

## Overlord 141

### Chapter 141: The View Here Is Better

"Y-you're too conceited!" Dong Zi pointed at Xiang Shaoyun and said.

"What do you know? This young master is telling the truth. Believe what you will. Hey, don't spit liquor on me, or I'll get angry," Xiang Shaoyun replied.

"That was just an accident!" Dong Zi said awkwardly. He paused for a bit before saying, "Brother Xiang, your name is truly interesting. Overlord, are you not worried that some King Realm cultivators will overhear you and decide to teach you a lesson?"

"Hah, I'll just teach them a lesson when I become a King Realm cultivator," Xiang Shaoyun replied nonchalantly.

"Sure, sure. There's no winning an argument with you. Come, let's drink." Dong Zi started drinking again since he did not feel like continuing the topic.

A slight trace of anxiousness seemed to be hidden within his eyes, something that others could hardly notice. Xiang Shaoyun started to drink, inwardly thinking of a way to get the information about Blackhill Sect from this person. He also wondered if this was merely a lie and if he had been tricked.

Whatever. I'll just consider this a break or something, Xiang Shaoyun sighed inwardly.

After a bit of drinking, Dong Zi suddenly set the glass down and said, "I heard liquor can make someone drunk, but the more I drink, the more tasteless it becomes. Bah, time to stop drinking."

Xiang Shaoyun looked at Dong Zi in confusion, not understanding what the fellow was up to.

"Let's go. You want to know Blackhill Sect's secret, right? I'll take you there," Dong Zi lowered his voice and said.

Looking at the delicate and rosy face right in front of his own face, Xiang Shaoyun leaned back to distance himself from Dong Zi. He wondered why this guy was leaning in so closely to him. No matter how pretty this guy here was, he was still not a woman.

"I'll get the bill." Xiang Shaoyun stood up and called a waiter over. After he paid, he looked at Dong Zi and said, "Let's go."

Dong Zi strutted out of the restaurant with his head raised high as he waved his fan.

His action attracted all the women in the restaurant, overshadowing Xiang Shaoyun entirely.

But Xiang Shaoyun did not care at all. He was trying to keep a certain distance between him and Dong Zi at all times. For some reason, he had a feeling this fellow was interested in guys.

Outside the restaurant, Dong Zi turned and looked at Xiang Shaoyun before saying, "You're afraid of me?"

"Why am I afraid of you?" Xiang Shaoyun replied.

"Why are you staying so far from me, then?" Dong Zi asked.

"Haha, the view here is better!" Xiang Shaoyun laughed.

"Liar. Am I really such a hateful person?" Dong Zi asked as he suddenly turned distressed.

"What? Of course not. You're overthinking things." Xiang Shaoyun's tone softened when he saw the sorrow on Dong Zi's face.

"Don't bother. I know that a lot of people hate and dislike me." Dong Zi shook his head.

Inwardly, Xiang Shaoyun grumbled, Woah, we have just met each other. There's no need to tell me all that, right?

"Thank you for drinking with me. Come, time for me to fulfill my promise." Dong Zi took a deep breath, forced the negative emotions from his mind, and started to walk away. He walked at a speed much faster than the speed of an average Astral Realm cultivator.

Xiang Shaoyun wondered if this person was a Blackhill Sect disciple, but he couldn't resist his curiosity, so he decided to play along for now. Shortly after, they exited the town and headed in a certain direction.

The longer Xiang Shaoyun followed Dong Zi, the more alarmed he was, as he discovered that this fellow was much stronger than he looked, and not even Xiang Shaoyun could see his real strength.

With Xiang Shaoyun's presence of a king, there were only two situations where he couldn't sense someone's real strength. The first was when the other party was too powerful for him to sense while the other was when his target had some treasure capable of concealing one's actual strength.

Whichever the case, one thing was clear—this Dong Zi was definitely not a person with an ordinary identity.

Reaching that conclusion, Xiang Shaoyun turned vigilant. After a while, he noticed that Dong Zi had brought him to some uninhabited mountain ridge.

"Where are we going, exactly?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"Blackhill Sect's mine," Dong Zi replied.

"Mine? What are you trying to do?" Xiang Shaoyun was shocked.

Dong Zi turned and looked at Xiang Shaoyun before saying, "Don't worry. I am not interested in your Blackhill Sect's blackiron ore."

"What do you want, then?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"You'll know when we're there." Dong Zi did not give a straight answer.

Xiang Shaoyun thought, Is this kid an enemy of the Blackhill Sect as well? But that does not seem like it? He thought I was a Blackhill Sect disciple, so he wouldn't have me tag along if he was about to do something bad to the Blackhill Sect.

After a while, they arrived at the peak of a mountain. From the peak, one could see a mountain range and vaguely hear human voices every now and then.

"Do you know the reason why the Blackhill Sect can keep digging blackiron ores from this place?" Dong Zi asked.

Xiang Shaoyun shook his head.

"Because there is a secret treasure hidden beneath this place," Dong Zi said confidently.

"What secret treasure?" Xiang Shaoyun asked curiously.

In an extremely irresponsible manner, Dong Zi said, "That is what I want to know as well."

His reply nearly caused Xiang Shaoyun to trip and fall.

"The hell? If you don't know, why are you bringing me here? Why mislead me?" Xiang Shaoyun couldn't help but curse.

Dong Zi replied calmly, "What can I gain from misleading you? Think about it, if you manage to figure out the secret, you will definitely reap a great harvest. But if you fail to find the secret, well, it's not my fault, is it?"

Xiang Shaoyun was speechless. He had indeed been tricked. If there was really some secret, those big-shot cultivators would have found it long ago. It would have nothing to do with him. Not wanting to talk to Dong Zi anymore, Xiang Shaoyun turned to leave.

"Hey, be patient. Look, something is going on over there," Dong Zi called out.

Xiang Shaoyun ignored him.

"Hey, I'm telling the truth. Come on, something weird is going on down there," Dong Zi cried out.

Xiang Shaoyun was about to continue ignoring Dong Zi, but he suddenly heard a sound that caused all his hair to stand on end.

Howl! Howl!

Suddenly, a big gust of wind blew past the area, and sounds akin to wailing ghosts rang out in the air. Xiang Shaoyun quickly turned around and looked down to see that chaos had erupted within the crowd below. They seemed to be fighting something.

"I'm going down there. Something shocking might be there waiting for me," Dong Zi said and directly ran down.

It was now that Xiang Shaoyun finally realized how fast Dong Zi was. He wondered, Which family's young master is this? Looks like he is at least a late-stage Transformation Realm cultivator.

He did not dally around doing nothing, as he started running down as well. Since they were running downhill, they were able to move at a speed faster than their usual speed. The two did not approach the crowd rashly. Rather, they hid themselves not far from them and tried to get a clear look at the situation.

"So many blackfur corpses!" Dong Zi paled. He was extremely disgusted by what he saw.

## Chapter 142: You're the Boss

The blackfur corpse was a sinister being that was a mixture of a corpse and a zombie. Each blackfur corpse came into existence when a dead body did not rot but instead grew black fur and started to walk the earth again. It was a sinister monstrosity.

Similar to zombies, blackfur corpses loved feeding on blood. The moment one woke up, it would not stop before drawing blood. Not far from Xiang Shaoyun, a large number of blackfur corpses were fighting a group of Blackhill Sect members.

The Blackhill Sect members here consisted of some elders, overseers, disciples and regular miners. A large majority of them were only Basic Realm cultivators that were completely helpless against the blackfur corpses.

One after another, they fell, and the blackfur corpses feasted upon them, painting a terrifying and sinister scene. That was what Dong Zi saw, and that was what caused him to feel so disgusted.

"Miners, retreat immediately. The rest, charge! Kill these things!" shouted a Transformation Realm elder from Blackhill Sect.

They started unleashing numerous attacks at the blackfur corpses. The blackfur corpses weren't exactly powerful combatants, but they had the advantage of fearlessness. One could land a slash on a blackfur corpse, but that would not kill it. Instead, it would take the chance to decrease the distance and bite the human. To make things worse, the blackfur corpse's teeth were highly toxic, capable of causing its victim to lose combat power or even die from poisoning.

