

Slaughter 31

Chapter 31 - Blue Magic Flames

Mu Yu Die did as she was told, and shut her mouth.

However, with Mu Yu Die staying quiet, the atmosphere between Di Yalan and Shi Yan got a little embarrassing. The two of them just lay there facing each other. Neither of them knew what to say.

"It's about dawn." Shi Yan looked up at the sky, trying to make some casual conversation. "How are you feeling? Has your Profound Qi recovered?"

"Not only has my Profound Qi recovered, but it has also been enhanced."

Di Yalan checked her body in secret. Her eyes suddenly lit up in excitement. She said in a low voice, with a blush on her face, "Back then... back then it seemed like there was some strange energy streaming into my body. That strange energy merged with my own Profound Qi, and even altered something in my chest."

She frowned a little, trying very hard to recall the feeling. She thought that the strange stream of energy seemed to have come from Shi Yan, or was originated from the Profound Qi that he had shot into her body.

Shi Yan thought for a while, and whispered to himself, "It really is that..."

Di Yalan's gorgeous eyes lit up with an exotic charm again. She insisted, "Is it because of you?"

Shi Yan nodded, and explained with a smile, "I once received some pills from an Alchemist, but when I took them I never managed to absorb them entirely. However, those pills, as well as their power, still remain inside my body. Back then... back then it seemed as if the power of those pills merged with my Profound Qi and got planted into your body as well."

The thing about absorbing Profound Qi from dead people was too creepy and scary to talk about, and Shi Yan didn't want anybody else to know about his secret. Therefore, he was using Master Karu as an excuse, and claiming all his strange power due to those pills.

"Those pills must have been extraordinarily precious." Di Yalan nodded. She seemed to have bought Shi Yan's story. Along their travels, Shi Yan had resorted to using poisonous medicine powders several times. Therefore, she had already suspected that Shi Yan had some kind of relation with an Alchemist.

"Yeah, I guess." Shi Yan smiled without elaborating too much on his relationship with Master Karu. He thought for a while and said with a frown, "You mentioned that there was a strange stream of energy which seemed to have changed the muscles and blood vessels within your chest. Can you try to operate your Profound Qi around your chest and see if there are any reactions?"

Shi Yan suddenly thought of the miraculous awakening of his Petrification Martial Spirit inside his body. It seemed that the strange flow of energy could not only enhance one's Profound Qi, but also trigger one's dormant Martial Spirit.

It was exactly due to the influence of that strange energy that the dormant Petrification Martial Spirit inside his body had suddenly awakened. Even the emergence of the Immortal Martial Spirit probably

had something to do with that strange stream of energy. Hearing Di Yalan talking about the odd changes in her chest, Shi Yan had already come up with a theory.

“OK. Let me try.” Di Yalan slowly nodded. She concentrated her energy into her chest and paid close attention to the changes happening inside.

Controlling her Profound Qi, streams of Profound Qi flew into her beautiful bosoms, and lingered for a while around her tender breasts. But now, her Profound Qi seemed to be a bit different. Suddenly a most amazing thing happened. It seemed that her Profound Qi had changed and was becoming hotter and hotter.

Di Yalan suddenly panicked. She quickly moved the Profound Qi towards her arm, and then through the veins and vessels, into her right palm.

“Boom!”

A magic flame the color of purest blue suddenly jumped out of Di Yalan’s right palm. Although the flame was merely the size of a fist, it was burning with an extraordinarily high temperature. The little flame was dancing on Di Yalan’s palm, lighting up the hollow tree, as if they were embraced by the tender blue waves of the ocean.

“Wow!”

Di Yalan couldn’t help but exclaim. She jumped with excitement and her eyes were shining brightly.

Bingo!

Shi Yan was also secretly cheering. He was right about this energy! Looking at that blue flame, he was now certain that that strange energy could really trigger one’s inborn Martial Spirit!

“The Blue Magic Flame!”

Di Yalan couldn’t help but scream in excitement. She said with complete thrill, “This is the Martial Spirit of my family! I know about this! This is the Blue Magic Flames Martial Spirit! Since my grandfather, no one has inherited this Martial Spirit. Oh my God! But how... how is this even possible?”

Mu Yu Die was already awake due to the noise they were making. She was also staring at Di Yalan, but couldn’t figure out what was going on. Mu Yu Die looked so confused, “How is that even possible? Sister Lan, you are already 27 years old. How come that you could still awaken the dormant Martial Spirit inside your body? What is going on here? Is this a dream?” She rubbed her eyes and still couldn’t believe what just happened.

“Ha!” Di Yalan was brimming with excitement. She had absolutely no idea how to express her bliss. She couldn’t help but continuously stare at that blue burning flame on her palm, and she suddenly burst into tears.

She was actually crying in joy.

However, Shi Yan could totally understand her feelings.

On the Grace Mainland, warriors with Martial Spirits definitely took a dominant position. They would have more prosperous future as well. To warriors, the Martial Spirits were more important than anything else. Those without a Martial Spirit would often dream and kill for a Martial Spirit.

To warriors like Di Yalan, whose family had once possessed a Martial Spirit, it was a real shame not to carry on their family's Martial Spirit as an inheritance.

If this situation continued for several generations, even the most glorious family could end up fading into oblivion.

No matter if it was the warrior, or their family, possession of a Martial Spirit was essential.

"So what is really going on here?" Mu Yu Die was still confused after staring at Di Yalan for a while, who was totally flying high in excitement, so she had to turn the question to Shi Yan.

"Um..." Shi Yan put on an embarrassed smile, "Well, this is hard to explain. It has something to do with the pills and their exotic power. I don't exactly know what kind of pills they were. Anyway, those pills are indeed a little extraordinary. Quit staring at me like that. I already said I really have no idea."

"You bastard! Come here! Thank you! Thank you!" Di Yalan put out the blue flame on her palm, and suddenly hugged Shi Yan tightly, as if she were trying to squeeze his whole body into her bosom. Her sexy body couldn't help but tremble with the excitement.

Those delicious bosoms of hers were squeezed against Shi Yan's chest, which gave Shi Yan the opportunity to experience their glorious softness again. Before long, he had that kind of reaction from below his belt again.

But this time, Di Yalan found out about his little thrill down there almost immediately. She quickly released Shi Yan from her arms with a blush on her face. Her eyes were especially charming, shining with light and dancing colors. She couldn't help but laugh and said with a smile, "You ass, always so horny!"

"Hey..." Shi Yan also laughed in embarrassment. He didn't give a reply though.

Mu Yu Die stared at the two people and she was obviously not so happy, "Hey! You two, knock it off! I am still here! Don't put on a sex show in front of me every time you get a chance!"

"You wicked girl! I'm just too excited!" Di Yalan replied with a laugh.

"What is going on after all?" The question was killing Mu Yu Die.

"I don't know either." Di Yalan shook her head, her eyes still lit up with those flying colors. She laughed, "I guess it's all because of him."

"You mean... you had sex with this guy, and then all of a sudden, your Martial Spirit that had been dormant inside of your body for 27 years, which probably would never be awakened in your life, was suddenly brought to life?" Mu Yu Die said with a curious look on her pretty face.

"Incredible as it sounds, that is the truth." Di Yalan admitted with a red face.

“So... so the essence of his, what is it? Some magic medicine with a strange power?” Mu Yu Die also started to blush. She shook her head as she couldn’t believe this at all, “No, no! I don’t believe this! This doesn’t make sense at all!”

“Hmm...” Shi Yan looked up at the sky from the hollow tree, and said, “The sun is out. We should get going.”

“Yeah, we should probably keep moving.” Di Yalan agreed. Apparently, she didn’t want to spend too much time discussing this issue about herself, in case Mu Yu Die would say something again to embarrass her.

After saying that, Di Yalan quickly flew up to the top of the hollow tree. She threw a rope down to the two of them and asked Mu Yu Die to come out quickly.

“No, I am still not buying it!” Mu Yu Die was obviously still obsessed with the issue, and only grabbed that rope after some sighing and groaning.

With Di Yalan’s help, Mu Yu Die slowly rose up with help from the rope, and slowly rose to the top of the hollow tree.

“Ah! You asshole! What are you doing?” Mu Yu Die suddenly started screaming. The two delicate legs of hers were kicking desperately, and her mesmerising body was swinging in the air.

“Let me help you with this.” Shi Yan put both his hands on Mu Yu Die’s soft bottom and tried to lift her up. He said with a horny smile, “There you go. This will save you some effort.”

“No! Stop it! I don’t want your help!” Mu Yu Die shouted with her body twisting intensely. Her hands suddenly lost their grip and she fell from mid-air.

“Thump!”

The two of them fell onto the ground inside the hollow tree.

Shi Yan was lying there with a satisfactory look on his face. Mu Yu Die was sitting right across his waist with her legs kicking and shouting, “Stop! Stop!”

The soft and smooth bottom of hers was right where Shi Yan liked it most, pressing tightly against his sensitive parts.

Shi Yan’s dick was still hard due to the previous entanglement with Di Yalan. Now, with the pressing and twisting of Mu Yu Die’s hips, and her delicious parts continuously touching and rubbing his sensitive parts, Shi Yan was turned on again, and he almost couldn’t help but moan in great pleasure.

“Ah! Asshole! You horny dog!”

It didn’t take Mu Yu Die much time to discover Shi Yan’s intentions. She quickly got up with her hands covering her butt, screaming and crying. Her face was so pretty with that blush, and her beautiful eyes were filled with little tears. “Sister Lan, this bad guy! He was trying to take advantage of me!”

“Shh!” Di Yalan looked pretty serious. She made a sign to tell them to stay quiet.

Shi Yan quickly stood up. He suddenly forgot all about the sexy scenes that had previously happened in this hollow tree. He climbed up the tree quickly and stayed with Di Yalan. He said with a calm and cool voice, "What's the situation?"

"Demon beasts!"

Chapter 32 The Silver Thunder Wolf

The howls of the demon beasts came from the woods far away.

"Tata! Tata!"

Heavy running steps sounded across the silent night. Judging from the sound of those steps, one could tell that it must have been human beings running in the woods.

However, Shi Yan couldn't tell if it was a warrior chasing the demon beast, or a demon beast hunting a human. He didn't want to be involved, and thus said to Di Yalan, "Hide well. Let's not ask for trouble. Remember the lesson from the Tush Mercenary Union."

Di Yalan nodded, and mumbled to Mu Yu Die on the hollow tree, "Don't make a sound. Stay inside the tree leaves."

"Let's go and hide inside another dense tree." After a little thought, Shi Yan moved swiftly, found another luxuriant ancient tree and crouched in the leaves immediately.

As soon as he did that, Di Yalan came up and hid herself with him.

They were still on alert as they hid themselves in the dense leaves. Meanwhile they also removed their scent from the surroundings, to completely hide their presence.

Before long, five flustered mercenaries appeared at a distance with terrified looks on their faces.

They were all heavily wounded. Amongst them, the leader was a Human Level warrior, and the rest were at the Nascent Level.

The mercenaries were running through the woods with flustered expressions, looking over their shoulders, as if they were getting chased by demon beasts.

And that was exactly what was happening.

Just as they appeared in Shi Yan's sight, he beheld a Fire Snake and two Ice Lizards moving in the woods quickly. At the same time, several Silver Armoured Scorpions, which were nearly a foot big, came up from the left, seeming to encircle them.

