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Chapter 1151: Sister Hua is Being Held As Hostage

"Dream on! A lady like me will never say sorry to a bastard like you!"

Liu Chen glared at the fatty and rejected him.

"Hehe... You are such a cute girl! Well, you can choose to not apologize to me! But, you must sleep with me tonight!"

"Not in a million years! Who gives you the right to bully me! If Hu Ben is powerful enough to beat you into pulp, I can do so as well!" said Liu Chen while swinging her fists.

"That's right! Ju Fei, you better don't cross the line! We are more than willing to beat you up again! We will not step foot into Black Cloud Faction anymore!" said Hu Ben.

"Dream on! You want to beat me up? Do you really think that the men that I bring with me are useless?"

The nickname of the fatty that stood in front of them was Ju Fei. Earlier, he was alone when Hu Ben beat him up. From there, he got to know that Ju Fei was one of the members of Black Cloud Faction. Upon hearing that, Chen Xiaobei activated this Netherspirit Battlesouter to check out the men that came with Ju Fei. Their combat powers were between 33,000 to 35,000. All of them were more powerful than Hu Ben. That was why Ju Fei was bold enough to avenge himself.

Just like Ning Yuchen mentioned earlier, all these people that came with Ju Fei were ex Northern Wilderness Warriors. Now, they were working for Black Cloud Faction. In other words, all of them were cowards that had given up their dream. After knowing that, they were weaker than him. Chen Xioabei had decided that he would not bother to fight them. He then continued to eat his barbequed meat and watch them.

Right after that, Ning Yuchen stood up suddenly and shouted, "No matter how many people you bring with you, I will never allow you to hurt my friends! Hurt them and you will get to have a taste of my wrath!"

"Eh? Who the hell are you? How dare you act in such an arrogant manner in front of me? Tell me your name!" said Ju Fei.

"You have no right to know my name! All you need to know that I'm a Four-Star Patinated Bronze Northern Wilderness Warrior! I'm more than willing to have fun with you if you insist to mess with us!"

"What?! Four-Star Patinated Bronze Northern Wilderness Warrior?!"

Immediately, Ju Fei and the rest of the men that came with him felt extremely shock after knowing how powerful Ning Yuchen was. None of them dare to make another move toward them. If the fight broke out, Ning Yuchen alone was enough to defeat all of them.

"Damn! Captain! You are so cool!"

Liu Chen stared at Ning Yuchen like a little fangirl.

"You finally know that I'm actually a good man!"

The moment Ning Yuchen heard Liu Chen's praise, he was delighted!

"Boss! You are the best!"

Even Hu Ben gave him a thumbs-up and complimented him.

"Stop acting cocky in front of me! Four-Star Patinated Bronze elite is nothing to me! You have 10 seconds to kneel down in front of me and apologize! Prepare to bear the consequence if you don't do what I ask you to do!" shouted Ju Fei.

"Stupid fatty! Are you out of your mind? A pile of trash like you guys will never be able to defeat my captain! Clearly, all of you here have a death wish!" said Liu Chen.

"That's right! You guys are supposed to be the one that kneels down before our boss!" said Hu Ben.

On the other hand, Ning Yuchen chose to not say a single word. All he did was glare at them with his chin raised. Since he knew that he was powerful enough to defeat all of them, he would not miss the opportunity to act cocky in front of his enemies.

To their surprise, Ju Fei was not afraid of Ning Yuchen at all.

He then put on an evil smile and said, "Seemingly, none of you are going to do what I just say! Well, let me give all of you a pleasant surprise!"

"Shit! Sister Hua!"

Immediately, Chen Xiaobei jumped up and dropped the barbequed meat in his hand.

At the same time, Ning Yuchen, Liu Chen, and Hu Ben were taken aback by Chen Xiaobei's sudden move as well.

"You finally remember! It's too late!" said Ju Fei.

Just like what Chen Xiaobei expected, there were two intergalactic gangsters came out from the kitchen and they had Sister Hua as their hostage. One of them was holding his hand and put a knife on her neck.

"Ju Fei! I warn you! You better don't do anything stupid!"

Seeing that Sister Hua was being held as a hostage, Hu Ben exploded in anger.

"Well, if you don't want me to do anything stupid, don't stand there and talk to me... Kneel down right now!" shouted Ju Fei.

At the same time, Ning Yuchen and Liu Chen were too shocked to do anything about it. Considering that the enemies were holding Sister Hua as hostage, Ning Yuchen knew that he would not be able to attack the enemies even if he was powerful enough to do so. Let alone Ning Yuchen, not even Chen Xiaobei dared to make any sudden move. After all, a small mistake from them could cost Sister Hua's life.

"Ju Fei! Let me bear all the responsibility! I'm the one that started everything! Come and capture me and let them go!"

Right at the critical moment, Sister Hua managed to act in a calmer manner than the rest of them. She took the initiative to protect all her allies.

"Shut the f*ck up! You have no place to negotiate with me! I was being beaten up and was in the clinic for a whole month before I could walk again! Do you really think that I will do whatever you ask me to do?!" shouted Ju Fei angrily.

"I'm not trying to negotiate with you! Nothing is going to happen to Black Cloud Faction if you guys choose to torture a nobody like me! Don't you forget that you are facing a group of Northern Wilderness Soldiers! They are the one that protects Silver Plume Planet! Have you thought about the consequence if you go against them today? Let me remind you something else! You are just a small-time mob in Black Cloud Faction! You are not the leader or the core member! Black Cloud Faction will not protect you if you make a huge mistake!"

The thing that Sister Hua just said actually made perfect sense. She wanted to use Northern Wilderness Soldier's identity as a chip of bargain to change Ju Fei's mind. The thing that they did not know was Sister Hua had actually came up with all these reasoning long time ago, if not she would not dare to continue to stay here to carry on with her tavern business. Unfortunately, Ju Fei was not afraid of Northern Wilderness Soldiers at all.

"You are right! It's true that I don't dare to mess with the Northern Wilderness Soldiers! But I can make them disappear from here easily!"

Ju Fei swung his hand and the green-eyes intergalactic thug walked towards them and poured a sachet of powder into the alcohol. He then poured it out into four different bowls.

"Drink it if you want Sister Hua to stay unharmed!" said Ju Fei while glaring at them.

"No! Don't drink! No..." shouted Sister Hua.

"Don't worry! It's not poison! It's just some powder that will make you become unconscious! I want to bring them to my place and have fun with them!"

Upon hearing that, Ning Yuchen and the rest of them were drenched in fear. They could already imagine the torture that they were going to go through later. And the reason why Ju Fei insisted to bring them to his place was to make sure that he could kill them without alerting the 2nd Regiment.

"I will drink it!"

Suddenly, Chen Xiaobei stood up and drank the alcohol.

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Chapter 1152: Something Bad Happened

"Zhufeng! Don't..."

Ning Yuchen wanted to stop Chen Xiaobei but Chen Xiaobei had already downed the spiked liquor.

"For the sake of Sister Hua's safety..." Chen Xiaobei said weakly, then using his Oscar-worthy acting skills, he feigned exhaustion and crumbling to the ground and then 'blacking out'.

"See, this kid understands!" Ju Fei smiled with his sausage lips. "I give you three seconds to drink! If you don't, I'll do some artistic carving on your precious Sister Hua's face!"

Then he took out a dagger and waved it around Sister Hua's face.

"No! I'll drink! I'll drink now!"

Hu Ben was true to Sister Hua. He would just have to worry about the consequences of drinking the bowl of liquor later.

Hu Ben drank everything and in a matter of seconds, his large body started to sway. Before he collapsed, he glanced at Sister Hua.

'Idiot...'

Sister Hua shook from head to toe. The rims of her eyes reddened.

"Captain, what should we do?" Liu Chen did not know what to do. There was no way to guarantee Sister Hua's safety if she refuses to drink it. But if she does, she would have to fall into the dirty claws of Ju Fei!

Liu Chen could not accept either consequence.