Because of that, the longer the battle lasted, the more fearful the Blackhill Sect members became. They were completely incapable of stopping the blackfur corpses. If it wasn't for the few Transformation Realm elders present, the Blackhill Sect would have suffered an even more disastrous loss.

"Chopping their head off will stop them!" said the leading elder. He moved like wind as attacks flowed out his hand like a rainbow. Where his sword energies passed, blackfur corpse heads flew everywhere.

"Elder Ma Feng, should we try charging in there? Something must've been dug out," suggested an elder.

"Sure, let's attack together and try charging inside. Everyone else, retreat," said Ma Feng.

They charged ahead bravely, killing any blackfur corpses that got in their way before they were finally able to get inside the cave. But they had only entered shortly when one person rushed out in a sorry manner.

This person was none other than Elder Ma Feng. Black fur was growing out of his face as he staggered about. With great difficulty, he yelled, "E-everyone, retreat! R-report to t-the sect..."

Before he finished the sentence, he collapsed and died. His death caused the Blackhill Sect members to be in an even greater panic. Everyone started fleeing, abandoning the blackiron ores stockpiled here. Nothing was more important than staying alive.

Both Xiang Shaoyun and Dong Zi saw everything clearly, and both of them were overwhelmed with shock at what they saw. A Transformation Realm expert was actually defeated so quickly after entering the cave. What exactly was in there?

"Let's go take a look," Dong Zi said, growing excited.

Xiang Shaoyun was shocked at how fast this fellow changed his mind. Joy, sorrow, disgust, excitement...he was as fickle as a woman.

"Even if you want to die, don't drag me along. Go yourself." Xiang Shaoyun turned and left without a second thought.

After many near death experiences, Xiang Shaoyun was no longer as rash. No matter what treasure was in the cave, he would not easily put himself in danger. At times, a fortuitous encounter might be a disaster in disguise.

"Pfft. What a coward. And you dare call yourself Overlord? Where's the courage of an overlord?" said Dong Zi with disdain.

"Whatever you say. I'm not risking my life for nothing." Xiang Shaoyun did not care.

"Hey, wait. I have some poison discharge pills here. Are you sure you don't want to try your luck in there?" said Dong Zi after taking out two pills.

"Try? Sure, go try yourself," Xiang Shaoyun rejected.

Dong Zi hesitated for a bit before he spoke again, "I also have a king-grade armor here. If you come with me, you can have the armor."

As he said that, he took out a tiny armor. The delicate design of the armor and the durability of the materials used to forge it made it clear it was an extraordinary armor.

"King-grade armor?" Xiang Shaoyun was astonished. But an odd expression covered his face as he said, "This...is a female's inner armor."

That was when Dong Zi gazed at his armor and quickly cried out in alarm, "I-I took out the wrong armor. It's not this one."

The armor vanished, replaced with a male's armor.

There is indeed something that is more than meets the eye about him, Xiang Shaoyun thought inwardly.

He had already noticed a delicate bracelet on Dong Zi's wrist. Both armors were taken out of that bracelet.

Storage bracelet!

A storage item was different from the storage space within one's astral cosmos sea. The former was forged from rare materials while the latter was formed within one's body. A storage item was also extremely valuable and not something an ordinary person could own, especially someone as young as Dong Zi.

From this, it was obvious that Dong Zi had a powerful background.

Even so, Xiang Shaoyun still did not change his mind. He looked at Dong Zi solemnly and said, "Yes, the poison discharge pill works against regular poisons. But the poison in the cave is probably the blackcorpse poison. I doubt the poison discharge pill can keep it at bay for long. Also, although king-grade armor can protect your vitals, it won't protect your entire body. Have you thought of a possibility that something scary is in the cave? For example, a zombie king? If that is the case, both of us will die."

Looking at the stern Xiang Shaoyun, Dong Zi felt somewhat embarrassed as he said, "But...I really want to take a look at what's in the cave! Perhaps a heaven-defying fortuitous encounter is waiting for us in there!"

Xiang Shaoyun hesitated slightly before saying, "Fine, for the two items you offered, I will take this risk with you." He paused for a bit before saying, "Gather some wood and flints."

"Alright!" Dong Zi was overjoyed, but after walking a few steps, he stopped and asked, "Wait, why am I doing the gathering instead of you?"



"I am taking the lead. Stop wasting time. Go, I need to make some preparations." Xiang Shaoyun glared at Dong Zi.

"Fine, you're the boss." Dong Zi resentfully gave Xiang Shaoyun the middle finger.

With his identity, he had always been the one to order others around. Today, he was being ordered around instead, and he had a hard time accepting it. After Dong Zi left, Xiang Shaoyun did not actually make his "preparations". Instead, he stood there staring at the cave attentively.

This is likely a place of burial. Otherwise, such a large zombie disaster wouldn't have erupted. But is the zombie disaster a natural occurrence or is it man-made? If it is the latter, something sinister might come into existence as well. Well, since I've stumbled upon it, I might as well try doing something, Xiang Shaoyun pondered.

Soon, Dong Zi returned with some wood and flint.

When Xiang Shaoyun saw the small number of wood gathered, he was rendered speechless.

"How stupid are you? I am planning to attack them with fire. With three branches and that tiny flint, what the hell can we do?" Xiang Shaoyun berated with disdain.

#### Chapter 143: Time to Start a Fire

Berated by Xiang Shaoyun, Dong Zi felt so wronged he nearly cried then and there.

Xiang Shaoyun realized that his tone was a tad bit too harsh, so he toned down and said, "Alright, wait here. I'll be back shortly."

Behaving like a little girl when you're a grown ass man. What the hell, Xiang Shaoyun grumbled inwardly.

Looking at Xiang Shaoyun walking away, Dong Zi glanced at the blackfur corpses only to feel a chill up his spine before he quickly ran after Xiang Shaoyun.

"Sorry, it was my fault," Dong Zi apologized.

"Forget it, I was wrong too," Xiang Shaoyun replied. He then added, "Those sinister beings are scared of fire. We need to gather more wood and flint to chase them out of the cave so we can start exploring it."

"You're so smart!" Dong Zi opened his eyes wide and stared at Xiang Shaoyun in a worshiping manner.

Not really. You're just stupid in comparison, Xiang Shaoyun grumbled inwardly.

Soon, they gathered a large amount of wood and some flint. The so-called flint was in fact merely some old and dry stones that could easily create sparks when rubbed together.

"Alright, store them all in your storage bracelet. Come with me when you're done," Xiang Shaoyun said.

"Huh? How did you know I have a storage bracelet?" Dong Zi asked in astonishment.

Xiang Shaoyun was already numbed by this stupidity as he answered helplessly, "Please, you already exposed yourself when you took out the pills and armors earlier."

An awkward look covered Dong Zi's face, and he said, "Looks like I have been careless." He paused for a bit before saying, "But I don't have enough space for all this wood."

Xiang Shaoyun sighed and said, "We will carry them over, then."

He was not about to expose his secret, especially to a stranger he had just met. Thus, they piled the wood and tied it up before carrying it to the cave.

When they were near the cave, Dong Zi said, "There are still a lot of blackfur corpses. What should we do about them?"

"Wait," Xiang Shaoyun said calmly.

"What do you mean?" Dong Zi was confused.

Xiang Shaoyun ignored the question. He shut his eyes and began to wait in silence. Dong Zi felt awkward at being ignored and was too embarrassed to continue asking.

Hmph. You think you're so smart, huh? If you ignore me, I'll ignore you too! Dong Zi thought resentfully.

Thus, he sat down and turned to face the other way. Not far away, some of the blackfur corpses were roaming around aimlessly, while others were busy feasting on the corpses on the ground. None had noticed Xiang Shaoyun and Dong Zi.

Every now and then, some black mist would drift out of the cave and slowly spread in the air. Gradually, the sky darkened, and a gust of chilly wind swept past them. The chilly wind scared Dong Zi so much he hugged himself and sat closer to Xiang Shaoyun.

"Hey, it's getting dark," Dong Zi said when he saw that Xiang Shaoyun was still silently sitting cross-legged.

Xiang Shaoyun ignored him, seemingly in deep meditation.

Hu! Hu!

