeng was a prominent figure, no worse than Peng Han. He was well known for his eyes on talent. Hearing his father's question, Lin Zhanfeng smiled faintly. "Father, no one can stop his rise."

Lin Zihuang was surprised by his son's evaluation of Yun Lintian. "You are thinking of him so highly?"

Lin Zhanfeng explained his thoughts. "Others might focus on his movement technique and completely failed to see his eyes sorcery technique as well as his abnormally powerful Spiritual Sense. Has father seen it? When he first landed in the forest, he didn't immediately check the surroundings. I believe he did check on other things like his trump card or any special artifact, whether it works."

"Following that, he used a kind of eyes sorcery to check the formation in the sky. When he first looked at it, he didn't frown but rather had an expression as if he had discovered something that he had already expected. However, a moment later, his brows slightly creased together. From this tiny movement, I think he has detected the surveillance formation that is extremely well hidden within the spatial suppressing formation. Just this eyes sorcery alone. No one could be his opponent. What about adding that bizarre movement technique. Do father think he can be stopped?"

Lin Zihuang, as well as Lin Zihan, nodded their heads in agreement. Lin Zhanfeng's analysis was on point. What Yun Lintian displayed earlier could be a small portion of his power. But just this tiny portion. He was already terrifying beyond words. What if he used his full force? Perhaps even a Monarch might not be his opponent.

"Pity... I don't think he will join us." Lin Zihan leaned back with a long sigh. When he met Yun Lintian back then, he could clearly see Yun Lintian was greatly concerned about the human-traffic incident. Even the Lin clan had proven guiltless, as the entire operation was solely responsible by Lin Wuwei and Lin Changkong. Yun Lintian wouldn't trust them easily.

Yun Lintian didn't know his movement earlier had caused various reactions from several powerhouses and wanted to recruit him into their halls. Currently, he moved through the forest while checking the surroundings with his Spiritual Sense.

Yun Lintian was puzzled. He didn't see anyone or any profound beast after traveling for several minutes.. He started to wonder whether there was something unforeseen happening in this seemingly ordinary forest.

Chapter 257 - Intensive Abyssal Energy

Yun Lintian had occasionally activated Eyes of Heaven to check for an abnormality, but he still couldn't find anything. Theoretically, more than twenty thousand people had been sent here. He should at least meet several of them by now. Unless this Fallen Dragon Forest was terribly vast.

The vicinity around here was so plain. Yun Lintian could see everything was almost exactly the same wherever he went. There was no hill nor stream. It was a flat land with ancient trees.

Yun Lintian decided to stop moving and looked in the direction again. Perhaps he chose the wrong path for all this time.

Just as he was pondering, Yun Lintian received a signal from the transmission jade on his waist. He quickly checked on it, and Chu Mi's voice could be heard from the other side. "Brother Yun, I am with Sister Qin. Where are you right now?"

Sister Qin, in Chu Mi's words, was referring to Qin Yuyan. Yun Lintian felt relieved for her upon hearing this. It seemed her luck was quite good to meet Qin Yuyan after coming here.

"You don't have to worry about me. Just pay attention to your safety." Yun Lintian returned a few words and put the transmission jade away.

Since he didn't know the direction, Yun Lintian found the tallest tree nearby to climb up. When he reached the top of the tree, Yun Lintian was immediately attracted by a gloomy black fog covering a large area far away from him. Without a doubt, that area should be the center of the forest.

Yun Lintian opened Eyes of Heaven and discovered this black fog was no other than Abyssal Energy. However, the concentration was on another level, denser than anything he had ever seen before.

Typically, Abyssal Energy would give Yun Lintian a slightly dangerous feeling, but now, his heart was all occupied by a heavy suppressive feeling. It was as though he could either be half-dead or die if he was hit by this black fog.

Yun Lintian believed even with the help of Profound Spirit Liquid in his hands, he wouldn't be able to purify this intense Abyssal Energy. Even if Linlin was here, he also didn't think she could deal with it. It was no wonder Han Bingling said this place was highly perilous.

Taking a few deep breaths, Yun Lintian made a final decision to stay away from that area. Maybe without the surveillance formation, he might try to approach that place. Unfortunately, his movement was observed by who knows how many people out there. He wasn't stupid enough to expose his secret just because he wanted to see the mystery of this forest.

Since he could not go straight, Yun Lintian chose to go sideway instead. He threaded along the forest for a while until his step abruptly halted in the place because he suddenly heard a loud noise in the distance.

Swoosh!

Yun Lintian quickly jumped up to the tree, hiding among the leaf and observed the voice direction.