"Let's just drink..." Ning Yuchen said, having thought about it, "There were so many people in the bar just now. Who knows, the news might have traveled all the way back to base. The colonel will come and save us... If we don't drink, we'll be putting Zhufeng, Sister Hua, and Hu Ben's lives in danger!"

Ning Yuchen was quite the fitting captain. He was calm and made an informed decision.

"Alright..." Liu Chen understood that Ning Yuchen's decision had its basis.

Ning Yuchen was strong but he did not possess remarkable powers.

If he did fight them, Ning Yuchen's mind would be too distracted with Chen Xiaobei, Hu Ben, and Sister Hua. His kind heart would not be able to focus on the battle.

It was all very clear to them. Ning Yuchen and Liu Chen picked up the bowl and fell into a state of unconsciousness.

"Alright! They're all taken care of!" Ju Fei smiled, delighted by his accomplishment. "Take them outside and separate the men from the woman!"

"What about this woman? She has 30,000 combat power. Should I watch her?" The thug forcing down Sister Hua asked.

"Keep watch my ass! Give a bowl of that spiked liquor! I want to invite my brother to have a good time later. Why are you still standing there?" Ju Fei spat.

"Yes, yes, yes... I understand!" The thug nodded and then smiled. "Please send my regards to the leader, Ju Niao!"

"Shut up and do your work!"

The Ju Niao he was talking about was Ju Fei's birth brother. His cultivation was Three-Star Patinated Bronze, which was also 43,000 combat power. He was one of the leaders of Black Cloud Faction.

And because he had this brother, the 30,000 combat powered Ju Fei could lead a group of thugs who were stronger than he was, turning tables and picking fights wherever he went.

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Outer city, 66th Street.

There stood a pretty big mansion with a garden out front and a pool in the back. While it was no match to the inner-city houses, it was the most luxurious building in the outskirts.

This was where Ju Niao and Ju Fei lived.

Four flying cars parked in the driveway.

Ju Fei walked in the front. As soon as he reached the mansion, a group of his thugs walked up to him, lighting up a smoke and greeting him warmly.

The people following behind were carrying their unconscious guests. They locked Ning Yuchen, Hu Ben, and Chen Xiaobei into a room.

Then sent Sister Hua and Liu Chen to the second floor, into Ju Niao's bedroom.

"Is my brother back?" Ju Fei asked with a cigar hanging from the corner of his sausage lips.

"Not yet..." one of the thugs said, "I think Boss Ju Niao went to visit the Formation Master at 1st Street! He wanted to change the formation here so that he would be able to draw more Spiritual Qi from the Qi Path that lies beneath the ground!"

"Absorb Spiritual Qi? For training again?" Ju Fei shook his head. "I really don't know what's with my brother. He had already resigned from his duty but he is still training! We'll be forced to leave in 5 years' time. What's the point of doing all that?"

"What does that mean?" A dignified voice rang behind him.

It was a man who looked very much like Ju Fei. But while Ju Fei was overweight, this man was well-built and muscular!

"Brother!" Ju Fei gulped and then hurried over to greet him.

"If I don't train hard, do you think you'll be able to live in such a nice house and bring a bunch of your boys to go wreak havoc in town?" Ju Niao said in a frosty tone.

"Er... Of course not! Without your fists, we would both still be living in poverty."

"Remember that!" Ju Niao said, "We still have another three years. If we work our way into 1st Street, we won't be forced to leave and can even be treated as half-nobles!"

"Get... into 1st Street? How's that even possible?"

"Retreat, all of you!" Ju Niao gestured at his people to leave before continuing, "The backup of Black Dragon Faction is gone! A new noble is rising to replace them!"

"The backup of Black Dragon Faction is Zhen Nan from the Lu family, right? Their family history goes back to hundreds of years ago! And, they are well supported by the governor! How is it possible that they are gone now?!"

"Something big happened!" Ju Niao said, "The Southern Town Star Temple on Earth was destroyed! They could not afford to rebuild the portal. Restoration will require a lot of resources. The Lu Family failed to protect it and they need to bear all the responsibility!"

"What... What happened?" Ju Fei's eyeballs nearly fell from their sockets. "Earth is a low-ranking starfield. How could they destroy the Southern Town Star Temple? The very temple that the powerful people form temple built with his own hands! This... is unbelievable!"

"You and all the people of Northern Wilderness Starfield find it unbelievable but it's true!" Ju Niao said, "The Silver Plume City's higher-ups were shaken! The Lu family will be cast out soon! We'll have to wait for the portal to be fixed to find out what really went down. But that does not concern me! What I am concerned about is the new power that is about to replace the Lu family! Knowing that Black Dragon Faction is loyal to the Lu family, the new power will definitely not support the Black Dragon Faction! They will grow their own power instead! If I get the opportunity to become their faction, I will be the next faction leader of Black Dragon Faction The both of us will live in 1st Street and become half-nobles of Silver Plume Planet! Just thinking about it gives me the chills!"

Ju Fei, too, got excited. "Big bro the best! Big bro the strongest! Your little brother has prepared two beautiful women for you. Take it as an early celebration!"

"Beautiful women? Where?"

Ju Niao laughed.

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Chapter 1153: Act Weak

"They're in your bedroom!" Ju Fei smirked like the sicko he was. "This pair of beauties are top class products! One of them is a ripe, feminine woman, and the other one is a fair-skinned petite loli. Two of them are the perfect combo!"

"Then what are we waiting for! Let's go! I could really use some relaxation after the whole day of work!"

Ju Niao, who had given a whole speech about working hard and being ambitious, turned into the same lewd man his brother was when he heard the words 'beautiful women'.

These two were as disgusting as they come!

"Come on! Let's have fun until morning! Hehehe..."

Ju Fei smiled.

But before they could even leave the room, someone stood in their way.

"I'm so sorry. But your plans will go down the toilet because you probably won't even be able to see the sunrise!"

Chen Xiaobei walked out of the mansion's front door.

'Aren't you supposed to be with Hu Ben?' Ju Fei looked puzzled. "How could you have woken up so quickly after you drank my psychedelic?"

"Hu Ben? Isn't that the guy who beat you up last time?"

Ju Niao's face darkened momentarily.

"Yeah!" Ju Fei nodded. "Hu Ben had four other people with him. I drugged them all. I don't know why this kid is unaffected."

"Humph! Whatever it is, the fact that he dared stand in my way seals his fate in the grave today!" Ju Niao said, "Someone! Get rid of this idiot for me! Toss him into the beast den! Feed him to my Saber Tooth!"

"There's no need to rush! I want to hear more about the Lu family!"

Chen Xiaobei shot them a harmless look.

The Lu family of Southern Town.

Chen Xiaobei was more than familiar with the name.

Back in Atlantis, Chen Xiaobei was supposedly able to go through the portal peacefully but the retard called Lu Tianbi ruined everything. And another f*cker called Lu Kang who indulged his bully of a son, drove Chen Xiaobei up against the wall.

It resulted in a battle that saw the destruction of Atlantis.

Lu Tianbi and Lu Kang were the cause of Demonic Fox's death!

Chen Xiaobei did not know if both father and son survived but it was his every intention to wreak vengeance on the entire Lu family! It was not enough that they fell from power, Chen Xiaobei wanted every single one of the Lus dead!

Of course, Chen Xiaobei was also interested in the mysterious noble that was about to take over 1st Street.

Getting in would mean becoming half-nobles of Silver Plume Planet and gaining a foothold.

When he finally brings his friends and family over, they would be able to train safely in the secret place and then entertain themselves here during their free time.

Moreover, with the status as half-nobles of society, would win him respect and approval. Then he would be able to live meaningfully and with dignity.

This was what Chen Xiaobei pictured for the future.

He did not want to keep his loved ones confined in the secret space with nowhere to go. How was that any different from being locked up in prison?

"The Lu family? You heard all that?" Ju Niao asked.

"Yeah!" Chen Xiaobei shrugged. "I've been awake the whole time. I even toured the house! I didn't find anything outside but the Spiritual Qi inside the house is really quite dense!"