The whistling sound of the wind grew louder, scaring Dong Zi to the point he grabbed at Xiang Shaoyun's sleeve and trembled. It was now that Xiang Shaoyun finally opened his eyes and said, "Time to start a fire."

"Fire? What? I say we leave!" Dong Zi said.

"You are the one who wants to find out what's in the cave. And now, you want to leave. What exactly do you want?" Xiang Shaoyun complained.

"B-but...I'm afraid of the dark!" Dong Zi said as he stuck closely to Xiang Shaoyun.

Xiang Shaoyun shot Dong Zi a look of disdain before walking toward the pile of wood. He undid the binding and spread the wood around. During this, Dong Zi stuck closely to Xiang Shaoyun like a tail.

"Wait here. I'll carry some of the wood to the cave. Set it on fire when I tell you to, do you understand?" Xiang Shaoyun said before he left with a large bundle of wood.

"Hey, hey...I-I'm scared!" Dong Zi stamped his foot and said.

If Xiang Shaoyun saw how Dong Zi was behaving, he would probably call him a crossdresser inwardly again. What kind of man would behave like that?

"Howl!"

The blackfur corpses were very sensitive to the smell of blood. The moment Xiang Shaoyun approached, they dashed toward him by relying on their sharp senses. There were still a few dozen blackfur corpses left, and the sight of them all rushing toward a single person was a scary one.

Before they had a chance to surround Xiang Shaoyun, he used his Overlord's Nine Nether Steps to move past them, approach the cave, and toss the wood to it. Right this moment, two blackfur corpses pounced on him.

Xiang Shaoyun did a backflip and kicked the two blackfur corpses, sending them flying over 10 meters away. He took the chance to crush the flint he had on him before scattering them. Meanwhile, the blackfur corpses surrounded him and roared without stop.

Xiang Shaoyun showed no fear. With the Overlord's Nine Nether Steps, he moved among the blackfur corpses like a specter at a speed none of the blackfur corpses could touch. Soon, the entire area was filled with flint powder that trailed straight toward the pile of wood he had tossed to the cave earlier.

"Start the fire!" Xiang Shaoyun shouted.

Unfortunately, Dong Zi was currently leaning against a tree and trembling in fear. When he heard Xiang Shaoyun's shout, he tried to set the wood on fire to no avail.

At this point, Xiang Shaoyun was already surrounded by a large number of blackfur corpses. Some started to pounce Xiang Shaoyun while others started to spit poisonous gas from their mouths. A regular person would become dizzy and nauseous once they came in contact with this poisonous gas.

Since Xiang Shaoyun had the poison discharge pill in his mouth, he was still immune to regular poison. He stopped dodging and started counterattacking the blackfur corpses.

Gold Helix Fist!

His fist shot out as fast as lightning; the might of his fist crushed forth as fist energy swirling with vicious gold energy shot forward and spiraled like a drill.

Bang!

The fist blew out the chest of a blackfur corpse. Xiang Shaoyun assumed that the blackfur corpse he hit would be dead from that, but he found that the blackfur corpse was still capable of moving. In fact, the blackfur corpse was now hugging his arm as it opened its mouth wide to bite Xiang Shaoyun.

"Piss off!" Xiang Shaoyun roared as he raised his arm and swung the blackfur corpse toward the other blackfur corpses.

Even as the blackfur corpse flew away, it managed to claw Xiang Shaoyun's arm with its sharp nails. Fortunately, Xiang Shaoyun's flesh was much tougher than a regular cultivator's, and the nails could not dig into his flesh. Otherwise, he would have been poisoned for sure.

Xiang Shaoyun did not dare to be careless. He attacked repeatedly, blasting one blackfur corpse's skull apart with each punch.

"Start the fire! What are you waiting for?" Xiang Shaoyun yelled.

Finally, Dong Zi was able to create a spark with the flint and set the wood on fire.

Bang! Bang!

## Chapter 144: I Will Remember This!

The wood started burning. Normally, fire would need some time to spread. But since it was rather windy at the moment and the wind was blowing in the direction of the cave, the fire spread quickly. All this was part of Xiang Shaoyun's plan. With the wind's help, the fire surged and spread quickly along the trail of flint powder and wood. When the fire grew larger, Xiang Shaoyun started to approach the fire.

As for the blackfur corpses, fear could be seen on their faces, and they started retreating. It would seem they held an intense fear of fire. Some of them were unable to retreat in time and caught on fire. Due to the long black fur covering their bodies, the moment they caught on fire, the flame quickly spread across their bodies.

The blackfur corpses that caught on fire wailed miserably as they tried running back to the cave. But because of that, the fire spread even faster and burned even more of the blackfur corpses. Xiang Shaoyun found the scene comical, but at the same time, he also rejoiced in the fact that his plan had succeeded.

Dong Zi finally ran over to him and asked, "Are you fine?"

"You nearly ruined everything!" Xiang Shaoyun grumbled.

"S-sorry!" Dong Zi lowered his head.

"Forget it. See all of them as your enemies, sweep the fear out of your heart, and you will no longer fear them." Xiang Shaoyun waved his hand.

It was unknown if Dong Zi actually understood what Xiang Shaoyun was trying to tell him, but he was nodding repeatedly. The fire was still spreading wildly, and the pile of wood at the entrance of the cave was burning. This was a fire that had spread so easily thanks to the wind. Dong Zi finally understood why Xiang Shaoyun waited so long before acting on his plan. He stole a glance at Xiang Shaoyun, an odd light flickering in his eyes.

"Shit!" Xiang Shaoyun suddenly cried out.

That shocked Dong Zi who then asked nervously, "What?"

"The Blackhill Sect might be the one to benefit from this fire. I believe they will be here soon," Xiang Shaoyun said with his eyes narrowed.

"Uhh...you're not a Blackhill Sect disciple?" Dong Zi asked after a slight hesitation.

"When have I ever claimed to be a Blackhill Sect disciple?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"You lied to me!" Furious, Dong Zi pointed at Xiang Shaoyun.

"You are the one making assumptions. I never admitted to being a Blackhill Sect disciple, so how am I the liar?" Xiang Shaoyun no longer minded Dong Zi knowing the truth.

"B-but why didn't you tell me the truth, then?" Dong Zi asked, still unhappy.

"I don't even know you. Is there a need to tell you the truth?" Xiang Shaoyun countered, feeling somewhat helpless at the stupid questions.

He found that the kid before him was really naively foolish, and wondered which family the kid came from. Dong Zi was about to say more when he heard roars coming from the cave. The fire had finally spread into the cave, and since there were other flammable objects inside, the fire started to spread even more once inside. A large number of blackfur corpses on fire ran out of the cave. They did not go far, as they had all collapsed shortly after running out of the cave.

"Your trick is way too effective!" Dong Zi cried out in astonishment.

"Wait here. I'll go get some water." Xiang Shaoyun ignored the remark and ran toward a certain direction looking for water. But of course Dong Zi refused to stay alone as he stuck closely to Xiang Shaoyun. When looking for wood earlier, Xiang Shaoyun had found a swamp nearby. Although there wasn't a lot of water, it would do for now.

"What can we do with this little water? Is it even enough to extinguish the fire?" Dong Zi asked.

Xiang Shaoyun rolled his eyes. "How stupid are you exactly? Who told you I'm going to extinguish the fire?"

"What are you going to do otherwise?" Dong Zi asked meekly. After making sure that there was nothing wrong with the swamp, Xiang Shaoyun jumped inside.

"Hey, that's so dirty!" Dong Zi complained as he pinched his nose.

"You, come down here too," Xiang Shaoyun said.

"No way!" Dong Zi took a step back.

Xiang Shaoyun crawled out of the swamp and said sternly, "Have you not heard that after making yourself wet, you will have a certain degree of protection against fire?"

Dong Zi was no fool. He was merely too innocent and a bit slow, as he had previously been too sheltered. With Xiang Shaoyun giving him such a clear hint, he understood what Xiang Shaoyun was trying to do.

"B-but..th-the water is so dirty!" Dong Zi protested meekly.

Xiang Shaoyun couldn't be bothered to continue the argument so he kicked Dong Zi's backside and sent him into the swamp.

"You scoundrel!" Dong Zi yelled furiously when he found himself soaked in mud.