It was a group of five people besieged by two Sharp-Tooth Tigers. Even though they had more numbers than the tigers, they didn't have any advantage over the opponents. On the contrary, they were totally suppressed by the two tigers.

Roar!

One of the Sharp-Tooth Tigers gave a loud cry before pouncing on a thin young man near it. Its speed was insanely fast. In a split second, the thin young man's right arm was torn away by the tiger, causing him to scream in pain.

"Brother Li!" The tall young man, who seemed to be the group leader, shouted in shock and hurriedly swung his long sword at the tiger, but the latter had effortlessly avoided it. While others were also tried their best to keep a distance from the two tigers by launching a ranged attack from time to time.

"Ugh!" Under the severe pain, the thin young man immediately spurted out a mouthful of blood. The healing pill he just took was utterly useless.

At this moment, a young girl in the group noticed the thin man's shoulder had turned into a black spot. Abyssal Poison's characteristic instantly popped up in her mind, and she subconsciously stepped back with a horror expression.

The thin man didn't seem to notice his body had slowly turned black. He tried his best to circulate profound energy, but it was as though his Profound Vein had been blocked. It was at this moment did he discover the abnormality in his body.

"Ah! Help!" He shouted loudly and frantically used the remaining hand to brush the black spot on his body away. Naturally, the black spot didn't recede and still devoured his body until it successfully rushed to the thin man's head.

With a plop, the thin man's head instantly exploded like a firework, causing the remaining four people to petrify on the spot.

The Sharp-Tooth Tigers didn't let this opportunity go. They pounced at the four people in a flash and successfully bit off two people's heads.

"Ah..." The group leader and the young girl were shocked to the point they couldn't produce any sentences. Their bodies went stiff like a statue, and their minds went blank, unable to react.

Yun Lintian didn't plan to help them at all. His eyes always fixated on the thin man's corpse, which now turned utterly black. Under the Eyes of Heaven, Yun Lintian saw Abyssal Energy act like a raging tide, sweeping the thin man's internal organs. He had never seen such a powerful Abyssal Energy like this before. Even the Saint-rank abyssal profound beast core he obtained from Han Bingling wasn't this violent.

The two tigers launched another attack on the group leader and the young girl in the next moment. The latter two didn't even put up any resistance and died under the claws of the tigers. The original group of five was now reduced to five corpses.

The Sharp-Tooth Tigers didn't seem to care about the corpses of the five people.. They both suddenly turned in Yun Lintian's direction. With a snarl, they immediately rushed toward Yun Lintian!

Chapter 258 - Abyssal Devourer

Yun Lintian's eyes narrowed as he stared at the incoming tigers. These two Sharp-Tooth Tigers were at the peak of Origin Profound Beast. It was no wonder they could effortlessly finish the Origin Profound practitioners' early level like the group leader.

Yun Lintian gripped the White Dragon Spear tightly. A terrifying aura slowly leaked out of his body, making the two tigers slow down and become vigilant. They knew the 'new prey' in front of them was different from the five people earlier.

With a flash, Yun Lintian's figure disappeared and reappeared before the two tigers in a ghost-like manner. He simply thrust the White Dragon Spear at the two tigers, accompanied by a dragon cry.

Boom!

The two tigers tried their best to avoid Yun Lintian's attack, but they felt a strong suppression locked the surrounding space, making them unable to move freely as before and fully hit by the spear.

One of the tigers instantly exploded into pieces while the other was seriously injured and slumped onto the ground. Its eyes were filled with endless fear when it looked at Yun Lintian.

Yun Lintian didn't let this chance go. He swiftly made another thrust and sent the remaining tiger to hell.

Peng!

Yun Lintian let go of his spear and used a silver knife to cut out the abyssal profound core from the two tigers. Looking at the two abyssal profound cores in his palm, Yun Lintian clearly perceived Abyssal Energy within it was rival of the Saint rank. This made Yun Lintian's heart sink. He didn't think anyone in Northern Continent had the ability to deal with it.

Yun Lintian took out a wooden box and placed the abyssal profound beat cores in it before pretending to store it in his small bag hanging on his waist.

Afterward, he went to check the five human corpses and gave them a proper sending by throwing a fireball at them.

"Rest in peace." Yun Lintian clasped his hands together and started moving again.

After Yun Lintian left, a tall human figure appeared behind an ancient tree not far away from the battle scene. This man stared at Yun Lintian's disappearing back until he completely vanished from his sight. He then shifted his gaze back onto the two tigers' remains. He then waved his hand, and the remains bizarrely went straight into his mouth and vanished. The man licked his lips with satisfaction as he left the scene.