The five mercenaries were completely terrified as they rushed into the woods.

Shi Yan turned pale as he realised that those mercenaries were done for.

Shi Yan could clearly see a robust Silver Wolf in the direction they were heading to. The wolf was four metres long but they didn't see it!

The wolf had two silver five-meter-long wings, which looked novel and mysterious, adorned with delicate patterns.

Though it was the first time that Shi Yan had seen it, he had heard its story long ago. That was a Silver Thunder Wolf of Level Seven---- atop demon beast in the Dark Forest!

Then he was sure that it wouldn't be a warriors-kill-demon beasts scenario, but... the complete opposite one.

The bloody hunting started at once!

The moment the five warriors rushed into the woods and saw the awaiting Silver Thunder Wolf, they screamed with despair.

The Silver Thunder Wolf didn't even give them a chance to struggle. It spread its thunder wings in no time and devastating blasts came out one after another beside the warriors. Three of them cut into shreds in an instant!

The Silver Thunder Wolf stood there in arrogance----it didn't strike again.

Those chasing demon beasts ran up quickly and encircled the rest two in no time.

The Fire Snake and Ice Lizards worked together to attack the warriors. Soon, one of them was poisoned by the Silver Armour Scorpion, and the other killed by an Ice Lizard.

"Creak!" "Creak!"

Horriying sounds broke the serenity of the deep forest.

Apart from the Silver Thunder Wolf, the other demon beasts crowded around the five dead bodies and started feasting on their bones.

Di Yalan was too terrified to look in that direction.

She was not at all afraid of killing, but those demon beasts were eating human flesh, which would make her vomit badly if she saw...

Hiding in the leaves, Shi Yan was gazing at those demon beasts calmly, while figuring out something in his mind.

As the five warriors were dead, their Profound Qi was gradually seeping out, and as it would eventually melt in the air and disappear.

If he could get to that area before the Profound Qi disappeared, he would benefit by a lot!

However, there were so many demon beasts feasting on the bodies, he could do nothing but hope they would leave soon.

"Oooouch..."

A miserable human cry came from very far away, which was full of fear and despair.

The still Silver Thunder Wolf suddenly howled and dashed out.

Hearing its howl, those demon beasts, who had almost eaten up the five bodies, stopped eating at once and followed the wolf in a hurry. They seemed to hunt other human beings.

Immediately, Shi Yan jumped down the dense tree as soon as they left, and headed to those messed up bodies like a ghost.

Di Yalan was startled as she screamed from the tree in a low voice, "What are you doing?"

"Going and checking what had happened. I will be back soon. Don't leave the tree." Shi Yan didn't even bother to look back and moved to those bodies speedily. As he arrived near to the bodies, he closed his eyes and began to feel them.

Luckily enough, it wasn't too late for him. The warrior of Human Level had more Profound Qi than others, and there was still twenty percent of it left on his body.

The invisible Profound Qi went into his pores, as being attracted by a magnet, and then flew into his meridians...

Sensing the power of the foreign Profound Qi, Shi Yan smiled with satisfaction.

Before long, all the Profound Qi which had not melted and disappeared into the air yet, went into Shi Yan's body.

At the sight of the limbs and entrails on the ground, Shi Yan frowned. Nonetheless, enduring the bad smell, he began to examine their carry bags.

There was too much blood on the food, and it might also be the poison from the Silver Armour Scorpion---it's inedible now. Crystal coins were not of much use in this area, and too many of it would prevent them from moving fast, thus the warriors didn't carry too many crystal coins.

Searching for a while, Shi Yan was able to pillage only few demon beast material and medicine..

Poor guys!

Shi Yan mumbled as he cleaned his hands with one bag. Then he walked towards where Di Yalan was hiding.

"Hooooowl!" "Hooooowl!"

Demon beasts were howling in the Dark Forest even at dawn. They seemed to be running around and hunting for warriors and mercenaries in a group.

Hearing the horrifying sound, Shi Yan wasn't frightened. On the contrary, he was a little happy.

Demon beasts' actions would influence their chasers. They would be spotted by demon beasts if they were still moving in the forest at night, and the more they moved, the more likely they would be found by the demon beasts. Maybe the people from the Dark World, Mo Family and the Tush Mercenary Union would lose a lot tonight, and the demon beasts would have a full belly tonight.

He was right...

That night, Mo Chage and his people were taken care of by the demon beasts.

As they wanted Shi Yan and Mu Yu Die desperately, the troop didn't sleep at night after Hu Long committed suicide. Instead, they kept searching for Shi Yan and his friends in the Dark Forest. Therefore, they were noticed by demon beasts. Thanks to the five warriors, the troops finally got to know of the reality and hid themselves in ancient trees.

"What were you doing?" Di Yalan frowned, "Were their possessions really worth the risk? If the demon beasts returned or if you were noticed by them, you would have had no way to escape!"

"Look, didn't I return safely?"

Shi Yan climbed up the tree without explaining what he had gained. Looking rigid, he said, "Why are all the demon beasts hunting for warriors and mercenaries like crazy? Someone must have done something to irritate them! Or they wouldn't act like this!"

"What should we do?" Di Yalan had no idea, "Are we still going to head forward?"

"Wait for a while. After spending the whole night hunting, those demon beasts should be much more subdued during the day. We can set off at noon."

"Okay then."

Chapter 33 Martial Spirit of Music

Di Yalan and Shi Yan went into the hollow tree again.

"What's happening?" Mu Yu Die, who was staying in the hollow tree in fear, got a little surprised, "I heard some explosions just now. Did some demon beasts pass by?"

Shi Yan sat down and began to feel the Profound Qi which had filled his meridians, without replying to Mu Yu Die.

Most of the Profound Qi, on those five warriors, had vanished into the air, and Shi Yan was able to absorb only a small part of it.

But since there was a Human-Level warrior among them, even if he just got a small part, it was a lot.

However, Shi Yan was still a little worried. He was cautious, for he didn't know when the negative emotions would break out.

Seeing Shi Yan keep silence, Di Yalan told Mu Yu Die what had just happened outside.

Hearing the story, Mu Yu Die's face turned serious and she seemed to be more worried. They were chased by so many bad guys, and now there were demon beasts in their way, she found their future was getting more and more hopeless.

The sun rose slowly and began to light up the sky. After one night's rest, the three started to discuss in the hollow tree.

Shi Yan didn't get too many chances to communicate with the girls when Luo Hao and his people were with them, so he didn't know much about them. But now those males, including Luo Hao, had been killed, so he guessed he should know more about them, or he would land himself in a passive position.

"Why is the Dark World chasing you?" Shi Yan asked in a steady voice while frowning, "You are from the Fire Empire?"

Mu Yu Die nodded and sighed, "It's all because of me..."

"What's the matter?" Shi Yan knew Mu Yu Die was a very special person. Now that she was to explain, he wanted the whole story.

"Sister Lan, you tell him." Mu Yu Die glanced at Di Yalan and sighed again.

"You don't know who Die is?" Di Yalan was surprised as she looked at Shi Yan with curious eyes, "Though you are from the Merchant Union, you must have heard of General Muku from the Fire Empire?!"

"Muku? The General of the Eagle Army of the Fire Empire? The Iron Eagle King?"

Shi Yan was so astonished that he nodded after a long thought, "So she is the granddaughter of The Iron Eagle King? I got it."

Shi Yan went through the fragmental memories about the Iron Eagle King - King Muku, and . got the complete story after recalling it.

In the memories of the other Shi Yan, Muku was the General of the Eagle Army of the Fire Empire, who was a Nirvana-Level warrior and held the real power of the Fire Empire!

The Iron Eagle King was not only famous in the Fire Empire, but also well known in the Merchant Union and the God-blessed Empire.

Muku was a legendary military leader who was seen in every battle between the Fire Empire and the God-blessed Empire. He was famous for his cruelty on the battlefield, and uncountable people had perished in his hands!

Muku was merciless to his foes, and was also obstinate to his own people, thus offending many powerful people.

Three years ago, in a battle between the Fire Empire and the God-blessed Empire, Muku was killed by five Nirvana-Level warriors.

For Muku had offended a lot of people when he was alive, his family got into trouble as soon as he died. Just in a few days, many of his direct relatives were slaughtered, thus the big family sank at once.

"I have heard of the Iron Eagle King." After thinking for a while, Shi Yan nodded.

"Die is the Eagle King's granddaughter, the only survivor of her family. The Dark World is an organization of assassins in the Empire, and it was the one who slaughtered her family. Die could survive only

because of her Martial Spirit. On that day, her zither killed a lot of people in an invisible way, for her Martial Spirit has something to do with music...”

“You mean, Miss Mu’s Martial Spirit could kill with her zither?”

“Yes. Die’s zither can not only prevent one from becoming mad, but also can shatter one’s organs. The Dark World wants Die because their lord trains in a vicious Martial Skill and loses his mind now and then. He wants to calm himself with the help of Die’s music.”

“I got it.” Shi Yan nodded.

“As the Dark World was involved in the slaughter of her family, Die would rather die than help them. How could she help their lord train his vicious Martial Skill!”

But the Dark World was too powerful in the Fire Empire, so she had to seek for shelter in foreign countries.

Knowing Mu Yu Die’s identity and story, Shi Yan asked again, “Then why can’t Miss Mu operate her Martial Spirit now?”

“Her Martial Spirit is quite special. Everytime she operates her Martial Spirit and kills people, several of her veins break like the zither strings. Before the veins reconnect, the Profound Qi can’t move fluently. She would get injured heavily if she operated the Profound Qi, and it would take more time for the Martial Spirit to recover.”

Di Yalan looked gloomy, “Two months ago, just as we were about to enter the Dark Forest at the border of the Fire Empire, the Dark World found us and we lost several people. Since Uncle Luo couldn’t prevent them anymore, Die operated her Profound Qi. Though she killed a lot, her own veins broke too. And they have not recovered yet.”

“So you need your veins to help operate the Profound Qi?” Shi Yan was quite confused, “Are you playing your zither, or playing your veins?”

“I can’t explain either.” Mu Yu Die replied lazily. She looked dim.

“Damage to the Martial Spirit...” Shi Yan deliberated over it for a moment, then he uttered, “Maybe I could help.”

Mu Yu Die and Di Yalan’s eyes lit at once, they stared at Shi Yan together!

“Well...” Shi Yan just popped up with that thought and he got embarrassed, “Well, sister Lan, your Martial Spirit had come to life? The medicine in my body may be helpful for her too. I think...”

“Don’t you ever think about that!”

Mu Yu Die replied with anger and she stared at him, “Stop your dirty idea about me!”

She knew too well how Di Yalan regained her Martial Spirit...How would she sell her virginity for it?!

“I was joking. Don’t take it seriously.” Shi Yan looked indifferent, and he looked up at the entrance of the hollow tree, “It’s about noon, and I don’t hear demon beasts, let’s resume our journey.”

“Ok.” Di Yalan giggled.

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They got out from the tree hole and advanced in the forest, while Di Yalan still carried Mu Yu Die on her back.

After a whole night’s hunting, the demon beasts all seemed to be resting. They didn’t see a single high-level demon beast on the way. Yet, those human remains reminded them how nasty the demon beasts were last night.

At dusk.

The Profound Qi in Shi yan’s body was purified, and thus the negative power filled Shi Yan’s mind again. He got a strong urge to kill.