"Cut the nonsense. Get a piece of wet cloth and wrap it around your face. Come with me into the cave when you're done," Xiang Shaoyun said.

Seeing how serious Xiang Shaoyun was behaving, Dong Zi stopped arguing and did as told before crawling out of the swamp.

"I will remember this!" Dong Zi threatened angrily.

When he thought of where Xiang Shaoyun had kicked him earlier, he had an urge to beat Xiang Shaoyun up.



Xiang Shaoyun ignored Dong Zi's antics and rushed toward the cave. He was aware that the Blackhill Sect members were likely to arrive soon. He had to search the cave before that. He put on the king-grade armor Dong Zi had given him and said, "Think properly before coming. The moment we enter, things might get dangerous. If you are scared, don't go."

"Bullshit. We will definitely reap a great harvest without encountering much danger," Dong Zi said. He paused slightly before saying resolutely, "I'm going!"

"Ok. Charge inside." Xiang Shaoyun nodded as he raised his Overlord Skyslaying Saber.

The Overlord Skyslaying Saber was recovering decently. The numerous cracks in it had closed up. Its blade also looked much cleaner and shinier, with only the chips on the blade remaining the same. When Dong Zi saw the saber, he said, "Your weapon is so badly damaged. How can you continue using it? Do you want me to give you a new weapon?"

"No thanks. Let's go," Xiang Shaoyun said. Then, he wrapped a piece of wet cloth around his face and charged into the cave.

Hmph. Ungrateful bastard. One day you will learn to thank this young la—master! Dong Zi complained inwardly before charging into the cave as well.

The fire wasn't too big in the cave, but the cave was filled with thick and suffocating smoke. With his extraordinary eyesight, Xiang Shaoyun was able to barely see what was in the cave. As for Dong Zi, he was as good as blind. In fact, the smoke caused him to tear without stop, the discomfort making him feel like immediately leaving.

"Cover your eyes with this. You will feel better." Xiang Shaoyun gave Dong Zi a piece of wet cloth.

The cloth was nearly transparent, so covering the eyes with it would not affect one's vision. Dong Zi took the cloth and covered his eyes, his heart thumping as he thought of the care Xiang Shaoyun showed him.

## Chapter 145: You're Crazy

When Xiang Shaoyun and Dong Zi entered the cave, they found that it was quite deep. For some reason, Xiang Shaoyun had a bad feeling when he entered and saw that the fire could not spread any

deeper; the blackcorpse poison had been growing thicker the deeper they went. If they each hadn't swallowed a poison discharge pill in advance, they would have died by now.

"This is troublesome. I never expected the cave to be so deep. Only some of the blackfur corpses have been burned, and we don't know if there are more inside. Just the blackcorpse poison is enough to give us a hard time." Xiang Shaoyun frowned.

"What should we do? Are we going to give up halfway?" Dong Zi asked.

"Of course not. Activate your shaped energy and try going deeper with the torch. But if we do find that the cave is too deep for us to explore, we will have no choice but to leave," Xiang Shaoyun said.

Thus, the two activated their shaped energy to protect themselves from the poison in the air.

Xiang Shaoyun had the innate purple lightning in him, a power of extreme yang. Thus, any blackcorpse poison, a power with yin property, that approached him would be destroyed.

When Xiang Shaoyun saw that, he was overjoyed. Why have I not thought of this? Lightning power is actually a counter to the poison!

He was only aware of fire being a counter for poison. But now, he realized that lightning had the same effect as well. As for Dong Zi's shaped energy, it was green in color. Clearly, he cultivated some sort of wood energy that was unable to restrain the poison. Seeing that, Xiang Shaoyun placed his hand on Dong Zi's shoulder, trying to protect Dong Zi with his lightning energy as well.

No matter what kind of background Dong Zi had, Xiang Shaoyun concluded that this was not a scheming person from how stupid he had been so far. Thus, it was unlikely that Dong Zi would be a threat to him.

But as soon as his hand touched Dong Zi's shoulder, Dong Zi moved. He grabbed Xiang Shaoyun's hand with one hand and elbowed Xiang Shaoyun's belly with his other arm. It was a clean and direct attack that was conducted so naturally it seemed like the action was innately ingrained in him. Thus, Xiang Shaoyun, who had just concluded that Dong Zi posed no threat, was immediately struck.

Bang!

Dong Zi attacked with an enormous force that immediately created cracks in Xiang Shaoyun's outer energy. Fortunately, Xiang Shaoyun already had his inner energy formed as well. Otherwise, this one attack would have seriously injured him.

And yet Dong Zi did not seem like he was going to stop. He shouted, "I'll kill you, pervert!"

He bent down while still tightly grabbing Xiang Shaoyun's arm and performed a shoulder throw on Xiang Shaoyun.

Bang!

Caught completely off guard, Xiang Shaoyun was slammed onto the ground. Then, Dong Zi drew his sword and stabbed the sword at Xiang Shaoyun, who was still on the ground.

By now, Xiang Shaoyun had already recovered from his shock. His eyes lit up as he stared at the sword, slowing down its movement in his eyes. Its trajectory became clear as day for him as both his hands shot up and clasped the sword in between his palms.

"Are you crazy?" Xiang Shaoyun focused all his power in his voice and yelled.

A slight trace of a tiger's roar was mixed with his voice reverberating throughout the cave. The roar caused Dong Zi's ears to go numb. Taking this opportunity, Xiang Shaoyun pushed the sword to the side before jumping back onto his feet.

"What are you doing?" Xiang Shaoyun glared at Dong Zi.

"I should be the one asking you that question! Why did you touch my shoulder?" Dong Zi glared at Xiang Shaoyun as well.

"You're crazy! My lightning energy is able to restrain the blackcorpse poison here. I was only trying to help protect you from the poison. What's with your extreme reaction? Are you trying to murder me?" Xiang Shaoyun was furious.

That made Dong Zi realize that he had wrongly blamed Xiang Shaoyun. He lowered his head awkwardly, not knowing what to say. Just as he was about to apologize, two black figures suddenly appeared behind him.

"Howl!"

"Be careful!" Xiang Shaoyun was able to see clearly behind Dong Zi since he was facing Dong Zi's front and could see over his shoulders. He yelled and pulled Dong Zi to the side before kicking the two black figures.

Bang! Bang!

Two blackfur corpses were sent flying away. Dong Zi broke out in cold sweat. If Xiang Shaoyun had reacted a tad bit slower, he would have been bitten by the blackfur corpses.

Xiang Shaoyun said, "Do what you want. I'm going in."

Xiang Shaoyun did not want to drag this on. He held a torch with one hand and the Overlord Skyslaying Saber with the other hand as he started moving again. The two blackfur corpses stood up again but were met with Xiang Shaoyun's slash, which split them into two.

As of this moment, Xiang Shaoyun was starting to get serious. As he advanced, one blackfur corpse after another appeared, and the torch in his hand lit them all up. Instead of wasting more time with them, he advanced the moment he lit one on fire. The deeper he went, the thicker the blackcorpse poison became. Hissing sounds rang out incessantly as the poison corroded his outer energy without stop.

Dong Zi had been sticking close to Xiang Shaoyun while feeling incomparably anxious. He was also a capable combatant, but he had no way of going too deep into the cave. At the same time, he also found the blackfur corpses terrifying. After some hesitation, he took out a stalk of high-grade spirit medicine and stuffed it into his mouth. That was a spirit medicine capable of resisting poison and was even better than the poison discharge pill.

"I won't be a burden!" Dong Zi muttered to himself before running after Xiang Shaoyun with his sword raised.

There was only a limited number of blackfur corpses in the cave. The deeper Xiang Shaoyun went, the fewer blackfur corpses he met. Even so, these newly appeared blackfur corpses were much more zombified and stronger than the ones he had met earlier. If he wasn't a Transformation Realm cultivator, he wouldn't have been able to defeat these corpses with one slash. These new corpses had incredibly tough skin with sparse black furs. Regular fire could no longer harm them.

"This is a sign of these corpses turning into complete zombies," Xiang Shaoyun muttered.

He really could not understand how the Blackhill Sect had only discovered that they were digging up a burial site after mining here for so long. The deeper he went, the more spacious the cave became. It was clear this space was man-made and was not naturally formed.