"You were awake?" Ju Niao said icily, "Then I will have to kill you! Brothers! Charge!"

Swoosh!

Swoosh!

Swoosh!

About a dozen of the intergalactic thugs who gathered around Chen Xiaobei.

These were all Zero to Five-Star Black Steel. Amongst the exiles outside of Silver Plume City, their strength was considered pretty good.

Sadly for them, they were weak as f*ck against Chen Xiaobei.

"Die, you bastard!"

The green-haired thug stood in front of the rest. His True Kang formed a Phantom Claw and used his skill, Black Tiger Heartsnatching Skill to attack Chen Xiaobei.

This was a very fierce attack. He was obviously trying to beat the others to the game, to perform well in front of Ju Niao.

"Green Hair! That's not bad at all! Your cultivation is increasing. You're almost Six-Star Black Steel right?" Ju Niao praised. "If you knock this piece of shit over, I will allow you to enter my training room and you can use as much Spiritual Qi as you want the whole day!"

"Thank you Bro Ju Niao!"

Green Hair was ecstatic. He increased his True Qi and reinforced his attack.

The other thugs looked envious. They gritted their teeth and gathered all their energy to attack Chen Xiaobei.

BAM!

Seconds later, Green Hair was sent flying like a human cannon.

His True Kang collapsed and the arm he pointed at Chen Xiaobei with shattered into pieces!

BAM!

BAM!

BAM!

It was not just Green Hair. The 3 other thugs who were standing behind him were sent flying and landed on top Green Hair. Their True Kangs also collapsed. One could imagine how powerful Chen Xiaobei was here. The flying force of Green Hair had just brought forth immense collateral damage to the people that stood behind him.

The wall where the four of them hit crumbled on top of them, burying them alive under its rubble.

"What... the hell..."

The other thugs watched their comrades died in disbelief.

They were completely demoralized.

"Brother... did you see what happened?"

Ju Fei was hiding behind Ju Niao.

"I didn't..." Ju Niao frowned. "Hey kid! What the hell did you do?"

"What did I do? Why don't you come and experience it yourself?" Chen Xiaobei said, straight-faced.

Chen Xiaobei had only punched the palm of Green Hair's claw.

But he was too fast for them. With their cultivation, they would not be able to see Chen Xiaobei's movements. That was why they did not know what happened.

"Try?" Ju Niao sounded hesitant. "What rank are you?"

"Rank?" Chen Xiaobei smiled. "They said I am Zero-Star Black Steel. They wouldn't even give me a uniform."

"Bullshit!" Ju Niao barked. "Do I look stupid to you? How could a Zero-Star Black Steel be as brash as you?"

"Then, what cultivation do you think I am?" Chen Xiaobei asked.

"From what I'm seeing..." Ju Niao rubbed his chin and said, "You are definitely Zero-Star Patinated Bronze! You tried to trick me so that I will attack you with less force! Then you can play dumb and take advantage of that! I'm not that easily fooled, you know!"

"Oh my goodness! You are so smart!" Chen Xiaobei wanted to laugh but he reigned it in. "Then, do you have the balls to fight a Zero-Star Patinated Bronze?"

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Chapter 1154: Defeat a Dragon

"Humph! I am afraid of nothing!" Ju Niao narrowed his eyes and said, "I am also Zero-Star Patinated Bronze. I have no reason to be afraid of you! Come, let us have a proper fight!"

'Brother, aren't you three..." Ju Fei looked at his brother with furrowed brows.

"Shut up!" Ju Niao barked. "Our enemy is right in front of us! Don't you let that mouth of yours run!"

"Oh?"

Ju Fei realized his mistake and obediently kept his mouth shut.

Ju Niao was actually a Three-Star Patinated Bronze, 43,000 combat power. He lied so that Chen Xiaobei would not fight him as aggressively. And he wanted to defeat Chen Xiaobei with only a single hit.

Although to Ju Niao, Chen Xiaobei was not considered a threat but Ju Niao wanted to save his energy and win the fight without having to put too much effort into it.

After all, Ju Niao was a thug and not a hero, he could not even be considered as the folks that lived in Jianghu.

He had used this trick on quite a number of people before.

"If you want to fight then fight! Stop talking so much!" Chen Xiaobei said impatiently.

"Alright! Take this!" Ju Niao cried out as he charged forward.

When he saw that Chen Xiaobei looked unafraid and unintimidated, Ju Niao rejoiced inside, thinking that his deception had worked.

"Go to hell, you retard! Haha! Who told you to pick a fight with my brother?!"

Ju Fei laughed.

From his perspective, Chen Xiaobei had taken the bait and underestimated his brother. This meant that his brother could beat Chen Xiaobei without so much as lifting a finger! They would never, even with a hundred borrowed brains, figure out that Ju Niao's cultivation had already been revealed to their enemy via the Netherspirit Battlescouter.

What was more, they would never, for the life of them, figure out that this young man before them was not just a fierce tiger, but a formidable dragon!

One might be able to cheat a tiger into falling into a trap but not a fire-breathing dragon!

Slap!

Just as both brothers were celebrating their small victory, a loud, crisp sound filled the air. It had come from Ju Niao's face.

"Argh..."

A scream like a pig being slaughtered followed.

Ju Niao spun around for ten rotations like a spinning top before collapsing head first to the ground. Whatever Three-Star Patinated Bronze or True Kang Armor did not even get a chance to be used.

Blaaaargh...

Ju Niao opened his mouth and blood and fragments of teeth came pouring out. One half of his face was swollen so big it looked like it was about to burst open. There was even a dark purple palm print on that side of his cheek.

'What just happened?' The other thugs looked at each other quizzically. None of them saw what happened.

"What happened? Who can tell me what just happened?"

Seeing the brother he worshipped lying on the ground like that threw Ju Fei off balance, losing control of his emotions.

"Do you really want to know what happened?" said Chen Xiaobei who suddenly appeared next to him.

"What rubbish! Of course I want to know!" Ju Fei shouted back. He was too worked up to notice who was talking to him.

Smack!

Chen Xiaobei raised his arm and slammed it across Ju Fei's mouth.

"Arghhhh! Urghhh..."

Because his cultivation was low, Ju Fei was sent flying into the air where he spun 180 degrees before falling down hard onto the floor.

"Aaaaargh... Ooof... Brfff..."

The idiot's face was angled to one side, and his sausage lips were squished, making him look like a big, fat duck lying in his own pool of blood and dental remnants.

"So, do you know what happened now?"

Chen Xiaobei looked down at Ju Fei, smiling.

"I... I..."

The pain was too much that Ju Fei could not even get his thoughts out.

But it was also mostly because he was too frightened to speak, for fear that his lips might betray him and say something stupid. What he said earlier was enough to provoke Chen Xiaobei to smack him this hard. He could only imagine what Chen Xiaobei would do to him if he did it the second time.

"Hey kid, you are so sly..." Ju Niao sucked in a deep breath and said, "Aren't you Zero-Star Patinated Bronze... How could you be so strong..."

"You are the one who said that. I never told you that!"

Chen Xiaobei shrugged, looking nonchalant.

"I... Blaarrgh..."

Ju Niao was so upset he threw up another puddle of blood.

He realized that he was the one who had been deceived. His plan came back to bite him in his ass!

"My friend... I admit defeat... You can take your people. From today onward, we will not interfere in each other's' business..." Ju Niao said breathlessly.

Chen Xiaobei was too strong for Ju Niao. So, other than begging to be at peace with each other, Ju Niao had no other option!

"We will not interfere in each other's businesses? Ha! Keep dreaming, buddy!"

Chen Xiaobei walked over to Ju Niao, picked him up with one hand and then his little brother with the other hand, and walked into the mansion.

"My friend... We can sit down and talk... Don't do anything rash... Buddy... Hero... Big Brother... Boss..."

Ju Fei and Ju Niao begged.

All the other thugs remained where they were, too afraid to move, what more to try and stop Chen Xiaobei.

Inside the house.

BAM!

BAM!