He knew Mu Yu Die’s zither could comfort him and diminish the negative emotions, but it would attract those demon beasts and their chasers in the serenity of the forest.

Since he had the experience with Di Yalan, Shi Yan hesitated for a second, wandered his lustful eyes on Di Yalan’s delicious body for a while as he developed a plan.

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Night came.

In a secret valley, Mu Yu Die cuddled in the branches of a dense ancient tree. She was gazing at the bushes ten meters away with a blushed face, while grinding her teeth.

The bushes were shaking continuously, combined with waves of suppressed moans...

“Whores!” Biting her lips, Mu Yu Die cursed.

After a long yell, that bush calmed down.

Minutes later, Shi Yan and Di Yalan stood up from it and walked back with messy clothes.

Shi yan walked in steady steps and looked calm, as if nothing had happened.

While Di Yalan looked fresh in her skin and smiled with satisfied eyes, though she had some grass in her long hair.

“Miss Mu, why didn’t you go to sleep?” As he got close, Shi Yan saw Mu Yu Die was watching him in despise, so he asked casually with a careless smile.

“Humph!” Mu Yu Die was angry as she cursed, “Shameless!”

“Oh?” Shi Yan returned her a smile, and said casually, “Maybe we can’t even see the sun tomorrow, who would care about this? Do whatever you want.”

“Yeah, we could be three dead bodies at this time of tomorrow. I don’t care.” Di Yalan walked up and showed just a slight of shame.

Hearing their excuse, Mu Yu Die was stunned. As she realized their situation, she didn't know what to say at all.

"Sister Lan, train by heart. Maybe you can improve a lot." Shi Yan smiled meaningfully.

"Ok, I understand." Di Yalan got his undertone and laughed, "You are really something, aren't you! Haha!"

Thus, Di Yalan climbed up the ancient tree and sat down on a strong branch. Under Mu Yu Die's confused eyes, she started to train wholeheartedly.

Shi Yan didn't climb up the tree. Instead, he sat down beside the tree cross-legged.

Due to the intercourse with Di Yalan, those negative emotions in his meridians were cleansed. And the miraculous power from the meridians gushed into his body and nourished his Martial Spirit.

Only a small part of it went into Di Yalan's body, but this benefited Di Yalan too.

Closing his eyes, Shi Yan could feel that power was changing his blood and flesh. He operated his Profound Qi in the Big Circulation.

One hour later, Shi Yan found that that miraculous power had all gone into his body, thus he began to practise his Petrification Martial Spirit.

As he thought about it, his bare arms hardened, and gradually they turned into dark brown.

Dark brown?

Shi Yan opened his eyes abruptly, which were as bright as stars. He looked in wonder and carefully examined his arms.

Dark brown! It was exactly Dark brown!

Shi Yan was so excited that he wanted to laugh wildly. At that moment, he finally realized how that power benefited his Martial Spirit magically.

Chapter 34 Mysterious Martial Spirit

He realized in surprise that the power could not only operate the Profound Qi, but also increase it by levels!

The Martial Spirit only increases with the advancement in martial levels. It will be enhanced only with the progression to higher level.

This was to say, one would have a breakthrough in his Martial Spirit only when he enhanced from Elementary Level to Nascent Level, or from Nascent Level to Human Level, and so on.

The small progress from the First Sky of Nascent Level to the Second Sky wouldn't change the Martial Spirit a bit.

Only the progress across levels could develop the Martial Spirit!

However there were exceptions!

The Martial Spirit didn't increase with every advancement of a level. Sometimes, it only increased when the warrior progressed by two or three levels!

For example, the progress of Shi Yan's Petrification Martial Spirit consisted of four stages.

A descendant of Shi Family who inherited Petrification Martial Spirit, would show grey skin about ten days after his birth, which meant the First Stage.

If this guy was diligent in training Martial Arts and reached the Human Level, the Petrification Martial Spirit would develop and his skin would turn dark brown, which was the Second Stage.

Once he got to the Earth Level, the skin would grow green with the advancement in Martial Skill, which meant the Third Stage.

If he was genius enough to get to the Sky Level, the Martial Skill would reach the pinnacle and the skin would turn purple, which would be the Fourth Stage!

The Petrification Martial Spirit of the Shi Family strengthened only with every two levels and then changed one's skin color.

Everytime the Petrification Martial Spirit changed and progressed to a higher state, one's muscles' defensive power would increase by several times!

When the Petrification Martial Spirit was at First Stage, one could easily defend against human fists and attacks infused with Profound Qi to a level.

When it reached the Second Stage and the skin turned dark brown, the defensive power would increase by many times, and one could not only defend against the strong attacks from Profound Qi, but could also safeguard attacks from average weapons.

The green skin of Stage Three had a much stronger defensive power! Weapons could hardly penetrate one's body, and at the same time, one's body would still unbelievably be agile and flexible!

As it reached Stage Four, the body would turn purple and wouldn't be injured by anything, not even by water, fire, or any mysterious tricks. The body would become enormously powerful and agile.

Initially, if the descendant of Shi Family was at Elementary or Nascent Level, his Petrification Martial Spirit would stay at Stage One. It wouldn't advance until he broke to Human Level. The stage of this Martial Spirit advanced only with the increase of one's level.

Other Martial Spirits on the Grace Mainland were all the same as Petrification: they increase along with the advancing of one's level. But some magical pills could change the rules, and help the Martial Spirit increase across levels.

On the Grace Mainland, these magical pills existed only in legends. Warriors of The Fire Empire, the God-blessed Empire and the Merchant Union had merely heard of these. The real pills hadn't been beheld by anybody.

Even the three Medicine Kings of the Medicine Valley in the Fire Empire were only Soul-Level alchemists, far from the Divinity Level alchemists who were able to refine such magical pills.

However, that power from his meridians seemed to have broken the rules!

That magical power could not only awaken the Martial Spirit, but also increase the Martial Spirit through stages!

His arms had turned dark brown after petrification, which would happen only to a warrior of Human Level from the Shi Family.

This was apparently the Second Stage of Petrification!

The magical power could awaken his Martial Spirit, and can also increase it, what did this mean?

It meant that he might enter Stage Four of Petrification Martial Spirit even if he hadn't advanced to the Sky Level!

Being impervious to either weapon or water, the body would not turn stiff, but become more agile, being able to defend against all kinds of attacks.

At the thought of power of Stage Four of Petrification, Shi Yan was pleased that he had gained something precious.

This ability was obviously a Martial Spirit too, which not only helped him purify the Profound Qi in his meridians, but also mysteriously imposed negative emotions on his foes during fights.

This mysterious Martial Spirit was able to absorb Profound Qi from the dead, alter it into alive magical power in meridians, and awaken and increase other Martial Spirits...

Shi Yan's dark eyes were sparkling like stars.

Sitting there silently, he realized that if he trained hard with the help of this amazing Martial Spirit, he would be a terrible existence on the Grace Mainland!

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The Dark Forest. In a bloody area, where there were dead bodies all around the ground, a troop of people who looked gloomy were examining something.

"They were from the Wolf Mercenary Union." Bernard walked among those dead bodies, looking worried, "The Captain of the Wolf Mercenary Union was a Disaster-Level warrior---the same as me. It looks like they were obliterated completely."

On hearing that, the Crescent Emissary and Mo Chao frowned at the same time.

After a moment's hesitation, the Crescent Emissary took out a silver horn and began to blow it.

Instead of any sound, an odd wave was sent out and propagated away.

Before long, two men, who wore silver gowns and masks, showed up secretly from the woods. Their masks were green and tush-like, which were different from the pale masks on the Crescent Emissary and his people.

“Emissary, have you found anything?” The Crescent Emissary asked coldly.

“Many warriors and mercenaries were attacked last night by demon beasts. Too many foot prints here. We can’t tell which are our targets’.” one Star Emissary answered respectfully.

The Dark World had two divisions----Dark Emissaries and Black Emissaries. The former were responsible for tracing and collecting information, and the latter killing. They were graded as the Star, the Moon and the Sun.

Though the Dark Emissaries and the Black Emissaries did completely different work, they were strictly graded. The star emissaries of Star Level were under Crescent Emissaries of Moon Level.

“Is it so hard to find the target?” the Crescent Emissary was good at killing and fighting, but was bad at tracing. Hearing that, his eyes turned dim.

“Sir, it’s a large area and there are too many warriors, demon beasts and mercenaries, so it’s really hard to find the targets. During these days’ searching, we were attacked by numerous mercenaries, and one of us was killed.”

The Dark World had disrepute, so the bold warriors and mercenaries who came to this area might kill people from the Dark World if they were in a bad mood.

In the past couple of days, they had encountered these kinds of cases for some time. They were even challenged after the cooperated with warriors from Mo Family, though they didn’t lose much.

“Can’t find the targets, and unsettled demon beasts, too tough...”

After pondering on it, Mo Chaoge said, “We should stop this aimless search. What about waiting in the Silent Town? It is the only way toward the Merchant Union. They would definitely go to the Silent Town once they get out of the Dark Forest, thus we could wait for them there.”

“Good idea.” Bernard nodded and showed a murderous look, “whoever goes to the Merchant Union would pass the Silent Town, so we just need to wait and meet them there.”

“Well then, let cross this region as soon as possible. And wait for their appearance during our way to the Silent Town.” The Crescent Emissary kept mute for a long time, and compromised to this suggestion, for he couldn’t come up with a better one.

The three came to an agreement quickly and stopped searching for Shi Yan and his friends. They began to prepare to cross the Dark Forest and ambush on its boarder and the way to the Silent Town.

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For five days, they were moving in the Dark Forest carefully, hiding from demon beasts and warriors.

At night, they would stop moving and rest in covert region.

In this way, they avoided many high-level demon beasts, mercenaries and warriors with great luck.

And every night, Shi Yan would train ceaselessly to adapt the Second Stage of Petrification and let the shift go to every cell of his body.

Di Yalan had kept away from men for years. And since she had those amazing experiences with Shi Yan, she would always asked him for it. They let off their passions under trees, in bushes and beside brooks.

Mu Yu Die knew she was not able to stop them, so she just let it go, though sometimes she still couldn't help cursing and complaining about them being shameless.

This night, after a short training, Di Yalan jumped up and shouted mirthfully, "I, I just had a breakthrough!" Not long before that, she was having a crazy time with Shi Yan under a big tree...

In another ancient tree not far from Di Yalan, Mu Yu Die stuck her head out with surprise. Seeing Di Yalan in messy clothes, she shouted, "That, that is working?"

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Shi Yan slowly opened his eyes. He looked at Di Yalan, who was still in an absolute bliss, and said with a smile, "Congratulations! Sister Lan!"

After figuring out what the mysterious Martial Spirit was truly capable of, Shi Yan was just as excited as well. Although Di Yalan was just shagging him for a couple of days, she had already benefited enormously and reached the Human Level. This was almost a miracle, which proved that this mysterious Martial Spirit indeed had limitless power.

"Thank you so much!"

There was a warmth of gratitude shining through Di Yalan's gorgeous eyes.

She didn't need to be a genius to realize that what happened to her was due to Shi Yan. For the past few days, she really saw enormous improvements.

"Well, this might have something to do with the medicine within my body. Anyway, Sister Lan, you've also earned all this by yourself." Shi Yan replied with a cool face, "So, now that you have reached the Human Level, could you show us the power of your Martial Spirit - Blue Magic Flame? Could there be any difference with before?"