Currently, Xiang Shaoyun had stopped advancing and was standing there studying a room with pitch-black walls. These pitch-black walls were formed precisely of the blackiron ores the Blackhill Sect was mining.

Xiang Shaoyun had little interest in the blackiron ores. He was currently staring at 36 human-shaped indentations on the ground. There was a zombie in each of them. The zombies were all dressed in ancient armors and were holding on to some weapons with their hands. No sign of life could be seen within them. It was obvious they had been dead for a long time.

#### Chapter 146: Zombie Slaying

At the same instant Xiang Shaoyun arrived, the 36 zombies started moving. After becoming zombies, their flesh had undergone some sort of transformation that rendered them immune to regular weapons. The zombies got out of their holes to attack, but Xiang Shaoyun snatched the initiative and struck first.

The blackcorpse poison here was too thick. Therefore, he had to keep his outer energy up at all times. Because of that, his energy expenditure was extremely high. If he couldn't finish his task in time, he would have to leave empty-handed.

Berserk Lightning Blade!

The Berserk Lightning Blade was a tier-3 battle technique, and using this battle technique with the Overlord Skyslaying Saber doubled its might. Shrouded in lightning energy, the saber slashed down at one of the zombies.

Clang!

The saber landed, and an ear-piercing sound rang out. Facing these new zombies, Xiang Shaoyun was no longer able to split them into two with a single slash. He was only able to penetrate the zombie somewhat.

While spitting blackcorpse poison out of its mouth, the zombie swung its weapon toward Xiang Shaoyun. Since the saber was still stuck in the zombie's body, Xiang Shaoyun had to either abandon the saber or be hit by the zombie. Even worse was the fact that the blackcorpse poison was extremely corrosive in nature, threatening to completely corrode his outer energy.

Xiang Shaoyun immediately squatted down to avoid the attack and the poisonous gas. He then wrapped his arms around the zombie's legs, lifted the zombie, and smashed it toward the other zombies.

Bang! Bang!

Thus, even though Xiang Shaoyun was forced to abandon his weapon, he was still able to avoid the pincer attack of the zombies near him. After tossing the zombie away, he dashed forward and started punching the zombies. He used all his strength without holding back, trying to make every attack count.

When using his full power, each of his punches carried a weight of 30,000 catties. Apart from the impressive might of his punches, he was also sending out revolving fist energies with his Gold Helix Fist, which further increased the destructiveness of his punches. Additionally, his vicious gold energy made his attacks even more devastating.

The spots he punched caved in, but that was still not enough to stop the zombies. They continued attacking unaffected, and they spat out blackcorpse poison without stop.

"Their heads are too hard. I need at least three punches to fully smash one apart," Xiang Shaoyun muttered as he retreated with his Overlord's Nine Nether Steps and dashed toward the zombie his saber was stuck in.

By now, his entire body was already shrouded in a clump of blackcorpse poison gas. His outer energy would not be able to last any longer. He arrived beside the zombie his saber was stuck in. He first dodged the zombie's attack then grabbed the saber and released the innate purple lightning within his body.

The innate purple lightning was as tyrannical as natural lightning power with incredible destructiveness. The zombie was instantly reduced into charred pieces that crumbled apart, boosting Xiang Shaoyun's confidence as his battle intent rose. Instantly, the projection of tiger and dragon appeared behind him. The two roared repeatedly, shrouding Xiang Shaoyun in a boundless majesty.

Kill!

Xiang Shaoyun no longer held anything back. He roared and dashed amid the zombies with his remarkable footwork. He slashed everywhere with his lightning-powered saber, and the zombies exploded left and right.

The zombies held the superiority of having a tough body and highly toxic blackcorpse poison. But they also had a weakness: their slow movement speed and relatively simple attacking methods.

So long as Xiang Shaoyun could overcome their superiority, he would be able to kill the zombies off one by one. Like he was a beast himself, he waved his saber around, slaughtering the zombies in an overbearing manner.

This was the scene welcoming Dong Zi, who had just arrived. His eyes seemed to twinkle upon witnessing the scene.

Rumble! Rumble!

It was as if Xiang Shaoyun had completely forgotten about his own life as he attacked like a fearless madman and paid no need to his own safety. After a while, all 36 zombies were reduced to chunks of meat splayed out on the ground.

But with the death of these zombies, the large amount of blackcorpse poison in their bodies finally erupted. The intensity of the poisonous gas was even more terrifying than before. Xiang Shaoyun breathed in some of the poisonous gas by accident and immediately felt lightheaded. He could clearly sense his vitality dropping at that moment. Fortunately, he had an abundant amount of innate purple lightning in his body. The innate purple lightning immediately destroyed the blackcorpse poison that had invaded his body.

Xiang Shaoyun was aware that Dong Zi was present. Since it was inconvenient to open his mouth with all the poison in the air, he only waved his hand and signaled Dong Zi to leave as he dealt with

the final obstacle before him. He could sense that not far ahead was the end of the cave. Now would be the time to see if he had made the trip for nothing.

Unfortunately, Dong Zi was too simple minded to understand what Xiang Shaoyun was telling him. Therefore, he ran straight toward Xiang Shaoyun. And the moment he rushed inside, the blackcorpse poison in the air fully corroded the outer energy around him.

That gave him a fright. If he hadn't swallowed the stalk of high-grade spirit medicine and the poison discharge pill in advance, he would be dead now. Even so, things were still extremely dangerous for him. If he did not retreat immediately, he would die.

Idiot! Xiang Shaoyun cursed inwardly as he rushed over to help Dong Zi.

Xiang Shaoyun was currently shrouded in a layer of innate purple lightning that blocked all blackcorpse poison outside his body. When he arrived beside Dong Zi, he found that Dong Zi was already light on his feet and was on the verge of collapsing.

He reached out and hugged Dong Zi before shrouding the innate purple lightning around Dong Zi as well. However, Xiang Shaoyun did not leave with Dong Zi. Since he was already here, he could not leave just like that. Carrying Dong Zi, he went deeper into the cave. He was not willing to leave without knowing what was in the cave.

In Xiang Shaoyun's arms, part of the poison in Dong Zi was cleared by the innate purple lightning. At this moment, the medical efficacy of the poison discharge pill and high-grade spirit medicine finally erupted. Additionally, he also circulated his cultivation method by instinct and forced a large amount of poison out of his body.

Slowly, he regained his clarity. Realizing that he was in Xiang Shaoyun's arms, he was enchanted by Xiang Shaoyun's manliness. If Xiang Shaoyun realized what Dong Zi was thinking, he would most likely drop Dong Zi immediately and curse that this fellow was indeed interested in guys.

There were no longer any blackfur corpses or zombies in their way. Unfortunately, it was a dead end. Xiang Shaoyun fumed at that realization.

Is this only a burial cave? There's nothing here? Xiang Shaoyun yelled inwardly.



It hadn't been easy at all for him to reach here. But he had to leave empty-handed? Nobody would be happy with this result. Right as Xiang Shaoyun was about to accept the loss and leave, a weird scene surfaced in his mind. Without any hesitation, he unleashed all his power. The purple dragon and white tiger appeared again, hovering around him.

"Break!" Xiang Shaoyun slammed his saber down with his free hand.

## Chapter 147: Your Entire Family Are Crossdressers

Rumble!

The thunder rumbled on, while a dragon and a tiger roared. That slash was most certainly the strongest attack Xiang Shaoyun could muster at the moment. The terrifying destructiveness of the attack could match the attack of a late-stage or even a peak-stage Transformation Realm cultivator.

The dreadful saber attack blasted the wall in front of him, causing rocks to fly everywhere. The loud rumble left a buzzing noise in the ears of Xiang Shaoyun and Dong Zi. Xiang Shaoyun did not stop with one attack. He raised his saber and slammed it down again and again until he finally opened a tunnel.

That's right. Xiang Shaoyun was forcefully digging his own tunnel in the cave. The thick wall collapsed, revealing yet another cave on the other side of the wall. Meanwhile, Dong Zi, who was in Xiang Shaoyun's arms, was already completely stupefied. He had never expected that Xiang Shaoyun was actually able to unleash such fearsome attacks. The might of the attacks caused even him to feel fearful.