Chen Xiaobei tossed the brothers in the center of the living room and then sat on the couch, with one leg crossed over the other.

The brothers huddled together, too afraid to even breathe aloud.

Chen Xiaobei was not in a rush. He took out the Green Jade Gourd, popped the lid open and said, "Absorb!"

The gourd sucked in the Spiritual Qi that filled the mansion!

From what he found out earlier, Chen Xiaobei understood that the Northern Wilderness Starfield's Spiritual Qi were much denser than those on earth. But since he left the secret space, Chen Xiaobei had not detected the presence of an abundance of Spiritual Qi. Apparently, the Spiritual Qi were all amassed by the powerful people of this planet who used Spiritual Qi Harvest Formation to stash the Spiritual Qi away into their homes.

Take this mansion for example.

There was no spiritual Qi outside the house. But through a small formation, all the Spiritual Qi from the Spiritual Path were accumulated inside the house for the owner's personal use. Only now did Chen Xiaobei experience the density of the Spiritual Qis here in Northern Wilderness Starfield. A rough estimation puts about 5,000 Spiritual Stones' worth of Spiritual Qi in this house.

That was a quite a harvest for Chen Xiaobei!

"My... My Spiritual Qi..."

The uninjured half of Ju Niao's face showed a forlorn expression.

Clearly, it took quite an undertaking to fill the house with Spiritual Qi.

How could Ju Niao not be upset when Chen Xiaobei took it all away from him just like that?

"Is your life or Spiritual Qi more important?" Chen Xiaobei asked, his lips curved into a half-smile.

"Li...life, of course..." Ju Niao said.

"You are not that stupid after all!" Chen Xiaobei said, "If you don't want to die, you will answer whatever I ask!"

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Chapter 1155: Intergalactic Gangster Boss

"Ask... Just ask! I will tell you whatever you want to know!"

Ju Niao nodded subserviently.

Here in this world, strength was the law. Chen Xiaobei had the ultimate strength, and therefore the power to kill.

The only way to live was to comply.

"Frist, let's talk about the Lu family!" Chen Xiaobei said, "Tell me everything you know. I want to understand as much as possible!"

"Erm... the Lus..." Ju Niao dug deep into his memory and said, "We'll have to start from 200 years ago. They were foreigners who came from a low-ranking starfield! The Lu family's ancestor was chosen by the Northern Wilderness Temple to be their disciples and was granted the rights to permanent residency. So, he would do complete the tasks assigned to him by the temple. On all those missions, he would always encounter incidents that would increase his cultivation. In a short period of ten years, he became a demigod! Once a person reaches this status, they could become a 1-star elder of the temple, recognized by the Northern Wilderness Starfield and treated like royalty! Shortly after, the Lu ancestor came to Silver Plume City and brought his own people from the low-ranking starfield here! The Lus had officially set their roots here! For the rest of the 100 years, they have been continuing their bloodline! Other than that first ancestor, two other members of the family became demigods. They were dispatched to low-ranking planets to become the head of the temple over there! I can say that their pockets are full! Many Silver Plume citizens were envious of the Lu family's prosperity and wealth! So, when Southern Town Star Temple was in trouble recently, many people, mostly those in power and money, wanted to take the opportunity to crush the Lus!"

Ju Niao revealed a lot. After all, the thing that he just told Chen Xiaobei was no secret. Those who were in power knew everything about the Lu family.

"Will the Lus be overthrown?" Chen Xiaobei asked. "Their ancestor was an elder of the temple and two of his descendants were demigods! After so many years, they are packed with resources! I don't think even the governor of Silver Plume City has the power to remove them!"

"I'm not too sure about that..." Ju Niao shook his head and said, "The incident has not been made known to the public. Maybe the governor is waiting for the leaders of the temple to make up their mind!"

Whether the Lu family would be let off the hook or if they would be severely punished rested on the Northern Star Temple's decision.

Chen Xiaobei figured that out himself so he did not ask Ju Niao about it.

"Black Dragon Faction is assisted by the Lus. How did they react?" Chen Xiaobei asked.

"Black Dragon Faction's leaders are panicking. They had a full day of meeting today! Everyone knows that if the Lus fall, Black Dragon Faction will also fall..." Ju Niao suddenly paused and swallowed hard.

"Er... are... you thinking of forming a new Black Dragon Faction in the outer city?"

"No! I'm not interested in gangs!" Chen Xiaobei chuckled to himself and said, "But I have a friend who might be interested in becoming a gangster boss at a foreign planet like this!"

Your friend? Hu Ben?" Ju Niao was stunned for a moment. "They are soldiers! They don't have the skills to manage a gang!"

"No, of course not Hu Ben!" Chen Xiaobei's eyes then turned frosty. "Everything that I've done today and everything that I've said will be kept a secret from Hu Ben and the others! If you let anything leak, I will come back at any time to kill the both of you!"

"Yes, yes, yes... We won't say a word to anyone..."

The brothers nodded their heads earnestly. At that moment, Chen Xiaobei was like their emperor. Every word he said was sacred.

If they fail to obey the emperor's orders, they would be sentenced to death!

"The friend I was referring to is not in Silver Plume Planet. They might come here in the future..."

Chen Xiaobei smiled at that thought.

The friend Chen Xiaobei was talking about was his homeboy Fire Boss back on earth.

He thought about how they used to visit the street with the pubs and dominate the entire area until they controlled the entire Green Town's underworld! During that time, Chen Xiaobei did not feel anything about it. Now, whenever he thought about it, he could feel the rush going into his mind! To him, it was his most glorious time!

The gang here in outer space brought back memories of the time he spent with Fire Boss.

If he ever got the chance, Chen Xiaobei would bring Fire Boss here and gave him the position of intergalactic boss! Of course, this plan was all in his head for now. Chen Xiaobei himself did not have a firm footing in this place yet. If he brought Fire Boss here now, things might not end well for them.

"Alright. That's all I want to know for now. I will leave some Spiritual Qi to you. When I have time, I will come back to have tea with you!"

Chen Xiaobei put away the Green Jade Gourd and stood up from the couch.

He now had taken 5,000 Spiritual Stones worth of Spiritual Qi.

The last time he spoke to the Prime of Tongtian, Chen Xiaobei learned about Laotzu's character and the way he dealt with different matters.

Instead of cutting them off completely, he left some backup for himself so that it might benefit him in the future.

"You'll come...back?" Ju Niao gulped.

"Why? Am I not welcomed?" Chen Xiaobei asked.

"No! No! You're welcomed here! The door is open for you!"

And because of Chen Xiaobei had decided to spare their lives, Ju Niao was grateful for that. At least they would not turn into sworn enemies.

"That's great!" Chen Xiaobei ordered. "Bring Hu Ben and the others out. If anything else happens to Sister Hua's tavern in the future, I will hold you responsible!"

"No! No! Nothing will happen!" Ju Niao shook his head repeatedly. "I swear, not only will there not be any trouble in her tavern. Her business will flourish and prosper!"

"Good! That's very good!" Chen Xiaobei nodded and said, "I am reasonable. You helped me so when you need help, I can also help you!"

"Re... Really?" Ju Niao asked in disbelief. He did not expect to receive such an unexpected surprise!

Ju Niao was in no position to even be in the company of the likes of Chen Xiaobei. To be able to get help from him was like an amazing surprise!

"I don't simply make promises!"

Chen Xiaobei shrugged.

"Then... Then... Leave us your number..." Ju Niao said.

"Number?" Chen Xiaobei raised a brow. "Can a lowly phone be used here?"

"No... Didn't the army give you an intergalactic mobile phone?" Ju Niao asked.

Chen Xiaobei shook his head.

"Alright! Let me give you one!"

Ju Niao ran upstairs and came back with a phone. "My brother gave this to me as a gift only a few days ago. I haven't had the chance to open it! Dami 17 Intergalactic Cellphone! It doesn't require charging, is waterproof and dropproof! The alarm will ring if the distance between you and it are more than ten meters! Definitely a top-tier security system!"