Di Yalan smiled like a blooming flower. She slowly raised her left hand, with a blue flame suddenly bursting on her palm.

The flame was the size of a watermelon, which gradually covered her entire hand .

The blue flame was like a living creature. It suddenly turned into dozens of fire snakes, moving around her beautiful arm.

Moreover, this magic blue flame could change into various shapes with Di Yalan's thoughts. It would suddenly turn into snakes, and then into birds, just like actual living creatures, which would almost fly away from her palm at any time.

"The moment I reached the Human Level, I could distinctly sense that my Blue Magic Flames had changed. My Martial Spirit is stronger than ever." Di Yalan couldn't hide her excitement, "Not only it has

become bigger in size, from the size of a fist to the size of a man's head, but it also has achieved the capability of matter condensation, which means that it has already reached the second stage."

Her Martial Spirit was capable of matter condensation?

Shi Yan nodded. He instantly realized that Di Yalan's Martial Spirit - Blue Magic Flame was also quite something. He complimented, "Well, congratulations again!"

"This is all because of you!" Di Yalan said with a shine in her charming eyes. She couldn't hide her sexual desire in her smile.

"How... how is this even possible?"

Mu Yu Die, who was resting on the tree, was filled with doubt and suspicion. "It only took Sister Lan a couple of days to reach the Human Level. That's way too fast! How is this even possible? Sister Lan, I clearly remember that you only reached the Third Sky of a Nascent Warrior six months ago."

"Yes, that's true." Di Yalan was on top of the world, and said proudly, "I did just enter the Third Sky of a Nascent Warrior six months ago. Even I didn't expect that I could reach the Human Level so soon. I thought it would at least take me another 3 to 5 years of hard practice before I could ever reach the Human Level. Hehe!"

Mu Yu Die had no idea how to answer her bragging, so she simply rolled her eyes.

How come... this guy's essence... does it really have that kind of magical power?

With her mind lingering on that thought, Mu Yu Die couldn't help but blush again. She forced herself to stop right there and almost called herself a slut.

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Another five days had passed by.

The three of them continued to proceed in the Dark Forest with great caution.

In those five days, each night, they would always hear chaos from the Dark Forest, mixed with the roaring of demon beasts and the crying and screaming of human warriors, as well as mercenaries. This continuous noise and chaos would make even the bravest man be filled with horror.

Shi Yan instantly realized that there must be some human who had irritated the higher level demon beasts. That's why during those nights, he would find a peaceful and an absolutely safe area to rest, and never took any chance to go out at night.

During this period, he decided not to confront with any demon beasts, or to pick fights with any mercenaries, i.e., avoiding any trouble from both sides.

Because of this code of caution that they took, during those five days, although the three of them didn't cover a long distance, they didn't run into any trouble on their way either.

Apart from that, if Shi Yan got lucky, he would still find some dead warriors freshly killed by those demon beasts. As soon as those demon beasts left, Shi Yan would rush to those corpses to collect their lingering Profound Qi.

But for the sake of safety, he would always wait for a while after those demon beasts had left, before showing up around those corpses.

Although he didn't harvest much Profound Qi from each corpse, with the stolen Profound Qi accumulating within his body, Shi Yan also managed to enhance his own Petrification Martial Spirit by a bit.

Until now, his body was already able to petrify entirely within seconds, just with a thought. All of his skin would change to dark brown, and his defense power was also slowly enhancing.

For the past few days, there was never a second when he ever forgot about the practice for controlling his own madness.

However, the last threshold was just too difficult for him to break through. Every time he tried to operate the negative energy within his meridians in his brain, he would suffer from a mind-splitting pain. And when he reversed his Profound Qi within his body, he would be under so much pain that he would faint instantly.

After a few days of practice, he still could not manage himself through the last stage of Rampage.

And after such a series of fainting, Shi Yan guessed that he was probably using the wrong approach. Therefore, he gave up on this tough approach and figured that he should try another way, after a few days' reflection.

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It was night again.

The three of them were hiding in a dark cave within a valley. With the opening of the cave covered with bushes, they talked in a low voice.

They could hear troops of demon beasts passing by their cave on the outside. It seemed there were the roaring and howling of demon beasts everywhere. God knows how many demon beasts were out there on that night.

"It is a little unusual tonight. It seems that all the demon beasts in the dark forest have come out." Di Yalan said with a frown on her face, "This is too strange. Usually, even if the warriors and mercenaries are too out of line, those demon beasts would at most attack them for 2 or 3 days. There is no reason for all these demon beasts to come out. God knows what the hell is going on out there."

"Behind such large scale attacks and movements of these demon beasts, there must be orders from a demon beast of a much higher level." Shi Yan said with a serious face, "The Silver Thunder Wolf is already a Level-7 demon beast, equaling our warrior of the Sky Level. It not only has Demon Crystals within its body, but also possesses the intelligence of the same level as humans. As even the Silver Thunder Wolf has showed up to lead, there must be a huge fight behind."

"Thank God we proceeded with great caution these days, not aiming to cover more distance, but making safety our first priority. Otherwise, we would have been in loads of trouble." Di Yalan nodded.

"Tata! Tata!"

There were some messy footsteps from the outside of the cave. They assumed that this was the movement of human warriors out there.

With such frequent movement of the demon beasts out there, those human warriors who were still moving around must be in some serious trouble, probably also being chased and hunted by those demon beasts right now.

“Maybe we should go out and take a look? Maybe we could offer some help?” Mu Yu Die asked the other two people dimly.

Shi Yan and Di Yalan both took a glimpse at Mu Yu Die, but didn’t say anything.

“What? You wanna let them die just like that?” Mu Yu Die frowned. She was obviously quite upset.

“There are so many demon beasts out there. We can barely hide ourselves right now. If this cave also got compromised, I am afraid we wouldn’t have much luck with those demon beasts. Apart from that, how can you be so sure that the warriors outside are not a disaster to us? What if they also lust for your beauty? God knows how much trouble that could bring us. I suggest you mind your own business.” Shi Yan sniffed with no mercy at all.

Mu Yu Die was not that naïve. Of course she knew all about these. She only said this because she couldn’t bear the idea that humans were killed by those cruel beasts.

But after being taught a lesson by Shi Yan like that, her pride was badly hurt. She puckered her lips and mumbled, “Cold blooded! You are not even a human! Hum, I guess you are just too scared of dying. I misjudged you before...”

“According to your suggestion, you are not only not scared to die, you are literally begging to be killed!”

Shi Yan sneered with a grin, “Miss Mu. You did save my life twice, but I have already repaid your favor. Just so you know, the only reason I am still here, is not because of you, but because of what your Uncle Luo has entrusted me with before he died.”

Shi Yan paused a little and continued, “You are not my princess, so don’t pull your drama on me, this annoys me a lot! If I really got pissed one day, I will just leave you here. Whatever you’d like to do is none of my business.”

“You asshole!” Mu Yu Die felt so wronged that her eyes were starting to wet. She tried her best to control her tears and said with a crying voice, “You know nothing better than lecturing me!”

“OK, give it a break you two! At this time, we should be united. We are all heading towards the Merchant Union, so we’d better stick together and look after each other. Stop fighting over such trivial stuff.” Di Yalan intermediated in their conversation.

“Oh crap!”

Shi Yan suddenly stood up, and his face looked like hell. “It seems those people have discovered this cave. They are heading towards this way.”

“Shit! No way!” Di Yalan was also astonished. She quickly picked up her dagger and guarded the entrance of the cave together with Shi Yan, “What should we do now?”

“Ow!” “Woo!”

The roaring and howling of the demon beasts could be heard outside the cave. It seemed that there were more and more demon beasts coming toward their way.

“Block the entrance!”

Shi Yan suddenly changed the look on his face. He put his hands against the rock on the entrance of the cave and shouted, “Come here and pin these rocks. We cannot let anyone into this cave! As soon as other humans get into this cave, those demon beasts would figure out quickly that we’re here. If those demon beasts stick around, then sooner or later they would discover us and that would be a complete disaster! I am not going down with those guys out there!”

After Shi Yan entered this cave, he not only had covered the entrance with bushes and leaves, but had also moved some big rocks to block the opening, just in case for this type of situation to happen. He didn’t expect that these rocks would actually be put to use.

“OK!” Di Yalan was a little shocked, but she also quickly joined Shi Yan in pinning the big rocks, thus blocking the entrance of the cave.

Chapter 36 Bang!

“Bang!” “Bang!”

The sound of heavy strikes on the rocks came one after another.

Violent strikes were forced onto Shi Yan who was blocking the cave. He and Di Yalan were both shocked and felt numb in their arms.

“Hey friends inside the cave, take your hands off! Or I won’t be this polite anymore!”

At the entrance of the cave, a cold voice yelled, “My Matial Spirit can perceive life signs within two hundred meters. I know there are three of you. We just want to get in and hide for a while. Please do us a favor!”

“It’s OUR cave! Please go and find one of your own. Don’t get us into trouble.”

Shi Yan looked very serious as he pressed all his Profound Qi into his arms. In no time, his arms began to contract and turn dry, while white fog flew around them.

“Move! Demon beasts will come in a few minutes and there must be several high-level ones! If you don’t want to lose your lives, let us in!” A forthright voice cried fretfully.

“Get lost! Our cave is too small for you people!” Shi Yan was rather cold, showing not the slightest amount of friendliness.

Their cave was not big enough so it could only hold six people, and counting the rock at the entrance, it could only hold five people at most. According to their breaths, Shi Yan could tell there were six of them, which was too much for the small cave.

“Steve, come with me, let’s break it!” One of them shouted coldly with impatience.

“Sure!”

“Bang! Bang!”

Two streams of explosive power struck the rock at the same time, and an enormous force blasted out from within the hard rock at once!

With the dull booms, the hard rock which was being supported by Shi Yan and Di Yalan was comminuted into dozens of pieces.

“Kaka! Kaka!”

The rock segments fell on the ground one by one and suddenly the light shined into the dim entrance.

Three people got the chance and slipped into the cave at once.

The leader of the group, who was around thirty years old and wore a silver warrior uniform, looked cold and arrogant. He glanced at Shi Yan and the two girls, then jeered, “A mere Human-Level warrior dares to block us. You are going beyond your depth, young man!”

“Big brother, kill them!” Another rude young man urged, “This cave is only capable of holding six people. Our people can’t come in if they still stay here!”

“You three get out of the cave right now! Or I will kill you in no time!” The man in silver uniform demanded, “You are definitely no match for us! We have two Human-Level and four Nascent-Level warriors. You’d better not waste our time.”

The three warriors who were standing at the opening of the cave looked at Shi Yan and Di Yalan coldly, seemingly prepared to take action at any time, as a dim light was gradually sent out from their bodies.

“Big brother, look at the girls, woah!” Another skinny short young man found Di Yalan and Mu Yu Die extraordinarily beautiful after he adapted to the dimness in the cave and couldn’t help but shout out.

“Chuck, do you want the girls or our brothers outside the cave?” The leader grunted.

That skinny young man smiled with embarrassment, “Don’t be pissed my brother, I’m just kidding. Of course I want my brothers! Women are everywhere, right? Ha, now that we got so much treasure from the Silver Thunder Wolf’s cave, we can get women whenever we want! Haha!”

“Why are you still there?” The warrior taking the lead looked hideous suddenly as he was about to fight.