Even more surprising was the fact that there was indeed a cave hidden behind the wall. Was Xiang Shaoyun already aware of the hidden cave or was he simply lucky? In fact, Xiang Shaoyun himself was also blanking out.

Just earlier, a vague scene had appeared in his mind for no apparent reason. That was the scene he was now looking at, the cave behind the wall. That was why he had attacked the wall instead of leaving.

What he saw now proved that he wasn't imagining the scene he had seen in his head. After blanking out for a short bit, Xiang Shaoyun stepped into the second cave with Dong Zi still in his arms.

This second cave looked more like a secret room than a cave. The cave was also completely free of the blackcorpse poison, providing them a badly needed respite. But the air would not remain clean for long, as the poisonous gas in the air was already slowly spreading into the second cave as well.

In the second cave, Xiang Shaoyun heaved a breath of relief. He dissolved a low-grade spirit stone in his astral cosmos sea to replenish some of his exhausted energy.

"H-hey! Let me go!" Dong Zi finally spoke.

That reminded Xiang Shaoyun that he still had a man in his arms. In fact, he could sense a soft sensation in his palm, making him wonder, What's that? Why is it so soft?

"Y-you scoundrel! Let go of me!" Dong Zi was extremely weakened at the moment, and all he could do was shout at Xiang Shaoyun.

It was at this moment that Xiang Shaoyun seemed to have realized something that made him immediately drop Dong Zi.

"Arrrghhh!"

Dong Zi wailed in pain from being dropped on the ground.

"F\*ck! You're really a crossdresser!" Xiang Shaoyun couldn't help but start cussing.

He had once read from an ancient scripture that there existed a group of humans whose genders were ambiguous, and they were called crossdressers. This Dong Zi looked like a woman, had the figure of a woman, yet he also had an Adam's apple. What could he be if he was not one of these so-called crossdressers?

"Screw you! You are the crossdresser! Your entire family are crossdressers!" Dong Zi fumed as well.

The more he shouted, the more feminine his voice became.

"Wait a minute. Why is your voice changing?" Xiang Shaoyun interrupted his shouting.

Dong Zi had just gotten back on his feet with great difficulty. He stuffed two pills into his mouth before looking at Xiang Shaoyun. "You are a total scoundrel!"

After scolding Xiang Shaoyun, he even stomped Xiang Shaoyun's feet.

At this point, even if Xiang Shaoyun was a total idiot, he would have realized that there was a possibility that this Dong Zi was really a woman. Why? Because he had found that the Adam's apple on Dong Zi's neck had vanished.

A bitter smile covered Xiang Shaoyun's face as he said, "Ok, I admit defeat. You are too skilled at lying. Consider us even?"

"What do you mean by even! This is not over!" Dong Zi glared at Xiang Shaoyun.

The moment she thought of how Xiang Shaoyun's palm was on her private part earlier, she was furious. But at the same time, an incomprehensible emotion seemed to rise from her heart, making her blush bashfully.

If it was any other person, she would not stop until the person was killed. But she knew that Xiang Shaoyun had not done it intentionally. All he did was for the sake of saving her. Because of that, she did not have any intention of killing Xiang Shaoyun, but she could not understand the odd emotion she was feeling in her heart at the moment.

Meanwhile, Xiang Shaoyun mused to himself, It is really hard to be a good person. But then again...they do feel good to the touch.

If Dong Zi heard his thoughts, she would probably kill him. Xiang Shaoyun ignored Dong Zi. He knew that she would need some time to calm down from her anger. He was running out of time, so he had to search his surroundings as quickly as possible.

He found that the cave was rather empty. It only had a bed, a skeleton, a piece of human skin, and a pile of random objects. Xiang Shaoyun jogged forward and searched through the pile. He found that a lot of the objects in the pile had already degraded into powder. Fortunately, some of the more durable items remained.

"Only king-grade items?" Xiang Shaoyun muttered in disappointment.

There were some top-quality blackiron ores, demonic cores, king-grade weapons, spirit crystals, and so on here. For others, these items were rare treasures. In fact, even King Realm cultivators would be overjoyed to find this pile of treasure. But these were nothing for Xiang Shaoyun.

At this time, Dong Zi arrived beside Xiang Shaoyun. She was similarly disinterested when she saw the items. Clearly, she had a rather remarkable background.

"Do you want them? If not, I'll take them all," Xiang Shaoyun asked. Even though these items were nothing for him, he was completely broke at the moment. Thus, he was naturally not against taking all of them.

Dong Zi scanned the items before waving her hand. "Take them if you want. I don't need them."

Xiang Shaoyun did not hold back and put everything away. This time, he did not keep them in his astral cosmos sea, as he did not have much storage space left. Instead, he used a piece of cloth and wrapped the items in a bundle before carrying the bundle on his back.

Dong Zi walked toward the bed and picked up something from the floor with joy on her face.

Xiang Shaoyun's pupils shrank when he saw what was in Dong Zi's hand. He cried out in alarm, "Is this a...life essence seed?"

The so-called life essence seed was a crystallized vitality that could be formed from the life essence of plants or any other living beings. Xiang Shaoyun could clearly sense the undulations of vitality rippling from the seed. That was how he knew what it was.

Dong Zi quickly put the seed away as she said, "Since you have already taken so many things, you can't fight over this with me."

"I'm not fighting over it with you. I suggest you swallow it immediately. You still have some leftover poison in your body. This life essence seed will work nicely to help heal you from the poison," Xiang Shaoyun said.

He then walked toward the bed and glanced at the skeleton, his gaze stopping at the human skin. He reached out toward the skin, but it suddenly moved and tried to wrap itself around both of them.

#### Chapter 148: Brain Devouring Bug

The human skin had moved so suddenly it completely caught Xiang Shaoyun by surprise. Xiang Shaoyun had not expected it at all. Just as the skin was about to wrap itself around him, a green flash streaked through the air.

Swish!

The green sword energy lashed out and slowed the skin's advance, giving Xiang Shaoyun a chance to retreat.

"What the hell is that?" shouted Xiang Shaoyun after he pulled a safe distance between him and the skin. Not far from him, the skin hovered in the air and assumed the form of a face baring its fangs. It drifted in the air at a high speed that made it hard for one to catch.

Dong Zi's attack hadn't damaged the skin at all. Instead, Dong Zi was now the skin's new target. The skin pounced Dong Zi while making an odd, sinister sound that made one's hair stand on end.

Dong Zi waved her sword around repeatedly, sending slash after slash toward the skin. As for Xiang Shaoyun, he stopped blanking out, and he yelled and swung his saber at the skin. Unfortunately, the skin was even faster than him, causing his attack to hit thin air.

Similarly, the skin avoided all of Dong Zi's attacks. It was even able to slip between her attacks and shoot straight toward her like a sharp blade. She immediately released a massive amount of outer energy, thinking she could use it to block the attack. Unfortunately, the skin's attack was sharp enough to penetrate the layer of energy.

Clang!

Fortunately, Dong Zi was wearing king-grade armor that managed to block the attack. Otherwise, that attack would have killed her then and there. Even so, the impact of the collision still sent her flying. The strength behind the attack was evident.

At this time, Xiang Shaoyun had also joined the battle. With the presence of dragon and tiger orbiting his body, a radiant purple energy surged out as he slashed the skin with his saber. The lightning-powered attack was quick and violent, immediately striking the skin.

As the attack was powered by the innate purple lightning, it was incredibly destructive. Not even the skin could resist the attack, and it collapsed weakly to the ground. Xiang Shaoyun thought that the skin would be completely helpless after that, but as soon as the skin landed, it darted straight toward his legs.

Instead of jumping to avoid the attack, Xiang Shaoyun stared at the skin and tightened his hold of the saber before stabbing down. With his remarkable eyesight, he was able to clearly see the trajectory of the skin. Otherwise, he would not have had the guts to make such a risky move.

The skin was thus impaled to the ground. Just as Xiang Shaoyun thought everything was over, something shot toward him from beneath the skin. The thing flying toward him was pitch-black and as small as a fly. It flew at an extremely fast speed and entered Xiang Shaoyun's nostril in the blink of an eye, greatly alarming him.