"Are you going to say that this cellphone is going to sell for 998 RMB?"

Chen Xiaobei felt like they were about to sell him a replica cell phone from Earth.

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Chapter 1156: Came To Apologize

When the crowd woke up in the second morning, they found out that they were being sent to Sister Hua's tavern.

"Erm... Hu Ben... Where are we..." asked Ning Yuchen while opening his eyes slowly.

Hu Ben then lifted up his head and checked his surroundings.

"Boss... This... This is Sister Hua's tavern!"

"Something is not right! Get up! Everyone wake up! I thought we are supposed to be kidnapped by Ju Fei? How did we come back here? How is this even possible? Sister Hua! Where is Sister Hua?!" asked Liu Chen in astonishment.

"I'm here!"

Sister Hua was the one that woke up the earliest. So, she went to the kitchen and prepared breakfast for all of them.

"I have no idea what happened to us as well. When I woke up just now, I saw everyone lying on the table like a drunkard." Said Sister Hua.

"Where is Zhufeng? He is the weakest among us! I hope nothing bad happened to him!"

Amongst them, Ning Yuchen cared about Chen Xiaobei the most.

"He's there! Still sleeping like a baby!"

Sister Hua pursed her lips and stared that Chen Xiaobei like he was her little brother.

"Zhufeng is fine! That means everyone is unharmed! This is great! False alarm!" said Hu Ben with a sigh of relief.

"Hold on! Something is really no right!"

Liu Chen walked toward Chen Xiaobei and checked on him.

"Alright! I don't think there's anything wrong with him! It's not like you don't know that he is the weakest among us! Now that everyone is fine, please don't go and disturb him! Let him sleep longer! He drank the most last night," said Ning Yuchen.

"He is right. Let him sleep in the tavern for a little longer... After breakfast, we will have to say goodbye to this place for good." said Sister Hua with a long sigh.

Upon hearing, everyone was shocked.

"I can understand her decision... Since we have offended the Black Cloud Faction, there's no way that Sister Hua can carry one with her business here!" said Ning Yuchen.

"It's okay! I still have some savings with me. We can go to other places to continue the business!"

Though Hu Ben was disappointed, he knew his responsibility as a man very well.

"All 20 streets here belong to Black Cloud Faction... You guys can only move to territories that belong to Black Dragon Faction or Formidable Heaven Faction! We will have to start from zero since we are going to lose all of our regular customers!" said Liu Chen, frowned.

"It doesn't matter anymore. I don't want to continue with this business anymore! I don't wish to trouble Hu Ben! I have some saving as well. I plan to look for a place to settle down and have a peaceful life for a few years. When Hu Ben is done serving the planet, I will leave this place with him..."

Everyone felt really sad when someone important was about to leave them really soon.

"Everyone is here?"

Suddenly, a muscular and plump man entered the tavern. The two of them look really similar. There was a high chance that they were brothers. Everyone could notice that their faces were wrapped with bandages.

"Ju Fei! Ju... Ju Niao! What the hell are you guys doing here?"

Every single person in the tavern was taken aback when they saw them.

Ju Niao was the big boss for the few streets around them. The reason why Ju Fei dared to do whatever he wanted here was all because Ju Niao vowed to protect him.

"Ju Fei! What the hell you want now?! You just messed with us last night! And now you bring your brother with you to mess with us again?! Do you really think that we will do nothing this time?" said Ning Yuchen angrily.

As for yesterday, the reason why Ning Yuchen did not dare to fight with them was because they had Sister Hua as hostage. Now that Sister Hua was safe, Ning Yuchen had nothing to fear anymore. At the same time, Hu Ben and Liu Chen were prepared to fight with them as well. The moment Ning Yuchen constricted Ju Niao, the two of them would charge at Ju Fei and beat him into pulp.

"No! No! No! This is a huge misunderstanding!"

Feeling nervous, Ju Niao took a quick peek at the sleeping Chen Xiaobei.

"We did not come here to mess with you guys. We are here to say sorry!" said Ju Niao.

"What? Say sorry?"

None of them could believe what they just heard. Those that knew Ju Niao from Black Cloud Faction would never apologize to anyone. He would rather choose to fight if things did not go his way. That was how he took control of the few streets here.

"You guys heard it right! I'm here to say sorry! My brother, Ju Fei had a high fever last night and he ate the wrong medicine! That explains why he did not know what he was doing yesterday! For that, I want to apologize on behalf of my brother!" said Ju Niao in a sincere manner.

"What? High fever? Ate the wrong medicine?"

"Ju Niao! Are you sure you are not messing with us?! This whole thing looks really fishy!" asked Liu Chen.

"I will never dare to mess with you guys!"

"Will not dare? What are you afraid of?"

Because of her paranoid nature, Liu Chen soon caught the key point of Ju Niao's statement.

"I... I..."

Rendering speechless, he promised Chen Xiaobei that he would not say a single word about his true strength.

"I know! I think he's afraid of telling something that he shouldn't tell! If he does so, the captain of the 2nd Regiment might come looking for him!" said Ning Yuchen with a smile.

"Right! Right! Right! I'm afraid of the captain of the 2nd Regiment!"

Right when he was trying to figure out some logical excuse, Ning Yuchen did him a favor unconsciously. Liu Chen felt that it all made sense. That was why she did not ask more about it. Upon hearing that, Chen Xiaobei smiled secretly. Ning Yuchen and Liu Chen had always like to argue with each other. Because of her paranoid nature, Ning Yuchen would need to constantly look for some logical explanation to make her feel better. As time passed by, this had become their default way to communicate with each other.

"If that's the case, does that mean Sister Hua can continue with her business here?" asked Hu Ben in an excited manner.

Though Sister Hua did not say anything about it, she was actually glad as well.

"Of course! Not only that, I will make sure that your business will become better than before! It will be smooth sailing from now on!"

"This..."

Hu Ben and Sister Hua felt like they were living a dream that they had longed for. Knowing that Ju Niao was the boss of this area, they knew that he would definitely keep his promise.

"This is great! Too great!"

Liu Chen and Ning Yuchen felt happy for them as well.

It was at that moment Chen Xiaobei decided to get up from his 'sleep'.

He then put on a smile and said, "Breakfast smells really good! I want one too!"

"Are you a pig? Who would ask for food seconds right after they wake up?!" said Liu Chen.

Ning Yuchen, Hu Ben, and Sister Hua laughed together when they heard Chen Xiaobei's request. On the other hand, Ju Niao and Ju Fei could not figure out why a powerful elite like Chen Xiaobei wanted to act weak in front of them.

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Chapter 1157: This is Not Earth

Ju Fei and Ju Niao left.

Liu Chen told the whole story to Chen Xiaobei who had 'just woken up'.

Chen Xiaobei had to put on an act and play along with Liu Chen.

"Oh, yeah. Let's exchange numbers so that we can contact each other easily."

Chen Xiaobei took the opportunity to change the subject.

"Do you have an intergalactic cellphone?"

"Of course!"

Chen Xiaobei took out the Dami 17 that Ju Niao had given to him. "It's the military's! I still haven't had a chance to use it!"

"That... That's a Dami 17?!"

Liu Chen stared at the phone in Chen Xiaobei's hands.

"Why?" Chen Xiaobei furrowed his brows, realizing that something was off.

"You're a liar! The military uses Dami 16! It doesn't have an antitheft system!" Liu Chen grunted. "Tell us honestly! Why did you have to lie?"

"I..."

Chen Xiaobei felt a trickle of sweat run down the side of his forehead. That idiot Ju Niao did not tell him this little detail! He did not know what to do, so he looked to Ning Yuchen.

Knowing Ning Yuchen's personality, he would have a reason to counter Liu Chen's question.

"Do you really have to ask?" Ning Yuchen's mouth flew open to explain. "Zhufeng must have asked the elder from the temple to help him buy it! He didn't want to appear 'special' so he tried to cover it up by saying that the military gave it to him!"

"Is that true?"

Liu Chen looked doubtful.

"Of course! Of course, it's true!"