“Fight!” Di Yalan shouted as she lifted her shortsword, “There are all demon beasts out of the cave. We would still die even if we get out!”

“Hehe, please run away as far as you can and take the demon beasts with you, then we will be safe.” That rude young man burst into laughter, “Or, do you think you can even be alive here?”

“Sister Lan, let’s go out.” After a deep breath, Shi Yan calmed down, then he dragged her, “Quick! We may escape if we run quickly.”

“It’s impossible...” Di Yalan was dragged away by Shi Yan before she could finish her sentence.

Mu Yu Die had lifted herself up long ago, thus she walked up after them.

As her slim figure passed by that skinny short man, that guy stretched out his hand toward her butt, “Gorgeous, forgive me. We can be closer if we meet again.”

Mu Yu Die got frightened and rushed out of the cave as fast as she can. But unfortunately, that guy still touched her slim waist, which made her furious.

Outside the cave, the three men of Nascent Level had been impatient for a long time.

Seeing the three getting out of the cave, the three warriors outside wandered their eyes on Di Yalan and Mu Yu Die lustfully. Then they walked into the cave reluctantly and complimented, “Brother, there should be two beauties! Your Martial Spirit is so great that you could even sense the cave here from so far away! We wouldn’t have managed in collecting so much treasure in the Silver Thunder Wolf’s cave if it hadn’t been your magical Martial Spirit!”

“Haha! We really harvested a lot this time! A Martial Skill of Spirit Level! We can get what we six want with this book when we go back to the God-blessed Empire ! Then we can own whichever women we are fond of!” The rude guy in the cave chuckled.

“Thanks to our big brother’s Martial Spirit. It can identify the stream of life in the surroundings. That’s too damn good!”

The six of them occupied Shi Yan and his friends’ cave, and started to discuss softly in it.

“You three, go as far as you can! It’s still early enough for you to leave now! Once the demon beasts came, you can in no way escape from them!” The leader demanded confidently, “If you are still going to stay at the entrance, please excuse my rudeness.”

Under the bright moonlight, Shi Yan was wearing an icy and terrifying expression.

Terrible demon beasts howls were coming from all directions. They were just gathering toward this way, for apparently they knew there were humans in this area.

Judging from the situation now, this area would be encircled by demon beasts soon.

If they left now, they would become those demon beasts’ target; even if they guided the demon beasts to other areas, they would be kill by them eventually.

Shi Yan knew clearly that the leader didn’t kill them because he wanted them to run away and distract those demon beasts, so that those six warriors could survive.

“Ding Yan! Why don’t we just have a nasty fight with them! We could also be killed by the demon beasts if we get out of the cave! If we run away, we would die in vain! Why not drag those warriors in with us!” Di Yalan stared at Shi Yan in rage.

For his safety's sake, Shi Yan had told them his name was Ding Yan, though Di Yalan and Mu Yu Die rarely called him by his full name.

However, since Di Yalan was strongly against Shi Yan's decision, she shouted out his full name..

Mu Yu Die turned rather pale and she said in a miserable voice, "I would rather be killed by the Dark World than be eaten up by demon beasts. Sister Lan, let's finish ourselves now and attract those demon beasts here."

"Come here!" Shi Yan frowned as he caught Di Yalan and Mu Yu Die, separately with each of his hands, to the corner of the entrance, keeping them away from the middle of the opening.

"What?" Di Yalan flew into a rage, "You want to run away, don't you?"

"Run away? Am I such an easy-going person?" Shi Yan broadened his mouth and looked hideous. Abruptly, he took out an iron ball out of his chest and waved it at the girls.

Di Yalan and Mu Yu Die were stunned at first. Soon they realized and smirked, then took several steps away from the opening again.

Shi Yan nodded, and as soon as the girls found their positions, he suddenly rushed to the entrance.

As he reached the entrance, he swiftly threw the iron ball into the cave and left in an instant.

"Bang!"

There was a devastating explosion in the cave as sharp splinters flew in all directions inside, some of which flew out of the cave and cut the bushes outside into pieces.

Terrible cries came from the entrance of the cave.

"Old Steve!"

"Micky!"

"Brother Teddy! Brother Teddy!"

"Brother Bob! I... I am hurt!"

"..."

Painful cries, combined with a strong bloody smell, came out of the cave.

Shi Yan signalled Di Yalan and went into the cave again.

Shi Yan was looking at the chaos in the cave at the entrance, as he sneered, "Hey everybody? Was it fun?"

The three men on the ground had turned into honeycombs with wounds all over their bodies. That rude guy was among them, with his head cut through.

The leader, that skinny, short man and another fat guy were still alive.

The other three had protected them. Though they too were wounded, those splinters didn't hurt their vital places.

Their limbs were filled with bleeding wounds, and the leader seemed badly hurt, for his abdomen was bleeding hard.

The cave was so small, and once the Star Bomb exploded, they had nowhere to hide. If it weren't for those three dead warriors who stood in front of them, there would've been no chance for anyone to survive.

"I'm gonna strip your skin!" Their leader had his eyes split, and he was too angry.

"Such dense Profound Qi." Shi Yan took a deep breath and enjoyed a lot.

As he was talking, his muscles contracted slowly and his body got more and more dry.

A freezing, insane, and murderous smell flew out of Shi Yan's body slowly, forming into a white thin fog, which spread all over him.

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Inside the cave, there were three dead bodies, three wounded warriors, and Shi Yan.

Shi Yan jumped into the cave. However, he did nothing but simply just stood there, feeling the blowing waves of Profound Qi coming from those three fresh bodies right towards him. The Profound Qi flew into the 720 meridians of his body. The waves were so strong that his meridians even felt a little pain.

Naturally, Shi Yan's body went mad again. All his muscles had shrunken so badly that he suddenly looked even thinner.

There was a wave of evil energy quickly spreading from the white smoke covering his whole body. With the coldest and cruelest spirits, this energy quickly fulfilled the entire cave.

Those evil spirits seemed to have some bewitching magic power.

Once those three wounded warriors breathed in some of this white smoke, their mind was instantly fulfilled with a crazy urge of slaughtering as well.

"You fucking son of a bitch! I'm gonna skin you alive!"

The leader of them shouted loudly, with a creepy green poppy flower suddenly appearing on his palm. That poppy flower was made purely by his Profound Qi and looked just as alive, growing and expanding with astonishing speed on his palm.

Only within seconds, that green poppy flower had become the size of a cattail leaf, with a freezing light shining in the middle of the bud and a green light diffusing around it.

At his sway of hand, that giant poppy flower instantly flew right towards at Shi Yan.

That poppy flower was like an open bloody mouth. It was trying to bite Shi Yan right on his head, seemingly trying to swallow his entire head into its bud.

“He!”

A roaring sound came out of Shi Yan. He had quickly concentrated the streams of negative energy that he absorbed from those dead warriors, and let that energy out from all the meridians covering his whole body, which soon formed into three ghost shadows in front of his body.

Those ghost shadows were floating in front of his body in the scariest way, with their eyes filled with utmost endless resentment to this world.

“Steve! Micky! Teddy!”

The thin warrior was instantly filled with horror. He stared, dumbstruck, at those floating ghost shadows Shi Yan had in front of his body, and couldn’t help screaming.

Those three ghost shadows looked exactly like those three warriors right before they died!

The leader was also pretty astonished. He couldn’t help but take a step back. However, that creepy poppy flower didn’t stop its move and continued to try biting on Shi Yan’s head.

“Break!”

Shi Yan waved his fist and sent out a web of white smoke which was tangled and concentrated with all kinds of negative energy. Those streams of negative energy combined together into a silver snake and suddenly shot into the center of that poppy flower.

“Boom!”

That poppy flower exploded into pieces, with its freezing light suddenly splashing everywhere like a creepy firework; beautiful but strange.

“Look out!”

The leader shouted out. He quickly moved forward and covered the other two guys with both of his hands. There were also spots of weird lights shining inside his palms. He waved his hands and surprisingly captured all the freezing light coming towards him all into his chest.

Shi Yan had the cruelest look on his face. He started to operate his mind power and petrify his whole body. In this dark cave, his entire body became brown and as tough as the steel.

Dozens of freezing dots of light shot towards him again with buzzing sounds. However, they were all blocked by his petrified body. Only a small proportion of the freezing energy filtered into his body through all his petrified muscles.

The freezing energy was rushing and bumping inside his body. However, its power was mostly blocked by his petrified muscles.

Only after a few seconds, Shi Yan’s body had already returned to normal, and wasn’t influenced by the freezing energy any more.

“Shi Yan!”

Di Yalan rushed into the cave. Seeing Shi Yan confronting those three warriors all by himself, she couldn't help but scream and ask him with worry, “Are you OK?”

“Use your Blue Magic Flame to cover for me. Hold back the leader. I will kill the other two Nascent Warriors first.”

Shi Yan gave his order with a cruel face. He then started operating his mind. Those three ghost shadows floating in front of him suddenly started rushing towards those three warriors like starving wolves towards its prey.

The tiny stone cave could barely hold all these people. Once an attack was launched, there was no room to escape. The opponent could only defend themselves with everything they had.

Seeing those three ghost shadows coming towards their way, the three warriors in the cave all seemed pretty terrified.

People are naturally intimidated by the unknown.

Especially because, one minute ago, those three ghost shadows were still their dearest brothers!

The three of them tried to escape, but only to find their way already blocked by the stones. There was nowhere for them to go.

“Don't be scared!”

The leader shouted. The freezing light he just withdrew into his chest was transformed and turned into an icy, silver light shield, sheltering the three of them.

Shi Yan sniffed secretly on the inside, and continued to operate his mind power.

The three ghost shadows stopped in front of the three warriors. With the silver light shield in between, those ghost shadows waved their fists and started to make terrifying postures such as biting and gobbling, showing all their utmost resentment in their eyes towards those warriors.

All kinds of negative energy had gathered into the eyes of those ghost shadows, and through eye contact, flew right into the mind of those three warriors.

Almost instantly, as they were impacted by the negative energy, the three warriors felt like they were thrown into the lowest level of the hell. Countless terrifying and screaming ghosts were coming towards their way, dragging them towards the endless hell. There was no way for them to get out.

The faces of the three warriors became stiff, and their eyes became lifeless, all with the most terrified look on their face.

“Sister Lan! Break their ice light shield!” Shi Yan shouted.

Di Yalan trembled a little. She didn't give much thought, but quickly threw out her Blue Magic Flame which she already gotten ready on her palm. The flame turned into an agile phoenix and shot itself into that silver light shield.

“Chi-chi!”

The silver light shield was instantly melted under the heat of the Blue Magic Flame. The shield formed by the leader’s Profound Qi was obviously too weak in front of the attack of Di Yalan’s Blue Magic Flame Martial Spirit , and suddenly cracked a fist sized hole.

The three ghost shadows took advantage of this crack and quickly sneaked in like a light smoke. The ghosts separated and sneaked into the body of the three warriors respectively.

Shi Yan suddenly rushed forward towards them.

He had all his Profound Qi flowing into his arms like crazy. When he was moving his arms, there was even a deep bursting sound in the air, like a mountain was falling apart.

The white mist entangling his iron fist had already concentrated and turned into a layer of pale liquid matter covering his arms, making his bony arm look even more terrifying, like the sharp claw of an evil ghost.

“Poo!”