"Who is that?" In the wooden hut, Yun Lingwei couldn't stay calm when she saw the mysterious man magically devour the tigers' remains. Her intuition told her this person was extremely dangerous.

Han Bingling had a rare severe expression when she saw the appearance of this man. Obviously, she didn't expect this person to appear in the outer area.

She took a deep breath and explained. "This person should be one of the two rulers of the forest. We don't know exactly specific detail, but people called him Abyssal Devourer. Like his name, he can devour profound beasts and humans to strengthen himself. Although Yun Lintian forgot to take care of the tigers' remains, he did a good job burning the unfortunate participants' corpses. Otherwise, this Abyssal Devourer would become stronger further."

"Abyssal Devourer?" Yun Lingwei racked up her brain to search for the name in her mind, but she could find any relevant information regarding this Abyssal Devourer.

Han Bingling gave a slight nod in reply and said nothing more, while Yun Lingwei suddenly became nervous. Hopefully, there was nothing happened to Yun Lintian.

Yun Lintian, who was oblivious to the appearance of Abyssal Devourer, was now walking along the path carefully. His current goal was finding more of Profound Beasts to collect information. Perhaps he could find a lot of clues about the origin of the intense Abyssal Energy within the forest center.

All of a sudden, the transmission jade on his waist rang again. This time it was Yang Chen who sent a message. Yun Lintian asked calmly. "What's wrong?"

"Brother Yun, be careful of Peng Xiaowang. There is a high-level formation master with him. I have encountered him earlier and almost lost my life under his sinister trap." Yang Chen's somewhat exhausted voice rang out from the other side.

Listening to this, Yun Lintian hurriedly asked. "Are you alright?" Hearing that Yang Chen was safe, he asked further. "What is the level of the formation? Do you know about it?"

A moment later, Yang Chen sent a message back, indicating he didn't know about it but should be at least Heaven-level Profound Formation.

Yun Lintian gave Yang Chen a few words before falling into deep thought. Of course, the opponent's formation profound art was not a threat to Yun Lintian, but it wasn't the case to others. Yun Lintian had to find a way to let them observe the formation so they wouldn't fall into the trap easily.

A while later, Yun Lintian stopped his movement once again. This time, he found a rare medicinal ingredient a hundred meters away from him. "Perfect Dragon Grass?" Yun Lintian was astonished when his gaze landed on a golden grass resembling wheat, but its stalk was full of curves similar to a dragon coil.

The Dragon Grass was a divine-rank medicinal plant. It was divided into four grades, low, mid, high, and perfect. The color of each grade would be different — green, red, purple, and golden, respectively.

Yun Lintian became startled when he saw it because Dragon Grass would grow in a place with dragon blood or dragon remains. Since it appeared here, there should be something related to a dragon nearby.

Yun Lintian immediately calmed down and used Eyes of Heaven to check on the stalk of Dragon Grass. Upon seeing it was a genuine Dragon Grass, he didn't hesitate anymore and drew closer to it with caution.

Yun Lintian gripped the spear tightly, looking around vigilantly. He didn't believe such a high-rank magical plant was without a guardian. It must be somewhere nearby.

Chapter 259 - Dragon Grass And Dragon Blood

Hiss!

When Yun Lintian was about to reach Dragon Grass, he heard a hissing sound rang out from above. In a split second, Yun Lintian instinctively rolled on the ground as he saw a giant python appear above the nearby tree.

The python wasn't large, merely a half meter. However, Yun Lintian could feel a terrifying power within its seemingly frail body. Furthermore, he had carefully checked everything nearby with Eyes of Heaven, yet he didn't even see a trace of this python before. How could it avoid the detection of Eyes of Heaven?

Yun Lintian stabilized himself on the ground and used White Dragon Spear to lift himself up in a flash. Before he could take a stance, the python let out a loud hiss, and its body burst into flames. It charged at Yun Lintian at lightning speed, opening its big, ferocious mouth aiming to swallow him.

Instead of avoiding, Yun Lintian made a decision to fight head-on because he could see the python's speed wasn't inferior to him at all. There was no point in dodging all the time.

Yun Lintian stomped one foot on the ground with a bang, creating a strong momentum while lunging the spear toward the python.

Five Elements Spear Art, Lightning Blaze!

At this moment, the profound energy around White Dragon Spear burst into a streak of scarlet-gold flames, coiling around the spear like a raging twister. It produced a huge pressure that completely suffocated the python.