Chen Xiaobei exhaled. The only person who could handle this girl was Ning Yuchen.

To his surprise, he did not know that he could ask the Star Temple elder to help him buy stuff from the galaxy. This intergalactic cellphone must work on Earth too. That must be how the news about Atlantis traveled so fast to Northern Wilderness Starfield.

"Zhufeng! I really have to reprimand you for this. We are so close now, we shouldn't be hiding things from each other." Ning Yuchen said, smiling. "Tell us honestly, you spent a lot of Spiritual Stones for it, didn't you?"

"Huh? You have to use Spiritual Stones to buy this phone?" Chen Xiaobei accidentally let slip.

"You are the one who bought it. Didn't you know that you have to spend some Spiritual Stones?" Liu Chen asked.

Chen Xiaobei did not need Ning Yuchen's help this time. "Er... My family on Earth took care of everything. They must have gotten it..."

Liu Chen nodded, which meant she bought it.

The people who were able to enter Northern Wilderness Starfield would need the recommendation of six demigods!

Other than prodigies, only fuerdai brats would get the chance.

Liu Chen believed that Chen Xiaobei was a rich brat that got the support from powerful people, that was why his cultivation was so low. He would not even blink when buying a Dami 17.

"Alright! Now that we've cleared all that, let's exchange numbers!" Ning Yuchen said.

So they gave each other their phone numbers.

After everything was done, Chen Xiaobei asked. "How many Spiritual Stones for this phone?"

"Your is the latest model. It's priced at 998 lower-grade Spiritual Stones!" Ning Yuchen replied.

"What the hell! No way! How could a shitty phone cost so much?"

Chen Xiaobei's eyes widened.

It would be very difficult to get 998 Spiritual Stones! But you could only buy a crappy phone with it!

"That's nothing unusual! Remember that this is not Earth!" Ning Yuchen explained. "Northern Wilderness soldiers don't need to work, and the jobless vagrants are shunned by the locals. They are not allowed to help with the production! Which is to say that, the people who make these phones are all nobles! They are paid with Spiritual Stones. Their monthly payments begins with 5,000 lower-grade Spiritual Stones!"

Chen Xiaobei was astonished by this information. "What the hell?! 5,000 lower-grade Spiritual Stones as starting salary? Let me go and work this job as well!"

"That's nothing." Ning Yuchen shook his head and said, "The things that are really expensive are the raw materials. Take the parts used to make this cellphone as an example!"

"Metal, glass, plastic... There are all readily available on Earth It would require a very complicated process to import it to the factories! The copper mine that produces the parts are from Black Neutron Star, and the silicone mine that produces glass in Sapphire Aqua Planet. To transport all these, the fuel for the spaceship, the Spiritual Qi for the portals, these are all numbers! You could say that the phone in your hand is made up of Spiritual Stones. Its production doesn't really make any profit."

Chen Xiaobei was dumbstruck. "One phone for 998 Spiritual Stones and yet they don't make any profit off it? That's insane!"

But when you really think about it, it's really not that strange.

In Silver Plume Planet, the nobles lived a comfortable life in the capital city. The work they did were also relaxed. Outside the capital city, other than the military camps, were just uncultivated land inhabited by Demonic Beasts, making it difficult to even mine the available resources.

Interstellar transportation was a distance of hundreds of thousands of kilometers and thousands of light years. If you take all of that into consideration, the price of the phone was actually really low.

Chen Xiaobei looked at the Dami 17 in his palm. It suddenly felt very heavy in his hand.

An audacious thought crossed Chen Xiaobei's mind.

If he could gather a whole bunch of Returning Bracelets, he could mark each of the places where the raw materials are produced. Then, the exorbitant cost of interstellar transportation would be reduced to zero!

Then the profit margin would shoot through the roof!

"Okay, so other than cell phones, what are other living costs that are just as high? What about the price of items here?" Chen Xiaobei asked.

Chen Xiaobei had planned to bring his family and friends over here after all. He would need to know the price of the commodities so that they would not have to live in poverty.

"Items here are quite expensive as well." Ning Yuchen said, "Dining at Sister Hua's place would cost about 35 Spiritual Stones!"

"No way!" Chen Xiaobei was sweating under his shirt. "If you convert that to yuan, that's 3 to 5 billion yuan for one meal! In one week's worth of meal could bankrupt the entire richest families at Green Town City which is the Lan family!"

"You really need to change your thinking! This is not Earth! This is not Earth! This is not Earth! Important things need to be repeated thrice." Ning Yuchen said, "Sister Hua uses only the organic Spiritual Ingredients from the nobles' farms! The roasted meats are from the Half-Spiritual Beast' that the nobles rear! How could it be cheap?"

Liu Chen added, "You haven't even eaten at the banquets prepared by the chefs in 1st Street. If you don't have at least a few hundred spiritual stones, you will be kicked out!"

"Hnm..."

Chen Xiaobei's eyes lit up as a certain top chef popped up in his mind.

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Chapter 1158: Urgent Operation

The bad thing about expensive things is that the people buying them will spend a lot of money. But the good thing about it is that the people selling them would earn even more.

Chen Xiaobei toyed with the idea of bringing Uzuishi Akaihi here so he could open up a restaurant. The other chef's dishes might cost a few hundred spiritual stones but Uzuishi Akaihi would have no problem taking less than a dozen.

That would catch the attention of the Silver Plume nobles. Then, Chen Xiaobei could sell each table for tens of thousands.

Chen Xiaobei smiled to himself thinking about it.

"What the hell are you thinking about now?"

Liu Chen gave Chen Xiaobei a strange look.

"Nothing. I just thought of a friend of mine. He is one of the top chefs on Earth!"

"Why? He wants to open a restaurant here?" Liu Chen laughed. "Not to rain on your parade or anything, but no matter how good the chef is considered on Earth, he wouldn't know how to work with the ingredients here! It took a lady with a pure heart like Sister Hua many years to master it!"

"Are you sure you're not exaggerating?" Chen Xiaobei gasped.

"Liu Chen is right." Ning Yuchen nodded and said, "If any top chef can just waltz in and master intergalactic delicacy, then the governor of Silver Plume City would have died of over consuming food!"

"Silver Plume's governor? What about him?" Chen Xiaobei asked.

"You don't know?" Liu Chen explained. "He is a major foodie! Every month, he will travel to 1st Street and people will offer up extravagant dishes to him! If he is satisfied with a dish, he will reward the cook handsomely!"

"Foodie? Rewards?"

Memories suddenly flooded Chen Xiaobei's mind.

He thought about how his earliest best friend Yanwang was a foodie. Almost all the deities and monsters from Red Envelope Group were happy with the food that Chen Xiaobei sent to them. That was how Chen Xiaobei was rewarded with piles of Red Envelopes.

Chen Xiaobei suddenly had an idea and he grinned. "Brother Ning, do you think he will like it if I give him a packet of spicy sticks?"

It was with spicy sticks that Chen Xiaobei made Yanwang gave him whatever he wanted.

But his question was not well received. They all shot him an anxious look.

"Why? Why are you guys looking at me like that? Is there something on my face?"

Ning Yuchen answered, "Here is Silver Plume city, the words spicy sticks is forbidden!"

"Huh? What? Why? What did spicy sticks ever do?"

"Many years ago, someone from Earth tried the same thing you are suggesting. He gave the Silver Plume's governor a packet of spicy sticks and he even told everyone that spicy sticks were a rare delicacy!" Ning Yuchen said, "In the beginning, the governor enjoyed eating the spicy sticks. He treated it like gold and would only eat half a piece every meal! The person who served him the spicy sticks was rewarded handsomely. He was even allowed to marry a noble woman and live in the inner city!"

Chen Xiaobei exclaimed, "Sigh, someone had already used this great idea! That's too bad..."