Shi Yan’s arm was like a sharp sword, and pierced right through the chest of that thin guy who once mouthed about Mu Yu Die. He used his fist to punch that guy so hard that he fell onto the wall of that cave with a deep sound.

“You’re seeking death, you fucking bastard!”

The Human Level leader warrior suddenly woke up in the middle of his nightmare. Seeing another one of his brothers miserably die in front of his eyes, he couldn’t help but shout with anger. He generated a huge silver light ball on his palm and pushed it hard towards Shi Yan’s chest.

There was an overwhelming gravity falling towards Shi Yan, which, combining with the freezing cold ice power, exploded, all of a sudden, on Shi Yan’s chest.

“Deng! Deng! Deng!”

Shi Yan had to step back some distance before he could stabilize his body.

He just took the full blow of tough a warrior at the Human Level right on his chest. However, Shi Yan’s chest only hurt a little after taking the hit. He checked his body for a second only to see his body completely intact.

That icy blow only froze his chest a little but didn’t manage to hurt him.

So this is the second stage of the Petrification Martial Spirit! How awesome is that!

Shi Yan was actually wildly laughing on the inside. He kept operating his own Profound Qi, guiding it rapidly through his own veins and vessels in his chest. His Profound Qi was like a warm stream of energy, quickly recovering his chest from the freezing light attack by blowing within his veins and vessels.

Di Yalan, with a dagger in hand, rushed to the front, fighting with the leader. Her phoenix made of the Blue Magic Flames was her strongest power, fighting against the leader together with her. The Blue

Flame Phoenix could not only counter all the freezing power that the warrior threw out, but could also control some of his creepy attacks.

“Are you guys all right?”

Mu Yu Die entered the cave with both hands covering her nose. When she stepped inside, she almost puked instantly due to the strong bloody smell.

“Pile up the bodies!”

Shi Yan ordered with a frown. He didn’t wait for Mu Yu Die to respond before he quickly rushed towards the other Nascent Warrior who was still drowning in his nightmares, just like a haunting ghost.

“No! Little Joe!”

The leader suddenly changed the look on his face. He instantly screamed out anxiously.

Even in his wildest dreams, he could not imagine that this guy in front of him, who was merely a Nascent Warrior, could take on his full blow, and not only survive, but also fight back again!

But he himself was a Warrior of the Human Level who had already reached the Second Sky!

“Brother Trump!”

Hearing his name being called, that unconscious warrior suddenly woke up and couldn’t help but scream.

But this was also the last sound that he would ever make in this world.

The next moment, he stopped screaming as his back bumped hard onto the stone wall and blood came out through all his meridians.

Shi Yan’s body was as forceful as a mountain because of the scary explosion power that he got from going mad. . He simply just bumped this guy to death onto the stone wall , and all of his bones broke into pieces.

“No! Little Joe!”

The leader couldn’t help but howl. Seeing all his brothers die in such a horrible way one after another right in front of his eyes, he started to regret entering this cave for the first time.

He regretted that he ever provoked Shi Yan, this mad slaughterer; regretted even setting foot into The Dark Forest.

“Miss Mu, quick, pile up these bodies!”

Shi Yan took a harsh look on Mu Yu Die who had already completely lost her mind, and said with a cold voice, “If you don’t want to die, then move quickly!”

Mu Yu Die couldn’t help but tremble. Under those cold-blooded eyes of Shi Yan, she had to kneel down to deal with all these nasty bloody bodies and move these ugly broken body parts to a corner of the stone cave, piling them up one by one.

“Shi Yan, come help me!”

Di Yalan screamed, “This guy’s Profound Qi is too strong. I cannot handle him for much longer!”

The demon beasts started to gather outside the stone cave, with waves of roaring and howling coming towards them. It seemed that before long, this valley would be covered with demon beasts. Of course Di Yalan understood the value of time. They must finish this fight and kill the leader as soon as possible.

“I’ll be right there!”

Shi Yan rushed forward and stood right in front of Di Yalan facing the leader.

“Boom!”

The silver freezing light appeared again on the palm of the leader, with another strike shooting right at Shi Yan’s chest.

“Hey hey!”

Shi Yan put on a scary grin on his face. With the help of his Petrification Martial Spirit which had already reached the second stage, he took this hit just fine. Now this leader was forced into a corner of the stone cave. There was no way for him to escape.

The phoenix made by the Blue Magic Flame took the chance and also flew over. It soon landed on the shoulder of the leader.

The flames surrounded and spread rapidly on the guy’s shoulders just like a tendril of vines. Soon there was the smell of burning flesh on his shoulders. The flames became stronger and stronger, and then spread from his shoulders to his abdomen then to his waist, until burning his little brother under the belt.

“Ah!”

The lead guy started to scream with great pain. He started to hit Shi Yan like crazy, desperate to break Shi Yan’s defense and get out of this cave.

“You tried so hard to get in, but now you wanna leave? Hey, hey, too late for that!”

Shi Yan put on his Dark Light Shield and used his Petrification Martial Spirit to block all his crazy attacks with a mocking grin on his face. Despite his terribly thin body, Shi Yan was standing there like a steady stone. No matter how hard the attacks were, he just stood there without moving an inch.

Di Yalan found an opportunity to get in. With her dagger in hand, she pierced one leg of the leader almost within a second.

“Please don’t kill me! I’ve got the treasures we stole from the cave of the Silver Thunder Wolf. Please just let me go. I will give them all to you! Please!” The leader screamed and begged with his twisted face.

“I will take the treasures, and your life as well!”

Shi Yan put on a scary grin. Countless streams of white smoke suddenly wrapped tightly around this guy's body. And with this man's most terrified screams, Shi Yan pierced his throat with one finger.

The leader soon lost the light in his eyes. His body also started to become soft and fell onto the ground slowly.

Shi Yan didn't take another look on that man's body. He quickly turned around and looked at Mu Yu Die with a scary face. He cursed in a cold voice, "So useless! Still haven't finished with these bodies?"

Mu Yu Die was already pretty upset. She was trying very hard at dealing with these bodies. For a girl who hated nasty stuff like this, it was not an easy task to pile up all these bodies. Don't even expect her to be extra efficient, which was almost impossible.

Shi Yan didn't waste a lot words on her. He simply sniffed and piled up all the bodies himself with a frown on his face and blood all over his hands. He said with a cold voice, "The demon beasts are coming towards this valley together. Whether we can survive this still depends on God's will."

Chapter 38 Spirit Level Martial Skills

Inside the cave, the bodies were piled up with all of their Profound Qi wiped clean.

Under the influence of Shi Yan's mysterious Martial Spirit, the bodies were not only drained of all their Profound Qi, but even the blood inside the corpses had solidified within a very short time.

With all their blood solidified, the bloody smell that once filled the entire cave was not as strong as before.

However, Shi Yan was still not satisfied with this.

After thinking it over, he quickly took out a packet of medicinal powder from his backpack and sprayed it all around the cave without hesitation.

This medicinal powder was called "Cleansing Powder", which had an extraordinary absorbing power, capable of capturing all the little impurities floating in the air, including toxins, smell and poisonous smoke.

After using one packet of "Cleansing Powder", the remaining bloody smell in the cave was instantly wiped clean like magic.

After capturing the bloody smell floating in the air, the "Cleansing Powder" had become dozens of little red particles which looked just like drops of blood, micronized into little atoms falling onto the ground.

"I need to find something to hide the cave entrance."

Although that bloody smell in the cave was now under control, Shi Yan was still a little bit worried. He started to cover the cave entrance with the nearby bushes and twigs.

Although the battle between the two groups was for the cave, both knew of the importance of the nearby foliage. As such, none of the nearby vegetation was moved or destroyed when approaching the cave.

However, with the eruption of the “Star Bomb”, the bushes at the cave entrance were damaged and cut into pieces. Fortunately, the bushes near the cave entrance were still intact.

Now what Shi Yan needed to do was to move the bushes on each side to the middle of the cave entrance to perfectly cover the entire opening.

Shi Yan was breathing smoothly and paying great attention to his movements. He was acting with great caution and moving the bushes and leaves towards the entrance of the cave slowly, inch by inch, for fear that the demon beasts outside would discover something strange in this place.

With the roaring of the demon beasts getting more and more frequent, they sensed that God knows how many demon beasts had gathered in the valley outside the cave.

Shi Yan had a serious look on his face and was acting extremely nervous. Sweat was secretly coming out of his forehead. Even his back started to become wet with sweat.

When he finally dragged the last large bush into the cave entrance, even his arms were slightly trembling, as if he had made huge efforts to finish this job.

“Are you OK?” Di Yalan asked with care.

“It’s nothing, I’m just a little tired.”

Shi Yan shook his head. His face had turned extraordinarily pale. He stopped to think for a moment and then said, “You two be careful later. If we are ever found by those demon beasts, you must make every effort to guard the cave entrance!”

Di Yalan nodded and added with care, “Yeah, I get it. But what on earth has happened to you? I just saw you kicking the ass of that Warrior of the Human Level with my own eyes, but how come you’ve become so weak right now?”

“It’s exactly because I made such great efforts to fight with him, that I’ve become so weak right now.” Shi Yan sat down with his legs crossed and refused to give any more explanation.

At this critical time, surprisingly, he closed his eyes to rest!

This was actually the side effect of “Rampage” kicking off inside his body.

Every time he performed “Rampage”, his body would suffer great pressure.

The Rampage Martial Skill required the excitation of all kinds of negative energy within one’s meridians. The power of “Rampage” served as a double-edged sword, giving you power far beyond your own Level for a very short amount time, but on the other hand, also making you more exhausted afterwards.

After all, those negative energies were way too evil and creepy.

When these negative energies spilt over from his meridians, they were hurting his body as well. Every time when he finished “Rampage”, he would be wrapped in waves of exhaustion, weakening his body very quickly.

Sitting right there in the cave, Shi Yan felt that both his arms and legs were weak and powerless. The meridians all over his body were also hurting like hell.

The Profound Qi he absorbed from those six fresh corpses had also rushed into his meridians, filling his body with wave after wave of strong power. While his meridians were processing and purifying this Profound Qi with high speed, the negative energies would take advantage of this to sneak out and slowly rot his mind and sanity.

At this moment, he couldn't do anything that required effort. His meridians were still busy processing and purifying all this new Profound Qi. If he couldn't relax his body, he wouldn't be able to achieve a quality recovery at all.

Therefore, he made a sensible decision to leave everything else alone. He just sat still, keeping a peaceful mind for the recovery.

Seeing him sitting and resting with both eyes closed, the other two women, Di Yalan and Mu Yu Die, also looked pretty serious. They concentrated on observing the movements outside the cave.

The demon beasts were still moving inside the valley. There were even some demon beasts around their cave and they seemed to be searching for something.

Both Mu Yu Die and Di Yalan were guarding the entrance of the cave very nervously. They didn't dare to take any chance to relax.

Di Yalan was holding her dagger firmly in her hand, looking outside warily through the gaps between the bushes covering the cave entrance, fearing that some demon beast would suddenly jump in.

They were both aware that demon beasts had an extremely sensitive sense of smell. They were worried that those beasts might find them through the bloody smell in the air. They knew that once their cave was discovered by any of those demon beasts, they had to guard this cave no matter what the price was.

“Deng! Deng!”

A three-headed hound was coming towards them with its three giant heads shaking in the air. It seemed to have found something. Its six eyes on its three heads were scanning around as if it had discovered something unusual.