A sense of danger emerged within the python's mind. It immediately realized the attack from this human wasn't anything it could handle. In a split second, the python instinctively twisted its body to avoid the incoming fierce lightning flames. Unfortunately, Yun Lintian's Lightning Blaze was large enough to seal the surrounding space entirely, giving no room for the python to dodge.

Hissss!!

The scarlet-gold flames ruthlessly engulfed the python's entire being, causing it to hiss painfully. The flames mercilessly continued to seep into every pore of the python, ravaging everything inside it and turning the python into ashes a moment later.

Yun Lintian retracted his spear and calmly watched a pile of ashes scattered in the air. Later, a small thud could be heard, and a rounded black object appeared on the ground. Yun Lintian didn't hesitate to pick it up with the spear and checked on it.

So fierce? Yun Lintian exclaimed inwardly upon seeing Abyssal Energy within the python's abyssal profound beast core. It was even more intensive than the Sharp-Tooth Tiger's earlier. Looking at this, he

had basically confirmed Profound Spiritual Liquid in his hands was useless against it. What should he do in the future, then? What if Linlin wasn't around? He couldn't possibly let Linlin eat it all the time, right?

Putting the abyssal profound beast core away, Yun Lintian noted in his heart; he must find a solution to deal with this when he returned to the outside. At the same time, he was quite certain, those Poison Valley's remnants that were eradicated by Han Bingling should be a facade set up by them. The Poison Valley's main force definitely had this level of Abyssal Energy. When that time came, nothing could stop them.

Yun Lintian let out a long breath and turned his attention to Dragon Grass. This time, he thoroughly checked for a profound beast once again before carefully picking Dragon Grass up.

The moment Yun Lintian touched the golden Dragon Grass, a tyrannical power quickly rushed into his body with a deafening dragon roar echoing in his mind. Yun Lintian's body shook violently. His mind went blank for a moment. The defensive mental power was promptly triggered, pouring all the mental power to resist the dragon's roar.

Five seconds later, Yun Lintian completely regained his clarity and couldn't help sucking in cold air. Although he had expected this to happen, it was fiercer than he had imagined. He believed if replaced with someone else, that person's mind would definitely be destroyed by it.

Yun Lintian took out a Heavenly Sandalwood box and meticulously placed Dragon Grass into it. Though many people were watching him, Yun Lintian didn't think they could recognize the box's material. That was why he didn't hesitate to use it.

Dragon Grass had various uses. The best one was naturally making a divine-rank pill called Dragon Tempering Pill. This pill would allow the taker tempering their bones, blood, and Profound Vein to rise to another level. In the record, anyone who successfully absorbed it would have a body as tough as a dragon. With the additional Primordial Profound Art, Yun Lintian and everyone in Misty Cloud Sect would undoubtedly have the strongest body in the world.

After putting it away, Yun Lintian didn't continue his journey. He squatted down at the Dragon Grass's spot and used a small knife to dig into the surrounding ground. Since Dragon Grass could grow in this place, there should be something related to dragon here.

While digging, Yun Lintian didn't forget to use Eyes of Heaven. It was ten minutes later, Yun Lintian discovered something that made him excited. He had actually seen a trace of bloodstain hiding deep on the ground. Undoubtedly, it was dragon blood!

Although it was just a mere one-tenth of a single droplet, the value was incomparable. One had to know a dragon was a rare species in this world and even claimed to be extinct a long time ago. Therefore, anything related to it was priceless.

Of course, Yun Lintian didn't intend to sell it. He planned to make use of it and see whether his cheat, Land of Beyond Heaven, could help multiply it. At that time, he would have a place to cultivate Dragon Grass, and the strength of Misty Cloud Sect would assuredly soar to heaven! It would also significantly reduce time to become the number one sect!

Thinking of the future prospect, Yun Lintian, who had many cheats with him, was still excited to the point he wanted to shout loudly.

Chapter 260 - Yin Fei

"Dragon Grass, and it's actually golden color. Just this alone, this trip of him is worth it." Yun Lingwei licked her lips when she witnessed this. Naturally, she had the same idea as Yun Lintian and couldn't wait to see whether it could be multiplied in the Land of Beyond Heaven.

On the side, Han Bingling and Lin Xinyao were also surprised by Yun Lintian's heaven-defying luck. Both of them had watched the survival test many times in the past. No one had ever obtained Dragon Grass before. Yun Lintian hadn't spent a day over there, yet he had already obtained such a priceless treasure. This kind of luck wasn't something ordinary people could have.

While Yun Lingwei was dreaming about the future of the Misty Cloud Sect, Han Bingling was thinking about how to protect him. This Dragon Grass would definitely arouse everyone's greed, and Yun Lintian's life would never be peaceful again onward.