He instantly gathered all his power to his nose, trying to force the thing out. Unfortunately, the thing seemed to be incredibly familiar with the human body, and it was able to quickly fly into the space in Xiang Shaoyun's head.

Xiang Shaoyun couldn't exactly attack the space in his head as that was where his soul resided. When he looked at the space within his head with his inner gaze, he saw a pitch-black bug trying to bite at the insides of his head. If he allowed the bug to do so, it would be the end of him.

"Freeze!" During this critical moment, Xiang Shaoyun activated the Nether Soul Domain within his head.

Xiang Shaoyun had only heard of the Nether Soul Domain from the white tiger. In truth, he had no idea what it was. The only thing he knew was that it was an extremely extraordinary ability. Once again, the Nether Soul Domain saved his life.

The prison of boundless darkness trapped the bug, stopping it from devouring the insides of Xiang Shaoyun's head. The bug instantly became anxious. It cried repeatedly, biting at the darkness around it. Alas, its struggle was pointless. Seeing that the bug was finally unable to do anything, Xiang Shaoyun heaved a sigh of relief.

"What the hell is this?" Xiang Shaoyun muttered as he started studying the bug.

From his observation, the bug had a sinister appearance. It had two tiny fangs shaped like pincers. It also had four eyes arranged in a row, and its entire body was filled with blisters, looking incredibly disgusting.

"Wait, is this a brain devouring bug?" Xiang Shaoyun shivered.

The so-called brain devouring bug was a horrifying poisonous being. Its favorite food was the human brain and soul. The moment it set its eyes on someone, unless killed, it would not stop until it completely devoured its target's brain. The bug normally resided in places heavy in yin, which generally had a large number of corpses. Since there were so many corpses here, it wasn't surprising that there was such a bug here.

"Die!" Without any hesitation, Xiang Shaoyun immediately crushed the bug to death with his Nether Soul Domain.

The space started closing in on the bug, trying to crush it to death. But as soon as the bug was killed, a strand of dark green energy spread out from the bug. What was odd was the fact that the Nether Soul Domain automatically absorbed it.

After absorbing the dark green energy, the Nether Soul Domain suddenly changed. The space it occupied became even larger. At the same time, it shared the growth with Xiang Shaoyun's soul, causing his soul to grow rapidly as well.

A human had three ethereal souls and seven corporeal souls. The growth of one's soul was equivalent to the growth of one's spirit—the expansion of one's wisdom—which was extremely important for any person.

There was a saying that a person with a big brain was a smart person. There was some sort of truth in that, as the soul resided in a person's head. The stronger the soul was, the clearer a person's mind would be.

Xiang Shaoyun was quite surprised to find that both the Nether Soul Domain and his soul had benefited from this. He also had a vague sensation that he had changed somewhat, although he couldn't pinpoint exactly what that change was. In any case, he could sense that it was a good change.

"Are you ok?" Dong Zi's voice pulled Xiang Shaoyun back to reality.

Xiang Shaoyun smiled. "Hehe, I'm fine. I'm doing very well."

"Oh, good. Come on, let's see what's up with the skin," Dong Zi said.

Xiang Shaoyun nodded and lifted the skin with his saber. Dong Zi noiselessly stepped away from the skin, as she was afraid the skin would suddenly attack again. As Xiang Shaoyun knew that the bug had already been killed, he was aware that the skin would not be attacking anymore.

He held the skin in his hand, sensing how tough it was. He was fascinated to discover that there were some ancient writings on the skin. It was at this time that a group of people had arrived outside the cave.

#### Chapter 149: Go Back, Shower, and Sleep

These were truly ancient words. Even someone like Xiang Shaoyun who had read tens of thousands of books was unable to recognize all of these ancient words. From that, it was clear how old the skin was. Dong Zi also stretched her head over to peek at the words. Confusion covered her face as she mumbled, "What the hell are these words?"

"No idea, but this is mine," Xiang Shaoyun said before keeping the skin away with no hesitation. Just because he couldn't read the words did not mean nobody could. Perhaps a major secret was hidden behind them.

Dong Zi knew this could very well be the biggest harvest from the excursion, but she did not fight over it with Xiang Shaoyun. Without Xiang Shaoyun, she wouldn't have been able to reach so far. In any case, she had already gotten a life essence seed for herself, which was an incredibly precious treasure in and of itself. Getting it had already made her trip worth it.

They did not leave immediately. Rather, they searched the cave one last time to see if they had missed anything. After confirming that they had missed nothing, they prepared to leave.

Suddenly, Dong Zi blushed. The tunnel leading outside was still filled with blackcorpse poison. She had no way of leaving without Xiang Shaoyun's assistance. More importantly, her real gender had been exposed. She was too embarrassed to stick so close to Xiang Shaoyun anymore.



"Come on, time to go," Xiang Shaoyun called out at her.

"I-I..." Dong Zi hesitated, not knowing that to say.

Seemingly capable of reading her mind, a smile surfaced on Xiang Shaoyun's face as he said, "Come on, Brother Crossdresser. I won't take advantage of you. Don't worry."

"You are the crossdresser. Your entire family are crossdressers!" Dong Zi fumed.

Xiang Shaoyun abruptly approached her, grabbed her arm, and pulled her toward the tunnel. A layer of lightning energy shrouded both Xiang Shaoyun and Dong Zi as they rushed through the cave towards its exit. Unlike when they had entered, they were not troubled by the numerous blackfur corpses when leaving. They only needed to deal with the poison.

The fuming Dong Zi was planning to give Xiang Shaoyun a beating, but when she saw how Xiang Shaoyun was protecting her, a sense of warmth covered her heart and her face turned red. They were able to leave the depths of the cave smoothly. Slowly, the poison in the air thinned and became less threatening. Xiang Shaoyun continued running quickly with Dong Zi in tow. Not long after, they finally left the cave. Unfortunately, waiting for them outside were the Blackhill Sect members.

When the Blackhill Sect members arrived, they could not decide if they should enter the cave or not. But they eventually discovered that there were signs of burning around and inside the cave. A lot of dead blackfur corpses could be found around the area as well. Thus, they were able to conclude that someone had entered the cave.

Because of that, they had decided to guard the entrance and rob the person who had entered. Sure enough, they had not waited for nothing. When Xiang Shaoyun and Dong Zi saw the almost 100 people waiting outside, the two blanked out. It was obvious enough that these were Blackhill Sect members.

Xiang Shaoyun cursed inwardly, Damn it, why are they so fast?

"Hello, there. What are you guys doing here so late at night? It's quite cold out here. I suggest you guys go back, take a shower, and go to bed," Xiang Shaoyun greeted warmly and noiselessly dragged Dong Zi toward the direction with fewer people.

"Hmph. The two of you have intruded upon the Blackhill Sect's mine, and you dare speak such sarcastic words to us? You are courting death!" one of them berated.

"Wait, what do you mean by intruding upon your mine? This is obviously a mass burial site. Those monsters had captured us into the cave. If we hadn't been lucky, we would have died. There are a lot of zombies in there!" Xiang Shaoyun exaggerated.

He then let go of Dong Zi and whispered, "Escape the moment you have the chance."

"No! I am not running!" Dong Zi yelled.

Xiang Shaoyun's face turned unsightly. He had been whispering so the Blackhill Sect members wouldn't hear what he told her, but this stupid girl actually yelled it out.

"Heh, escape? Look around you. Can you even escape?" someone from the Blackhill Sect sneered.

At this time, the vice sect master of the Blackhill Sect stepped out and said, "I don't care who you are, but you will have to come with us. We will decide your fate at a later time. Men, tie them up. If they dare resist, kill them."

Murderous intent was leaking out of this vice sect master as he gave the command. Clearly, he did not intend to let Xiang Shaoyun and Dong Zi leave. Two people approached Xiang Shaoyun and Dong Zi.

"You dare...," Dong Zi stepped forth and shouted.

But before she could finish her sentence, Xiang Shaoyun abruptly dashed toward a certain direction, dragging her along with him.

"Those who stand in my way shall die!" Xiang Shaoyun howled as the apparitions of a dragon and a tiger appeared behind him. A trace of a tiger's roar was mixed within his outward rumbling shout, causing everyone's ears to hum in pain.