Oh, crap!

Di Yalan suddenly changed the look on her face, grabbing her dagger even more firmly in her hand. With sweat pouring out of her palm, she focused on the three-headed hound with all of her attention and didn't dare to move her eyes away for a second.

Di Yalan was already extremely tense and was ready to start a fight at any time.

The three-headed hound was a Level Three demon beast, equaling a human Warrior of the Human Level, which was pretty tough to deal with.

Moreover, this demon beast possessed an extraordinarily sharp sense of smell. The bloody smell inside the cave might be able to fool other demon beasts, but it could not necessarily hide from this three-headed hound.

Due to her anxiety, Di Yalan's entire body became stiff and tense. Her hand which held the dagger was also shaking slightly, which meant that her Profound Qi was moving very fast through her veins and vessels.

"Aw!"

Right at that moment, a howl from the Silver Thunder Wolf came from the distance which alerted the whole valley and outmatched all the roaring and shouting of the other demon beasts.

"I am Gan Xiao from the Medicine Valley. I came to the Dark Forest simply to collect medicine for myself. I have never stepped into your cave! Silver Thunder Wolf, I know you are good, but I am not afraid of you. If you continue to harass and kill my people, I will not let you go easy!" A low dark voice came from the distance.

"Aw!"

The Silver Thunder Wolf started howling again in the distance.

Hearing this howling sound, the three-headed hound, which was about to approach the cave where the three of them were hiding, suddenly stopped right there.

It paused a little and quickly turned around, and started running towards the howling of the Silver Thunder Wolf in high speed.

Upon the howling of the Silver Thunder Wolf, the demon beasts gathered in the valley were also starting to take off, leaving the valley for the Silver Thunder Wolf.

The Silver Thunder Wolf and Gan Xiao seemed about to have a huge fight.

Di Yalan suddenly relaxed. She felt so weak that she sat right down on the ground with her body covered with sweat.

If only that three-headed hound had moved a little further forward, maybe even a couple of meters, then their cave would have definitely be compromised. And once that three-headed hound had discovered the cave, the other demon beasts in the valley would most definitely have followed it over here as well.

If that really happened, there was no way that the three of them could have ever escaped those demon beasts!

"Sister Lan, are you OK?" Mu Yu Die was wiping the sweat off her forehead with a handkerchief stained with blood. She also sat down on the ground with the stone wall behind her.

“It’s OK.” Di Yalan smiled softly, but still sighed. “We were very lucky back then. If the Silver Thunder Wolf didn’t have its eyes on Gan Xiao from the Medicine Valley and didn’t suddenly call for all the demon beasts to gather around it, I am afraid that we wouldn’t have been able to make it through this.”

“Yeah, I was also pretty scared just now.” Mu Yu Die’s pretty face also looked quite pale. She added in a low voice, “I was even prepared to commit suicide back then.”

“Don’t ever have that thought unless we have no other options.”

Shi Yan sniffed. He suddenly opened his eyes, and ordered with a frown, “If you have no better things to do, how about searching through the bags and pockets of those six warriors? Just to see what kind of treasure they had stolen from the cave of that Silver Thunder Wolf.”

Hearing him saying this, Di Yalan's eyes suddenly lit up. She agreed with excitement, “That’s right! The Silver Thunder Wolf is a Level Seven demon beast, a top level creature within the Dark Forest! It is said that the Silver Thunder Wolf is a highly intelligent creature, and that it has killed dozens of high level warriors in the Dark Forest. It must have collected many treasures from those dead warriors and stored them inside its cave. The treasures those warriors have stolen must be extraordinary!”

“I heard that there is a practice method for a Spirit Level Martial Skill...” Shi Yan said with a cool voice.

“He!” Di Yalan replied with her face filled with joy and her beautiful eyes lit up with excitement, “Spirit Level Martial Skills are very rare. Even for the royal families from our Fire Empire, there are only five kinds of Spirit Level Martial Skills. Any practice method for a Spirit Level Martial Skill would be worth millions, and countless big families would even be willing to kill for it.”

“Then you should really search through them very carefully.” Shi Yan nodded and closed his eyes again, seemingly having something on his mind.

Of course he knew how precious so-called Spirit Level Martial Skills were.

Across the Fire Empire, the God-blessed Empire, and the Merchant Union, there were around 100 warriors who had reached the Earth Level and the Nirvana Level for a warrior. However, among all these 100 warriors, those with Spirit Level Martial Skills only counted for a quarter of those warriors!

And among that quarter, some were even studying and practicing the same kind of Spirit Level Martial Skills.

According to the rumor, across the entire the Fire Empire, the God-blessed Empire, and the Merchant Union, there were only 18 kinds of Spirit Level Martial Skills that were already known to the humankind.

And each and every kind of those Spirit Level Martial Skills were all possessed by various powerful families or warriors that ruled their own little kingdoms.

Such as the Shi Family.

The Shi Family had possessed various kinds of Martial Skills, such as for the Mortal Level and the Sacred Level. However, it only had one kind of Martial Skill of the Spirit Level, which the Master of the Family, Shi Jian, believed to be the most precious family treasure. Even the his own descendants had no idea where he had kept that Spirit Level Martial Skill.

“It seems we are in huge luck!”

Di Yalan’s eyes were filled with joy. She dug out the backpack of the warrior leader with excitement and didn’t waste any time opening it.

A strong wave of silver light started to shine out from his backpack. The stone cave that was once buried in darkness was suddenly lit up and became as bright as the outside!

“Wow!”

Chapter 39 Three types of Flames

Three shining crystals appeared from the bag and brightly lit the cave.

One of them was rhombus shaped and the other two were oval shaped. They all looked crystal clear and were diffusing waves.

Obviously there was an extraordinary energy hidden within them.

“Demon Crystals!”

Di Yalan screamed with joy.

“Ahhh!”

Mu Yu Die shouted after her and said joyfully, “Seems we are so lucky that we’ve been bestowed with Demon Crystals! Hehe, if we can get out of the Dark Forest alive we could spend the rest of our lives in luxury with these three Demon Crystals.”

Di Yalan squatted and began to examine the three Demon Crystals carefully. After a long time, she observed, “They must be from Level Six demon beasts, but I can hardly tell what Demon Beasts they are from.”

“Sister Lan, I have heard that demon beasts can directly absorb the energy in Demon Crystals. The Silver Thunder Wolf owned these Demon Crystals. Why didn’t it didn’t take the energy inside of them to strengthen itself? ”

“It is said that the Silver Thunder Wolf gave birth to a pup and the best way for it to grow up is to absorb the energy in Demon Crystals. If it is true, then I guess the three Demon Crystals from these Level Six demon beasts were prepared by the Silver Thunder Wolf for its pup.”

“Could be.”

“The energy in Demon Crystals is the best material for alchemists and blacksmiths. They can easily tell what demon beast the Demon Crystal is from in just one look. Hmm, three Demon Crystals. We can have one each, right?”

“I didn’t help so I can’t take one.”

Mu Yu Die shook her head, and she took a glimpse at Shi Yan who was training with his eyes closed. "I think you two should share them. If it hadn't been for me, you wouldn't have got into trouble..."

"Let's discuss this after he wakes up." Di Yalan frowned, and continued to dig in the bag.

"Ah!"

With another exclamation, Di Yalan took out a transparent jade bottle from the bag which was on the ground. She suddenly lost her train of thought as she stared at the red liquid inside.

The liquid in the jade bottle was like a flame. As Di Yalan shook it gently, the flame also danced to the rhythm.

Di Yalan seemed to recall something as she stared at the liquid in the jade bottle.

After a long time, Di Yalan's thin body trembled and she screamed, "Earth Core Flame Essence!"

"Congratulations Sister Lan!"

Mu Yu Die was stunned at first, then she realized something and yelled happily, "Sister Lan, it will benefit you the most! Haha! You really harvested a lot from this journey. You have not only awoken your Martial Spirit, but you've also gotten this Earth Core Flame Essence."

Di Yalan was so delighted that she couldn't help but keep nodding her head excitedly as she shook the jade bottle in her hand. She babbled incoherently, "I, I've never expected that I would be so lucky! Ha! It's Earth Core Flame Essence!"

Just then, Shi Yan finished three Big Circulations after training silently for a long time. He opened his eyes and asked, "This Earth Core Flame Essence, what does it have to do with you?"

"What? How come you don't know about Earth Core Flame Essence?" Di Yalan exclaimed in surprise, "It is common sense! Hell! Are you a warrior or not?"

Shi Yan was quite indifferent. "I'm all ears."

"Do you know there are three types of flames? As in Sky, Earth and Human?"

"Not really."

"What? You don't even know about that?"

"Nope."

Di Yalan shook her head bitterly for she totally had no idea about Shi Yan.

After a short pause, she explained leisurely, "The three types of flames refer to Human Flames, Earth Flames and Sky Flames. Human Flames, like my Blue Magic Flame, are the magical flames in human warriors, which is a vital factor for alchemists and blacksmiths to train with. Every high-level alchemist or blacksmith owns a Human Flame, because only it can raise their skill to the highest."

Shi Yan nodded without a reply, and didn't move his eyes away from Di Yalan.

After a short hesitation, Di Yalan added, "Earth Flames and Sky Flames exist between the earth and sky, such as the Earth Core Flame in the center of the earth and the Volcano Core Flame from the bottom of a volcano, and are formed naturally. The difference between Earth Flames and Sky Flames, is that the latter has a consciousness."

"What does that mean?" Shi Yan was intrigued.

"Natural flames without a consciousness are called Earth Flames, which are regarded as a treasure like precious stones. As for a Sky Flame, it can think, just like humankind. It is immortal and has magical power, which is the most special life entity in this world. Some Sky Flames were formed at the beginning of the Grace Mainland."

Though Shi Yan still looked indifferent, this stirred a storm in his mind.

He was a foreigner to this world and all the knowledge he obtained from his own world was totally different from that of this world.

Before, he had never thought that these flames could even think and have wisdom.

Hearing that, Shi Yan got to know the magical charm of this world more profoundly.

In this world, he met many mysterious things which he had never even dreamt of, such as Martial Spirits, demon beasts, and so forth...

"So this Earth Core Flame Essence is an Earth Flame?" After thinking for a long while, Shi Yan finally asked.

"This is the leftover liquid after an Earth Core Flame turned into a Sky Flame. It's neither Earth Flame nor Sky Flame, but something in between." "

"An Earth Flame can turn into a Sky Flame?" Shi Yan was shocked again.

"Of course, millions of years is a long time. Over time, Earth Flames have the chance to gain consciousnesses and turn into a Sky Flame, but the possibility is very small. Not all Earth Flames have the chance for evolution."

Di Yalan was amused, "But this is the liquid left behind before the Earth Core Flame turned into a Sky Flame. This liquid is very precious for people owning Human Flames."

"How precious?"

"It can enhance the Human Flame and improve one's Martial Spirit!" Di Yalan was so joyful that she was almost about to dance. "A Human Flame is from one's body and can't be hotter than the flames in nature. Only top level warriors can make their Human Flames as hot as those in the natural world after strengthening them several times"

"Got it." Shi Yan nodded, "So this liquid can enhance your Blue Magic Flame and give it the temperature of an Earth Flame?"

"That's it!" Di Yalan nodded vigorously and stared at him with her shining eyes. After a hesitation, she said in shame, "Uhh..."