Maybe I need to say hello to that old man... Han Bingling thought of someone and decided to do so.

"Golden Dragon Grass? What a shit luck he has!" Peng Han clicked his tongue in dissatisfaction. A trace of greed was evident in his eyes. If Yun Lintian was outside, he wouldn't hesitate to send someone to grab it from him by now.

With the addition of the fat man, there was Peng Zheng, who had arrived here a while ago. Peng Zheng's focus wasn't on Dragon Grass but on Yun Lintian's powerful profound art. As the eldest young master of the Peng clan, he had seen countless profound arts before, but none of them could rival Yun Lintian's. Especially that traceless movement technique. He even suspected that Yun Lintian was someone from the Central Continent's ancient family.

Peng Han didn't care what Peng Zheng's current thinking was. He turned to the fat man and said. "Notify Xiaowang and Little Lu and give this man's position to them. Let them take everyone to hunt him down. Also, remind them to use Soul Preserving Pearl after killing him. I want to know all of his secrets."

The fat man grinned and took out a special transmission jade, sending a message to Peng Xiaowang. According to the rules, no one was allowed to interfere with the participants, but who was Peng Han? His father was the vice-principal here. Even if he was caught, nothing would happen to him.

Peng Zheng calmly watched the fat man contact Peng Xiaowang without the intention to stop. In his opinion, this was a stupid move — it was nothing but sending prey directly to a lion's mouth. With Yun Lintian's superb battle prowess and his keen sight, it would be a miracle to catch him with a lousy formation they had.

He glanced at Peng Han silently. Was Peng Han stupid? Of course not! He clearly knew Peng Xiaowang couldn't possibly deal with Yun Lintian. He simply treated Peng Xiaowang as a chess piece... Well, he couldn't even be a chess piece, a cannon-fodder at best.

Although Peng Xiaowang was his biology younger brother, Peng Zheng had no intention of saving him this time. The last time he fought with Yun Lintian was merely protecting the pride of the Peng clan. He couldn't just watch Peng Xiaowang die in front of the crowd, right?

Sadly, Peng Zheng didn't know Peng Xiaowang, who had just received the message from the fat man, was so excited right now. His head was filled with the image of torturing Yun Lintian in various ways.

"Brother Yin, I got a position of Yun Lintian. I'll have to trouble you to deal with him." Peng Xiaowang turned to a young man with an evil smile on his side.

This young man was Yin Fei. He had a handsome face, giving off an evil aura. He wore a black-as-ink robe, covering from head to toe. If Yun Lintian was here, he would immediately recognize a black aura within this man's body. It was no other than Abyssal Energy. As for how did he manage to enter the academy, it had something to do with Peng Han.

Yin Fei chuckled disdainfully. "I don't understand. Why are you guys thinking of him so highly? Fighting Saint with Origin Profound strength? Heh, he probably uses some sort of artifacts. I'll prove it to you later that he's nothing but trash."

"Brother Yin is mighty." Peng Xiaowang gave Yin Fei a thumb up. A flattering smile on his face never faded away.

"Let's go. It's boring here." Yin Fei beckoned and started to move in Yun Lintian's direction.

Peng Xiaowang laughed slightly and kicked a naked young woman's corpse on the ground away, then followed Yin Fei. From the horror on her face, it wasn't difficult to imagine how suffering she had before her last breath.

Puff!

A leopard's head was exploded into countless pieces by Bai Qingyi's attack. He retracted his exquisite fan in his hand and stored the abyssal profound beast core from the leopard remains away.

Unlike Peng Xiaowang, who had someone guiding him from the outside, Bai Qingyi had no idea where he was currently. He had contacted Qin Yuyan and others after arriving here and estimated they were in the opposite direction. Thus, he had to rely on himself until he found them.

Fortunately, the profound beasts he met during this period weren't strong. He could deal with them at ease. The only problem was it was too lonely!

"Sigh... I miss Brother Yun's handsome face already." Bai Qingyi muttered to himself.

All of a sudden, he felt a chill running down his spine, as though he was locked on by a ferocious beast. He reflexively turned around to look in the direction he suspected and saw a pair of blood-red eyes staring at him.

Bai Qingyi didn't waste time figuring out the opponent's identity. He shattered the wind talisman and fled away from the place. Cold sweat ran down his delicate face. He had never felt an overwhelming fear like this before.

He traveled for several minutes and didn't see anything chase after him. The tension in his heart was loosened a bit upon seeing this... However, before he could completely relax, he discovered the surrounding space had turned dark, as though the sunlight was blocked by something...