"Too bad? Listen to the whole story before you make your judgment!" Ning Yuchen continued. "He was not the only person from Earth in Silver Plume Planet. Very soon, someone reported that the spicy sticks were a junk on Earth that you could buy for 5 cents! Just imagine, someone like the governor that is high

in power in Silver Plume City esteemed a cheap junk food as a gem! In the people's eyes, he was no more than a fool! Soon, his reputation suffered. He was so pissed that he sentenced the person who gave him the spicy sticks to death! He ordered the body to be fed to the Demonic Beasts! From then on, no one dared utter the words spicy sticks. Saying it is like slapping the governor in the face!"

Chen Xiaobei was speechless for a moment.

He had also claimed that the spicy sticks were a rare gem. He used it to exchange for the Netherspirit Battlescouter, Hundred Herbs Potion, and other items.

It ended in a similar way when Xiang Yu revealed the price of spicy sticks to the group.

All the members of the group attacked Chen Xiaobei, calling him the liar. They all wanted to kill him back then!

But luckily, Chen Xiaobei had the Prime of Tongtian's protection.

If he did not have a powerful Sifu, Chen Xiaobei would have been kicked out of the group a hundred times over.

It looked like his idea yielded temporary rewards only. It was unreliable in the long run.

Ding Ring ring!

Ning Yuchen's phone suddenly rang. His conversation with whoever on the other line was brief.

"We have to get back to base! A group of Demonic Beasts appeared. It seemed that they are trying to get to the capital city. We have to stop them now!"

Ning Yuchen stood up first, and the rest followed. After bidding Sister Hua's farewell, they all returned to base camp.

In the base camp of the 2nd Regiment.

Troops after troops of Northern Wilderness soldiers were transported with large flying military convoy to the frontline of the battlefield.

'Why are you only back now?'"

A middle-aged man with thick lashes and large eyes stood at the gate of the camp shouted.

"We're sorry, Colonel. We didn't know that there is an urgent mission today!" Ning Yuchen explained.

"Stop babbling and go change into your uniforms! This group of Demonic Beasts are not to be underestimated. We have to deploy all of our men!"

"Everyone? Even you, Colonel?" Ning Yuchen asked.

"Nonsense! Can't you see that I'm in my uniform?"

Chen Xiaobei looked at the colonel's uniform and noticed that the paddings were silver!

That was the symbol of Silver tier!

Ding

[Cultivation: Early phase of Celestial Cultivation; Health: 70,000; Combat power: 70,000]

The rhinoceros had told Chen Xiaobei that he was a golden tier elite because Chen Xiaobei had exerted 90,000 combat power.

This confirmed that at True Nirvana cultivation, every 10,000 combat power would be upgraded to a new rank. As for Celestial Cultivation, every 20,000 combat power would be upgraded to a new rank. The more powerful the person was, the harder it was for him/her to gain a new rank.

"You only need 70,000 combat power to be a colonel. I wonder what I can be?"

Chen Xiaobei thought to himself.

"Colonel! What about Zhufeng?" Ning Yuchen asked.

"Him?" The colonel pointed at Chen Xiaobei with a look of disdain and said, "He'll stay here, of course! I already said that this group of beasts are different. Even the Nine-Star Patinated Bronze Woldemar died! This guy is just a Zero-Star Black Steel. Are we going to feed him to the Demonic Beast for breakfast?"

"Er, you have a point..." Ning Yuchen nodded and then turned to Chen Xiaobei. "Zhufeng, you can wait in our room. If you're bored, you can go find Sister Hua. We'll contact you on our way back."

"Okay. I don't want to inconvenience you. Hurry, go and get changed." Chen Xiaobei conceded.

The three of them, Ning Yuchen, Hu Ben and Liu Chen hurried to their rooms.

"Good, at least you know what to do!" The colonel eyed Chen Xiaobei and then said, "Be good! If you could get to Three-Star Black Metal in the shortest time possible, I will make an exception and take you into our regiment!"

"Thank you, Colonel!"

Chen Xiaobei smiled but he secretly disagreed.

'I would never be a common soldier in the 2nd Regiment. I might not even agree to become your superior even if were to beg me.'

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Chapter 1159: Magical Effect of the Beast Core

The base was empty except for Chen Xiaobei who thought that killing the Demonic Beasts were like killing ants—there was no thrill, no challenge. It was better to stay back and put his feet up back here in the base.

He had no interest in joining the others in their child's-play mission.

"Oh, I could use this time to train!"

Chen Xiaobei ran into the bedroom and took out the medium-grade Spiritual Stone and the Two-Star Patinated Bronze Beast Core from his Infinite Space Ring. Since he had a new resource in possession, he might as well give it a try.

If you do not try, you will never know.

"Hmm... I'll start with the Spiritual Stones since it's more convenient!"

Chen Xiaobei picked up the fist-sized Spiritual Stones and absorbed the Spiritual Qi into his Dantian.

"Wow! God, it's dense!"

Chen Xiaobei immediately began to use the Spiritual Qi to increase his health via Emperor Health Ultimate Enhancement Skill.

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"Shit! That's fast! It hadn't even been an hour and all the Spiritual Qi are used up!"

Chen Xiaobei was bewildered.

Ding!

[Cultivation: Early phase of Celestial Cultivation; Health: 90,400; Combat power: 70,000]

"It took me one day and 3,000 Spiritual Stones to increase my health by 300 back in the secret place. But with this medium-grade Spiritual Stone, which is equivalent to 1,000 low-grade Spiritual Stones, my health increased by 1,000 in only 1 hour! That's like ten times faster! How incredible! Does that mean that it's easier for those who are at Celestial Cultivation to absorb medium-grade Spiritual Stones?"

Chen Xiaobei deliberated for while before coming to a conclusion.

"Perhaps this has something to do with the density of the Spiritual Qi... Low-grade Spiritual Stones' Qi are like a clear broth that had been boiled only once. Medium-grade Spiritual Stones are like a thick stock that has been boiled for many hours, resulting in a higher 'nutritional concentration', and better 'nourishing effects'! It's the same principle that applies to Spiritual Items. The denser it is, the more effective it is for training!"

This was, of course, just Chen Xiaobei's own deduction. Whether or not that was true was not important.

What interested Chen Xiaobei was the medium-grade Spiritual Stones themselves.

"I will have to work really hard to get my hands on these medium-grade Spiritual Stones! I can save a lot of time training! I will just use the low-grade Spiritual Stones as fuel for crafting Spiritual Item and activating Witch Dragon Transformation Skill!"

Inside his Green Jade Gourd, there was a total of 8,000 Spiritual Qi: the 3,000 that he already had combined with the 5,000 he took from Ju Niao.

If Chen Xiaobei used them to train, it would take him three days and the results would be less satisfactory—it would just be a waste of time and resource.

It would be more suitable for fuel to craft other items.

In fact, he had another 2,000 Spiritual Qis, which would make it 10,000, Chen Xiaobei could borrow Monkey King's Jingu Bang again!

If he had had so many Spiritual Qi when he snatched Shen Gongpao's Spiritual Item, he would not have eaten it!

"Alright, the Beast Core is next!"

Chen Xiaobei turned his attention to the crystal the size of a jujube.

"Ning Yuchen said that this Beast Core can increase combat power or health by 100! It'd be great if it works as quickly as the medium-grade Spiritual Stone!"

Chen Xiaobei picked up the crystal and began to read it.

An unusual Spiritual Attribute actually communicated with Chen Xiaobei!

"Break!"

The Beast Core began to crack open, releasing a cloud of pale, red fumes.

"This must be the essence of the Beast Core! Sssshhk..."

Chen Xiaobei quickly inhaled the fumes through his mouth.

Ning Yuchen had told him that the Demonic Beasts were the quintessence of nature, and the essence of each beast was concealed inside their cores.

"Mm? This feeling... It's really familiar..."

Chen Xiaobei closed his eyes and concentrated on the feeling coursing through him.

This was his first time coming into contact with a Beast Core and absorbing its essence, but there was a strange familiarity to it.