The tiger's roar was an innate demonic ability Xiang Shaoyun had inherited from the white tiger soul. Although his roar wasn't as fearsome as the roar of a true tiger, the true essence of a white

tiger's roar was most certainly contained within his roar. Thus, if he was able to catch his opponents by surprise, his roar would be remarkably effective.

The Blackhill Sect members around Xiang Shaoyun were momentarily stunned, allowing Xiang Shaoyun to charge out of the encirclement. With the exquisite Overlord's Nine Nether Steps, he moved at a speed not even late-stage Transformation Realm cultivators could match.

Furthermore, Xiang Shaoyun had also selected to break out from the spot with the lowest number of Blackhill Sect members. Because of that, he was able to tear a way out and directly dash into the woods. He was using all his power, channeling energy out of all nine of his stars as he fled.

Unfortunately, there were too many Blackhill Sect members. Even their vice sect master was here, and they were all elites. Xiang Shaoyun and Dong Zi wouldn't be able to escape so easily.

The vice sect master streaked through the air like a phantom as he chased Xiang Shaoyun. A few people were also following closely behind the vice sect master. These were all powerful peak Transformation Realm cultivators.

"Don't even dream of escaping," the vice sect master sneered before sending a palm attack with each of his hands—one aimed at Xiang Shaoyun while the other aimed at Dong Zi.

The overbearing attack swept forth like a tsunami. Right as the attack was about to hit Xiang Shaoyun and Dong Zi, a figure appeared out of nowhere and slammed the incoming attack back toward the vice sect master. The vice sect master was caught completely by surprise and was sent flying by the counterattack.

Bang!

Chapter 150: My Full Name Is Dong Ziwan

"Who is it?" the Blackhill Sect members cried out in alarm.

Judging by how easily the newcomer injured their vice sect master, the newcomer was at least a King Realm cultivator.

Amid the dark night, a sturdy and tall person stood loftily. His entire body emanated a sharp aura like a sharp sword that was going to leave its sheath at any moment. The sharpness of this person made it hard for anyone to look straight at him.

The newcomer ignored the Blackhill Sect members. Rather, his gaze landed on Dong Zi before bowing, "Forgive your subordinate's tardiness. Young miss, are you fine?"

This expert was actually Dong Zi's subordinate. The Blackhill Sect members were stunned. They initially assumed that the two intruders were already food in their mouths, but it turned out that these two had a formidable background as well.

"I'm fine. You've arrived just in time, Uncle Wu Lai," Dong Zi replied.

It was at this moment that she realized that Xiang Shaoyun was still holding on to her hand. Xiang Shaoyun also realized the same and quickly released his grip. For some reason, a sense of loss rose within Dong Zi's heart when she saw Xiang Shaoyun letting go.

"Good, good. If I had arrived any later and something bad happened, not even my life would be enough to make up for it," said the newcomer. A murderous glint surfaced in his eyes as he asked, "Young miss, shall I slaughter them all?"

"Sir, those are some big words. We are members of Blackhill Sect. Our sect master is also a King Realm cultivator. Our three guardian elders are also King Realm cultivators. I advise you to weigh your options properly before doing anything," said a Blackhill Sect elder.

"Is that so? Sure, let me weigh my options," answered the newcomer who immediately vanished like an apparition. With a flicker, he reappeared before the elder who had spoken. He reached out, grabbed the elder's neck, and twisted it.

Crack!

Just like that, a late-stage Transformation Realm cultivator was killed before even knowing what happened. The people around him were so shocked they quickly retreated. As for the vice sect master who was fortunately still alive, he struggled back onto his feet and said, "Senior, please calm your anger. We did not do anything to your young miss."

The vice sect master was aware that if they angered this King Realm cultivator, none of them would leave alive. Suddenly, a voice rang out from far away, "Who dares kill the members of Blackhill Sect? Are you tired of living?"

The owner of the voice arrived shortly after. He was also a Skysoar Realm cultivator. Hovering high up in the sky, he gazed straight down at the burly man called Wu Lai.

"It's the guardian elder! We're saved!"

"Guardian elder, we beg you to teach this person a lesson. He killed the sixth elder!"

"That's right! For daring to bully the Blackhill Sect members, he needs to be taught a lesson so he can learn how powerful the Blackhill Sect is!"

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The Blackhill Sect members were overjoyed as they started calling out one after another. Even the vice sect master was filled with joy, feeling as if the guardian elder had arrived just in time.

"I don't care who you are, but you need to kneel down and apologize. Or else...," demanded the guardian elder.

He had just advanced to King Realm cultivator not long ago and was at the proudest moment of his life. As of late, he had been very arrogant and fearless.

"I hate people talking above me the most. Get your sorry ass down here right this instant!" Wu Lai raised his head and shouted at the guardian elder. He pointed at him, instantly creating an energy sword in the air. It slashed down at the guardian elder.

The only thing the guardian elder saw was a flash before an intense pain assaulted his chest. The armor covering his torso crumbled off his body, and blood sprayed out like a fountain. After a miserable wail, he collapsed onto the ground below.

The Blackhill Sect members were all stunned. They were putting all their hopes on this guardian elder. Why was this elder defeated so fast after he showed himself? Was this even a King Realm cultivator?

Indeed, the guardian elder was a King Realm cultivator. But there were different levels of King Realm cultivators. The guardian elder was merely a new King Realm cultivator and was no match for a higher-leveled King Realm cultivator like Wu Lai. The Blackhill Sect members all felt a chill crawl up their spines. They no longer dared to act recklessly.

"Young miss, shall I...?" Wu Lai asked Dong Zi.

The Blackhill Sect members felt their legs go limp from fear. Some of them started begging for mercy.

"Forget it. It's not like they managed to do anything to me anyway. Spare them," Dong Zi said kindly.

"What are you waiting for? Scram!" Wu Lai shouted coldly.

The spared Blackhill Sect members immediately scattered. Not a single one of them dared to stay. As for the secret hidden within the cave and for Xiang Shaoyun and Dong Zi's harvest, they no longer dared to think about them. After all, nothing was more important than staying alive.

"Young miss, let me escort you back," Wu Lai said.

"I don't want to go back yet," Dong Zi said as she glanced at Xiang Shaoyun. She was somewhat unwilling to part with him.

"If you still refuse to go back, the maid pretending to be you will be punished," Wu Lai reminded. That seemed to make Dong Zi think twice as hesitation started covering her face.

By the side, Xiang Shaoyun felt like there was no point for him to stay. Thus, he smiled and said, "I'll be taking my leave. Go on, don't mind me."

He then turned to leave.

"No, don't go!" Dong Zi pulled at Xiang Shaoyun's arm and said.

"Huh...do you still need anything from me?" Xiang Shaoyun asked with some hesitation.

"N-nothing." Dong Zi couldn't bring herself to express her true feelings.

"If that's the case, this is where we part," Xiang Shaoyun said in a carefree manner as he gently broke free of Dong Zi's grip.

Xiang Shaoyun had no hesitation making the decision to leave. After all, he was aware that this girl here was quite capable at holding a grudge. If he waited until she recovered to her normal self, he would most likely suffer from having touched her indecently.

"Overlord Xiang, wait!" Dong Zi called out again.

Xiang Shaoyun turned around and said, "Just say what's on your mind. Stop wasting my time; I'm a busy person."

"Watch your mouth, kid!" Wu Lai shouted as he glowered at Xiang Shaoyun when he saw how rudely this kid was treating his young miss. Instantly, his kingly presence swept forth toward Xiang Shaoyun.

Dong Zi quickly waved her hand to stop Wu Lai. Then with a solemn expression, she said to Xiang Shaoyun, "M-my full name is Dong Ziwan."

"Anything else?" Xiang Shaoyun asked.

"N-no," Dong Ziwan's heart ached when she saw Xiang Shaoyun's uncaring behavior.

"Alright. Dong Ziwan? Yes, this is more like a woman's name. Alright, we will meet again if we have the chance. Farewell for now." Xiang Shaoyun waved his hand and left quickly.

When Dong Ziwan saw how fast Xiang Shaoyun was slipping away, she asked herself with sorrow, Am I that hateful?

"Young miss, we should also go now," Wu Lai said.

"Um, let's go," Dong Ziwan answered, still rather dispirited.