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This was a Netherbeast above the Netherpassage realm. Although its flesh had vanished, the detonation of its crystal core could blast this mountain to pieces.

Suddenly, nine lotuses bloomed above Meng Qi's head. Divine light flowed out, enveloping the crystal core and pacifying the berserk energy within.

The Nine Lotus Soul Condensing Pill had come out at this critical moment, using some unknown method to suppress the explosive energy.

"I understand." Meng Qi suddenly laughed. Just now, the technique of the Nine Lotus Soul Condensing Pill had made her realize that her method was wrong.

After all, she didn't have experience in this regard and was trying to control it like controlling demonic beasts. But that didn't work on this. Now, her Spiritual Strength once more gathered, and she used a different technique to enter the Netherbeast's crystal core. This time, there was no explosive reaction.

After an incense stick's worth of time, the skeleton shuddered for an instant before becoming motionless once more.

"Was it a failure?" Although he had expected this, Long Chen couldn't help being a bit disappointed.

"No, it was a success." Meng Qi wiped away a trace of sweat and smiled excitedly.

"Then why...?" Long Chen pointed to the motionless corpse.

"I've managed to stimulate the energy within the crystal core. However, after so many years, there's less than a tenth of the original energy within the core. In other words, once I activate it, it will only be able to keep fighting for at most two hours. After that, the core's energy will run out and it will no longer be usable. So summoning it now would be a waste," explained Meng Qi.

"Ah, I see. Then you're right, don't waste it," said Long Chen.

"Long Chen, I've also found a trace of these Netherbeasts' soul essence within their crystal cores. I'm going to extract it and condense a life soul beast. Your soul energy is also strong enough to condense one," said Meng Qi. Her eyes were shining brightly. The soul essence of these Netherbeasts was incredibly powerful and the perfect choice for condensing a soul beast.

Long Chen shook his head. "I don't walk the path of a soul cultivator. I don't have the energy to raise a soul beast. It's not worth the distraction."

The soul beast didn't just require nourishment from the soul but also constant communication to erase its violent will. Long Chen didn't have that patience or time.

"Then I'll go ask Wan-er and Chu Yao," said Meng Qi.

Long Chen once more shook his head. "No. Chu Yao and Wan-er have powerful Spiritual Strength, but they have their own specialties. Unless they can find soul essence containing powerful wood essence or

wind essence, there's no point in them raising such a soul beast. In fact, even if one of these beasts is of the right attribute, due to coming from the Netherworld, their core energy will definitely have some differences. Transforming that energy will take more time than its worth."

Meng Qi nodded. "Maybe I'm just too excited."

A soul beast was a powerful helper, capable of offense and defense. For herself, with her pure Spiritual Strength of no other attribute, she was a true Beast Tamer. Because she had no other attributes, she could control beasts of all attributes. A Beast Tamer with the flame attribute wouldn't be able to control water attribute Magical Beasts. That was not the same for other people.

"You can take them all. Pick out the strongest one to condense your life soul beast. You can turn the rest into ordinary soul beasts. Hehe, I really look forward to seeing how strong you are. Big sister Meng Qi, you'll have to look after this little brother in the future." Long Chen smiled and wrapped his arms around her waist.

Meng Qi kissed Long Chen lightly on the cheek. "Alright, don't make a fuss. You should focus on healing and cultivating. You're the one with the lowest cultivation base now. I also have to go activate these skeletons one by one. Hehe, don't worry, your big sister will definitely protect you."

Meng Qi winked and left, taking the skeletons with her.

Long Chen sorted out his feelings. Activating the formation, he isolated himself from the rest of the world. It was time to refine pills.

Long Chen began taking out one medicinal ingredient after another. After counting them all, he nodded. He had all three hundred and seventeen ingredients that he needed.

"Huo Long is still in slumber. I don't know whether I'll affect it if I use its flames."

Huo Long had gone into slumber after devouring the Heavenly Flame Orb. Long Chen could clearly sense it undergoing some kind of transformation, but now he needed to refine pills. If he used Huo Long's energy, what if that affected it?