“Well, don’t worry. It’s yours.”

“I...” Di Yalan was delighted. She felt that she gained some extra advantage and wanted to say something.

Shi Yan replied peacefully, “Earth Core Flame Essence is of no use for me and I don’t even possess a Martial Spirit. What do I need it for? Just take it with you.”

“But you can trade for any valuable medicine you want from the three Medicine Kings in Medicine Valley with this liquid.”

“Well, you keep it then.” Shi Yan frowned and said casually, “There was a book on the Martial Skills of Spirit Level?”

Hearing Shi Yan’s reminder, Di Yalan began to search in the bag again hurriedly.

“This is it.” Di Yalan took out a dark yellow ancient book. She glanced at it and said, “I can’t read these ancient characters. We need to find some specialist to translate it for us.”

“Let me have a look.” Shi Yan asked for the book naturally as he stretched out his hand.

The previous owner of Shi Yan’s body was a big fan of ancient things. Though he knew nothing about martial arts, he was much better than most so-called scholars in this world when it came to ancient languages and historic sites.

Shi Yan took a glimpse at the ancient letters on the book cover as soon as he got the reddish ancient book and mumbled the word naturally, “Gravitational Field...”

Chapter 40 Sharing the Treasure

“You know these ancient letters?” Di Yalan couldn’t help but shout in surprise.

“Yeah, just a little.”

Shi Yan nodded, but he didn’t take a closer look at the contents of the book. He just held the book in his arms casually and said with a cool voice, “You take the bottle of Earth Core Flame Essence, and I will take this practice book for Spirit Level Martial Skills.”

Di Yalan nodded to show her agreement. The bottle of Earth Core Flame Essence was indeed extremely precious for her. She was already on top of the world with that little bottle of liquid in her hand.

“But what about these three Demon Crystals?”

After a while, Di Yalan asked again. And this time, while she was talking, she gave a quick glimpse to Mu Yu Die on her side, with a pretty complicated message in her eyes.

Shi Yan had already got his book of Spirit Level Martial Skill, which was obviously worth millions. However, until now, only Mu Yu Die hadn’t got anything.

Those three Demon Crystals were apparently not as valuable as the Earth Core Flame Essence or the Skill book. Therefore, Di Yalan intended to give those Demon Crystals to Mu Yu Die. However, she was worried that Shi Yan might be against this decision. That's why she said this to gauge Shi Yan's reaction.

"Then give them to Miss Mu. I'm OK with that."

Of course Shi Yan knew what Di Yalan was up to. He said calmly, "We cannot leave Miss Mu with nothing. We have both got what we want. How about giving those three Demon Crystals to Miss Mu?"

"Sure, I'm also fine with this." Di Yalan smiled with satisfaction. She was quite glad to see Shi Yan being so understanding and considerate.

Mu Yu Die looked a little surprised at Shi Yan's words. She stared at Shi Yan for a moment, and then shook her head and replied with an awkward smile, "I didn't do anything helpful and have been depending on your protection all this time. I cannot take these three Demon Crystals."

"Die..." Di Yalan wanted to say something but hesitated.

"No, I cannot take them." Mu Yu Die looked pretty determined. She shook her head firmly, and started to tease herself, "I have become a burden for you. You almost lost your lives protecting me. How can I take these three Demon Crystals? Sister Lan, Ding Yan, I know you are being very kind to me, but I would feel ashamed to take these Demon Crystals."

"Then just take one of them." Shi Yan said after some hesitation, "Anyway, you must take one of these Demon Crystals. We cannot take such advantage of you."

"Yes, at least take one of them." Di Yalan also insisted.

Seeing the two of them both insisting on this, Mu Yu Die found it very hard to deny their kindness any more. She nodded after some hesitation and said, "Well, thanks a lot for your generosity!"

Shi Yan stopped talking and closed his eyes again, going back to operate the Profound Qi inside his body for recovery.

When he cleared his mind and concentrated on the inside, he could clearly feel the changes going on in his body.

He didn't know why, but somehow, just by sitting there, he could feel the pain and soreness in his muscles were quickly disappearing.

Shi Yan cleared his mind and focused himself completely on the changes his body was going through.

Suddenly, there was a flash of lightning in his mind. His spirit suddenly lit up and it seemed he had realized something.

This is the Immortal Martial Spirit!

Inside his body, his flesh, muscles, bones, veins, organs and entrails were all undergoing subtle changes.

The Immortal Martial Spirit had been secretly repairing his body in a way that he could never understand. His weakness due to breaking out of "Rampage" was also gradually returning to normal.

Shi Yan was extremely surprised. He realized that the Immortal Martial Spirit could not only recover his wounds, but also offset most of the side effects that he had been suffering from "Rampage"!

Without the help of the Immortal Martial Spirit, he was almost certain that he would be unable to confront any opponents for the next three days after using "Rampage".

However, thanks to the Immortal Martial Spirit, this was no longer the case.

With the help of the Immortal Martial Spirit, the soreness and fatigue in his body was slowly disappearing.

Judging from the condition of his body right now, it would at most, take one more day for him to recover half of his power. There would be no problem for him to engage in another fight with the enemy then.

However, just at that moment when he was gloating in secret, a sudden strong wave of evil and crazy killing intent flared up from the bottom of his heart.

This explosion of his negative energy was as fierce as a tsunami and was more destructive than ever!

Streams of energy mixed with desperation, fear and resentment were rushing out from the meridians all over his body. They had transformed into waves of spiritual power, roaring through his mind, corrupting his thoughts with an overwhelming force, and altering his morals and personality!

This time, he had absorbed the Profound Qi from all four Nascent Warriors as well as the two Warriors of the Human Level. When the six of them breathed their last breath, Shi Yan was right there with them in this stone cave.

Therefore, he had captured all the Profound Qi coming from the six warriors without missing a drop, which was way thicker and stronger than all the Profound Qi that he had absorbed before.

Therefore, the backlash this time was also fiercer than ever.

Although Shi Yan was still sitting there, his breath started to get heavier and heavier, and his body started to tremble slightly. His body was wrapped in a thick web of killing intent, making him appear even more evil to the others.

After a few minutes, he guessed that he couldn't resist this force any more. He suddenly opened his eyes and stared at Di Yalan with desire burning in his eyes. He said in a very low voice, "I'm having that weird thing happen to my body again!"

Di Yalan was stunned for one moment, and then quickly blushed all of a sudden. She said to Mu Yu Die in a low voice, "Die, you... you turn around, and don't look."

Mu Yu Die's face also quickly went red. She bit her lips a little, turned to the entrance of the cave with her back towards those two people, and said, "You two be quiet. Please don't draw the attention of those demon beasts here. I... I'll be staying here at the entrance."

"Em." Di Yalan answered with a very low voice and then quickly threw herself into Shi Yan's arms.

Shortly after, inside the cave, a slapping rhythm could be heard.

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After a long time, with a deep moaning and trembling of the body, Shi Yan released his climax inside Di Yalan's body.

From the meridians all over his body, there suddenly sprung streams of magical power.

This strange power was wandering around inside his body randomly, with only a small part of it shooting into Di Yalan's body together with his essence. Most of this strange power was still rushing and bumping around inside his veins and vessels, filling his entire body.

Shi Yan suddenly opened his eyes.

He pulled up his pants and left Di Yalan, who was still enjoying her moment of bliss, lying on the ground. He quickly went towards Mu Yu Die and said, "Miss Mu, quick, come here!"

Mu Yu Die was completely shocked by his actions, and couldn't help moving back. Her pretty face instantly went pale. She cried out with horror, "No! Don't come close!"

"The magical power inside my body has just spilled out a little!" Shi Yan was moving towards Mu Yu Die with a heavy panting, and said impatiently, "I am trying my best to control it right now. Let me try and see if I can share some of it with you in order to help you recover your broken veins and muscles inside your body!"

"No way!" Mu Yu Die started screaming, "No, no, no, I'm not ready yet! I don't want to do that with you! Don't come close!"

"I didn't mean that!" Shi Yan roared with a low voice.

He could feel the magical power split into dozens of streams, roaming around inside his body across his muscles, veins, flesh and blood, nurturing his Martial Spirits and Profound Qi in his abdomen respectively.

With this speed, before long, this magical power would be dispersed all over his body and absorbed entirely.

Shi Yan was concentrating more than ever right now. He forcibly blocked a small part of this strange power inside his arm. He was hanging onto this magical power very tightly and planned to inject this part of the power into Mu Yu Die's body through the spillover of his Profound Qi.

Seeing Mu Yu Die continuously backing away, Shi Yan got extremely impatient. He suddenly took a step forward and grabbed Mu Yu Die tightly into his arms.

With the soft and nicely curved body of Mu Yu Die suddenly taken into his arms, a refreshing and sweet fragrance instantly kissed his face tenderly, making his spirit excited all of a sudden.

"Let go of me!" Mu Yu Die didn't buy Shi Yan's theory at all. She was hitting Shi Yan's chest intensely with her little fists, and struggling with all her might.

However, with all of her veins and muscles broken, she couldn't manage to use her Profound Qi smoothly.

With all her power being void, she was no different from a weak fragile little girl, and couldn't break out of Shi Yan's arms even a little.

"Stop struggling! Just be quiet!" Shi Yan locked up his arms even tighter and forced her delicious and delicate body tightly against his own, leaving her no room to struggle.

At that moment, Shi Yan made the magical power inside his arms quickly rush towards his wrists, all the way through his palms, and into the veins and muscles on Mu Yu Die's back.

"Now, try your best to move this power to your broken veins and muscles! Quick!" With Mu Yu Die locked up in his arms, Shi Yan quickly whispered into her delicate ears.

Mu Yu Die's ears twitched a lot, and her sweet body couldn't help trembling. She was silently cursing Shi Yan as a bastard in her heart.

However, she clearly felt two strange waves of power flowing into her body through Shi Yan's palms and circling inside the veins and muscles in her back.

Under Shi Yan's harsh order, Mu Yu Die finally became quiet and stopped her struggling. She started to make her best efforts to feel the magical power inside her body, take control of it, and use it for the recovery of her broken veins and muscles.

Holding Mu Yu Die tightly in his arms, feeling the delicious curves of her body, smelling the sweet fragrance from her body, Shi Yan was suddenly distracted and starting to entertain some dirty thoughts in his mind. He couldn't help the excitement coming from his lower body.

"Ah!"

Mu Yu Die screamed with embarrassment. She said in a hurry with a blushed face, "Let go of me now! You... acting like this... I ... I cannot calm myself down."

"Well, I will let you go for now." Shi Yan knew that this was not the right time for him to take advantage of her. He nodded and slightly kissed Mu Yu Die's cheek, "I will take this as a reward for offering you this magical power as a gift."

After these words, Shi Yan released Mu Yu Die from his arms and took a few steps back. He then sat down against the stone wall and slowly closed his eyes.

Mu Yu Die's entire face was completely red. She was both embarrassed and annoyed at the same time. She glared at Shi Yan with anger and cursed, "You dirty bastard!"

After this, with her beautiful bosoms heaving up and down, Mu Yu Die took a few deep breaths before finally calming down.

She understood that given this critical situation, she couldn't afford to waste any time on blaming Shi Yan. She also quickly sat down and tried to use the magical power that she got from Shi Yan to restore the broken veins and muscles inside her body.