"Ah! Yes! It's like the Blood Descendants' Dark Powers!" Chen Xiaobei's eyes flew open at that realization. "It felt like the last time when I absorbed the Xiuhcoatl's blood essence! It's a different method but it also uses the Demonic Beasts' essences to increase strength! Hmm, if that's the case, could I use the Blood Descendants' dark powers to convert the essence?"

If he does not try, he would never know. So, Chen Xiaobei began to summon the Dark Power.

When Damien used this Special Ability, he was able to increase both his health and combat power at once. But because Chen Xiaobei's Dark Neutron was crushed once, the ability was weakened and slowed the process. But as long as it worked, Chen Xiaobei was at an advantage.

"It worked! It really works! People can normally increase either their health or combat power when they absorb the Beast Core essence but if I use the dark powers of the Blood Descendants to absorb the same Beast Core, I could increase both!"

Chen Xiaobei continued to use the Dark Power to convert the essence. It took him less than an hour to complete the whole process.

Ding!

[Cultivation: Early phase of Celestial Cultivation; Health: 90,500; Combat Power: 70,100]

"Hah! Both my health and my combat increased! Damn! This is awesome!" Chen Xiaobei was over the moon. "It appears that the Beast Core is the best resource for training! It's convenient, efficient and the benefit is doubled! It's practically tailored for me! Shit! I must catch up with Ning Yuchen and the others! The colonel said that the beasts they were fighting were unusual. Who knows, they might have higher-ranking Beast Cores! If I could harvest hundreds of them, my cultivation will soar!"

Chen Xiaobei did not even have to think twice before rushing out of the room.

Let us not forget that Chen Xiaobei's plan was come to North Chasm to strengthen his cultivation!

Back in Atlantis, he made a promise to Demonic Fox that he would become so strong that would be the one protecting her instead of the other way around!

Getting stronger was Chen Xiaobei's primary goal!

And the Beast Core was Chen Xiaobei's shortcut to it!

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Chen Xiaobei leaped onto the Somersault Cloud and disappeared into the sky.

In order to become stronger, Chen Xiaobei pressed forward courageously!

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Chapter 1160: Silver-tier Giant Beas

"What... How fast were they traveling? I was only two hours late, but I don't even see their shadow..."

Chen Xiaobei looked out for the troops on Somersault Cloud but he could not see a single soldier.

"They were headed toward this direction just now... I'm sure I'm on the right track... I think I'll have to start thinking about upgrading the Somersault Cloud!" Chen Xiaobei furrowed his brows, feeling a little sore. "Ning Yuchen won't tell me where they are even if I call them now. If I can't catch up, it'll be a big fat loss!"

BAM!

Just as Chen Xiaobei was worrying about not being able to find Ning Yuchen, there was a sudden loud explosion from afar. The fire rushed up to the sky and it was really terrifying.

"It must be over there!"

Chen Xiaobei quickly rushed over to the explosion.

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All 3,000 soldiers from the 2nd Regiment were deployed.

A total of 30 large-capacity armored personnel formed a line like a swift dragon as they sped into depths of the pre-historic forest, away from the capital city.

"Captain, how strong do you think these Demonic Beasts are? I mean, even the Colonel came with us. Could they be Silver-tier Giant Beasts?"

Liu Chen asked Ning Yuchen who was sitting next to her, her tone anxious. They were late so they were on the last carrier.

"Don't worry, Liu Chen!" Ning Yuchen comforted her, "If they really are Silver-tier Giant Beasts, our Colonel would have asked for help the other Regiments! He won't be able to fight them on his own but with a few more Colonels from the other Regiments fighting with us, we won't have to be afraid of the beasts!"

"But I keep having this feeling... like there's something wrong... I don't know how to put it... I feel like something bad is going to happen..." Li Chen confessed.

"Don't worry. Even if the sky falls down, it will hit Hu Ben and me first. You know that, right?" Ning Yuchen joked.

"Alright... I hope I'm wrong..." Liu Chen nodded.

BAM!!

Suddenly, there was a loud explosion coming from the personnel carrier in the front!

There was a flash of blinding light that lit up the sky which was then followed by a column of fire and smoke. The massive blast sent a feverish wind storming towards them, raising goosebumps as it brushed across their skin.

"What happened..."

"What is happening in front..."

"What the hell..."

In that second, it was like all of the soldiers on the carriers were awoken from a slumber, sticking their heads out, trying to figure out what had just happened.

But the blast was too far.

The megaphones in the carrier cackled, and the Colonel spoke, "Red alert! Red alert! We are under attack! We are being attacked by a Silver-tier Giant Beast! The carriers behind are ordered to retreat! The further the better! Execute the order immediately! This is not a drill! I repeat, this is not a drill!"

Cackle...

It sounded as if the Colonel had tossed the walkie-talkie and went into battle.

If he, as a Colonel, did not get into the battle himself, all the soldiers in the carriers behind would be killed in action!

"Silver-tier Giant Beast... It really is... The Colonel won't be able to fight the beast on his own. He will die!"

Liu Chen clenched her fists and bit her lip, and her breathing grew ragged.

"There's no other choice... Other than the Colonel, none of us are strong enough to fight Silver-tier beasts! Even if we don't retreat, we wouldn't be able to help him!"

Ning Yuchen tried to alleviate Liu Chen's worry.

There was no other alternative but to retreat. All 3,000 of them. In fact, they had to pray that the Colonel would be able to hold the beast back for a while.

If he is defeated too soon, more than half of them would have to die here!

"I don't want Colonel to die... He is a little strict but he has always taken good care of us..."

Liu Chen sniffled.

It was common knowledge that even though both human and beast were the same rank, the beast would always prevail.

Liu Chen and her comrades were aware that their Colonel was trading his life to buy time for his 3,000 soldiers to flee!

"No one wants Colonel to die... But... We all know that the beasts are much stronger. Unless there's someone who can vanquish a Silver-tier Giant Beast... Nothing we say can change anything..."

Ning Yuchen was also devastated.

In this world, the fittest will always prevail over the weak! Power and strength will reign forever!

The weaker ones will have to give in to the stronger ones!

None of the soldiers in the remaining 29 personnel carriers wanted their Colonel to die. But no matter how unwilling they were, they had to retreat. And that was because they were all too weak.

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"Roar!"

The frightening roars of the beast echoed in the skies. A vicious giant beast stood where at the scene of the explosion, howled, displaying its belligerence.

Standing at twenty meters tall, with jagged skin that looked like rocks, the beast looked very much like the ancient Tyrannosaurus!

Its head was large, and equipped with a giant blood-basin of a mouth that was lined with two rows of razor-sharp teeth.

And just like every other Demonic Beast, it did not have True Kang Armor but its talents were superior to humans of the same rank.

The only exception was, Giants Beast that had reached Silver-tier had the Special Ability to trigger Celestial Elements like humans could.

"Arghhh..."

The Colonel of the 2nd Regiment stood right before the Giant Beast, hands pressed against his chest and a trail of blood dripping down the corner of his lips.

His earlier collision with the Giant Beast caused him to suffer a massive injury.

But the injury he sustained was not lethal, he had enough strength left in him to make a run for it.

But for the sake of protecting his soldiers, he was going to continue to fight this murderous beast!

"Roar!"

The Giant Beast suddenly lay prostrate and opened its monstrous mouth to reveal a large, swelling ball of fire.

All around, the fire elements were being set in motion, and Celestial Fire was added to the ever-growing ball of fire.

It was the Giant Beast's intention to roast this Colonel and then attack the rest of the troop.

"Stupid creature! Stop howling already!" The Colonel said in a frosty tone. "I am ready to die! If you want to kill my soldiers, you will have to do it over my dead body!"

"Roar!"

There was a bloodthirsty look in the Giant Beasts eyes as the fireball in its mouth raged!

Clearly, the beast did not appreciate the Colonel's taunt. It wants to kill this unyielding man with its strongest attack!

"Goodbye, soldiers..."

The Colonel knew his fate. He exerted his Celestial Cultivation to its maximum. If he could hold the beast back for one second, he will take that one second.

"You are good Colonel! You don't have to die here!"

Suddenly, a calm voice came from behind the Colonel.