"Big brother Long Chen, I can help. I haven't fully recovered, so my core flame can't be used for battle, but it should be alright for this," said Ling-er.

"Won't using the core flame damage you?" asked Long Chen.

"If the core flame is constantly exhausted without being replenished, then there will definitely be damage. But just refining pills for a few days shouldn't have an effect. My core flame has recovered immensely from the trip to the Netherworld. If it's not an incredibly strong pill, and you support me with your Spiritual Strength, I don't foresee any issues," said Ling-er very confidently.

"Excellent! Ling-er, it's up to you." Originally, Long Chen had been planning on using the Moon and Star Refining Furnace because it had refined countless pills and had immense experience.

However, it had yet to fully recover. He had no idea how many years it might take if he was constantly using its core energy.

Since Ling-er could help, Long Chen didn't take the risk of using Huo Long's energy. Although refining pills with Ling-er required some breaking in due to her lack of experience, she was quite talented.

"Ling-er, I will refine the Yin Yang Merger Dao Pill twice without your help. Watch closely," said Long Chen.

Long Chen began to send medicinal ingredients into the Demon Moon Furnace. A flame ignited within and enveloped those ingredients.

Last time when they had refined pills, Long Chen had left his spiritual mark within the Demon Moon Furnace. That was why he was able to communicate so easily with Ling-er.

Ling-er's core flame was no longer the old color. Now, it was a light green color. It was extremely pure and stable.

Using this core flame, Long Chen formed one hundred and thirty-seven flame furnaces within the Demon Moon Furnace to refine these ingredients.

"Big brother Long Chen, you're so amazing!" Ling-er had never seen such powerful alchemy arts. This could no longer be considered to be on the same level as doing two things at once.

"Ling-er, do your best to learn this. The more demonic pills that you refine, the stronger you'll grow." Long Chen taught her with his full abilities. The more she learned, the happier he was.

As Long Chen controlled the flame, he also explained things to Ling-er, things such as how to control the temperature, what to pay attention to while purifying the ingredients, what kind of color the ingredients should have, etc.

As an item-spirit, Ling-er memorized everything that he said. The runes inside her also memorized the way that Long Chen's flame changed. She truly learned quickly.

Once the refinement of all the medicinal powders was complete, Long Chen sent them into Ling-er's storage space. That way, she could directly use them to refine pills on her own without asking him for more ingredients.

Following that, Long Chen truly started the refinement of the Yin Yang Merger Dao Pill. This was a pill used for those who had just entered the Netherpassage realm. It was used to balance the life and death energy within the body.

Long Chen refined it twice, each time refining nine high grade pills. Because it was just a display, Long Chen didn't waste too much energy on them, resulting in them not being top grade. After finishing, he tossed them away.

"Ling-er, you try now. You can use your demonic runes."

Ling-er assented. Her runes lit up as she worked together with Long Chen to refine the next furnace of pills.

This time, Long Chen also sent in more Spiritual Strength. Ling-er's cooperation was excellent after the two refinements, and there were no big mistakes.

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In just a few minutes, the first furnace of pills was complete. The lid opened, revealing nine black and white pills. They charged out of the furnace ferociously, going straight toward Long Chen.

These were demonic pills that were naturally fierce. They were very difficult to subdue.

Long Chen waved his hand, tossing them into the primal chaos space. There, Lei Long devoured them.

They crazily bounced around within Lei Long's mouth, trying to escape. But their struggle was useless.

"Well done. However, there were three small flaws. Although they were top grade, quite a bit of their medicinal energy slipped away. Let's go again," said Long Chen.

They refined three furnaces of pills in a row. Ling-er finally fully mastered the refinement of the Yin Yang Merger Dao Pill.

Long Chen praised Ling-er, delighting her. Refining demonic pills could be considered a form of cultivation for her, so she had gained quite a bit.

Long Chen had Ling-er refine pills on her own, while a pill wrapped in lightning appeared in his hand.

"Time to test the effect."

Long Chen tossed the Yin Yang Merger Dao Pill into his mouth. It instantly exploded and sent a wave of berserk energy throughout his entire body.