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Even though Huo Yuhao didn't say anything to Zhang Lexuan, he was sharing his Spiritual Detection with her, and though the others didn't really understand what Huo Yuhao did, Zhang Lexuan could feel it.

There were more than a hundred Bloody Baboons, each of which was about fifty meters apart. Together, they formed a circle about five hundred meters in diameter. The distance wasn't that balanced or perfectly even, but it was good enough. These baboons were now frozen corpses, and the smell of fresh blood was a lot weaker than before. Furthermore, they served another purposes.

Huo Yuhao told Zhang Lexuan before he sat down to cultivate that they could rest here peacefully tonight.

"Roar!" A deafening and furious roar could be heard in the distance. It sounded like rumbling thunder as it echoed out vigorously.

Everyone was circling Wang Qiu'er and resting at this moment, and they were all in a half-meditative state, which they could get out of at any time. Besides Huo Yuhao, who had yet to recover all his soul power, everyone else had replenished most of their soul power from the battle with the Bloody Baboons.

Zhang Lexuan sprang to her feet and gazed in the direction of that ear-splitting roar. She could tell from how the sound changed that this soul beast was probably charging right towards them. This night was turning out to be really hectic!

Huo Yuhao opened his eyes. He didn't get to his feet, his eyes turning a bright golden color. He activated Spiritual Detection once more, but he only shared it with Zhang Lexuan in order to save soul power before he focused in a certain direction.

A purple shadow quickly appeared within Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection.

It was a lion that had purple fur all over its body. It was a little petite compared to typical lion-type soul beasts, and it was only about one and a half meters long, while its shoulders were only about sixty to seventy centimeters above the ground. However, its purple mane was gorgeous, and its fur was a shiny purple color as well. Its entire body shone with faint purple light, and its huge tail swung left and right behind it as its nose quivered subtly, clearly trying to distinguish the scents about.

This purple lion paused momentarily to assess things, than started to move once more. It moved with incredible speed, and left a series of afterimages behind as it darted forward in a flash. It covered two kilometers in the time needed for one or two breaths, and it was coming exceedingly close to the baboon corpses that Huo Yuhao had laid out around them.

This purple lion was apparently attracted by the smell of blood coming from the Bloody Baboons.

Zhang Lexuan's expression changed slightly. "That's a Purpleshadow Lion. Watch out, everyone, it's just too quick. We might have to rely on you now, Ruoruo. Get ready for battle, Yuhao, you'll have to use your spiritual-type soul skills to impede its speed. This Purpleshadow Lion has at least ten thousand years of cultivation."

They had just slain a bunch of ten-thousand year Bloody Baboons, but Zhang Lexuan hadn't been as nervous facing the Bloody Baboons as she was now against the Purpleshadow Lion.

Cultivation played an important part in distinguishing a soul beast's strength, and therefore there was a separation between ten, one hundred, one thousand, ten thousand, and one hundred thousand years. However, a mere difference in cultivation didn't represent absolute superiority and strength.

Why were the Ten Great Savage Beasts so formidable? It wasn't only because their cultivation levels were exceptionally high, but it was also because they belonged to extremely powerful species. It was also because they contained so much strength in their bloodline that they could live for such a long time.

The pack of Bloody Baboons wasn't weak, but even the Baboon King wasn't as terrifying as this Purpleshadow Lion.

The Purpleshadow Lion was one of the most frightening species amongst speed-type soul beasts. They were unbelievably quick, and they had a strong preference for eating the hearts of fresh corpses. The lion itself wielded potent venom, and possessed several innate skills.

If a ten-thousand year Purpleshadow Lion faced off against the pack of Bloody Baboons, it would perhaps be defeated in the end, but it would definitely be able to escape with its life. It would also take the lives of at least a third of the pack. If it was belligerent or determined enough to fight to the end, the Bloody Baboon pack would be completely vanquished.

Li Yongyue's eyes sparkled when he heard Zhang Lexuan mention the Purpleshadow Lion. A ten-thousand year Purpleshadow Lion could be considered a top-quality gain for him if he could absorb it. He knew the fifty-thousand year Bloody Baboon King was too strong, and he didn't have the ability to absorb it, but he was confident in absorbing this Purpleshadow Lion. It was lower in cultivation compared to the Baboon King, but the speed and offense amplifications were something he needed.

The only problem was that the Purpleshadow Lion would definitely tear him to pieces if he were to fight it one-on-one.

The lion halted at around five hundred meters away from the group. There was a ten-thousand year Bloody Baboon's corpse laid out right in front of it.

The lion raised its front paw and immediately hacked at the baboon's chest. Its sense of smell was very sensitive, and it could obviously tell that this Bloody Baboon had just died not too long ago, and its heart was still fresh.

However, right at this moment, a terrifying aura exploded from the baboon's corpse.

Boom, boom, boom...!

A frightening explosion detonated, and the vigorous booming sounds travelled at least ten kilometers away. A deep crater that was five meters deep and more than thirty meters in diameter appeared in the middle of the series of explosions where the Purpleshadow Lion and the baboon's corpse had been located.

The lion was indeed quick, and had turned to run when it realized something was amiss. However, no matter how fast it was, it couldn't be faster than the instantaneous explosion. Its frame had just darted out when it was swept away by the terrifying blast, and it hurtled through the air as it flattened countless trees and plants before it finally landed on the ground with a crash.

The Purpleshadow Lion was a speed-type soul beast, so its defensive capabilities weren't that great, definitely far inferior to the Bloody Baboon. This explosion had seared and torn through its flesh to the point where its entire body was badly mangled and mutilated. Everyone came forward to check it out, but this fearsome ten thousand year Purpleshadow Lion was already dead. This meant it was killed by that Bloody Baboon, and nobody could absorb the soul ring that it produced.

Li Yongyue's face was full of regret and a little sad, and everyone's eyes turned toward Huo Yuhao, who still hadn't moved from his original position.

They stared at the enormous crater on the ground, and then at the Purpleshadow Lion's outcome. Everyone drew a cold breath at the same time. What kind of soul skill is this? How can it be so powerful?

Everyone's eyes were different when they came back beside him. Li Yongyue and Mo Xuan's eyes even carried a tinge of admiration and reverence. Li Yongyue had missed the chance to absorb a soul beast suitable for him, but he didn't display a single hint of displeasure.

Han Ruoruo was relatively more familiar with Huo Yuhao because of his relationship with Wang Yan, and she immediately asked, "What method did you use, Yuhao? How did you trigger such a violent explosion from a few hundred meters away? It was a soul tool, wasn't it?"

Certain powerful soul bombs could achieve that. Han Ruoruo had also heard from Wang Yan that Huo Yuhao wasn't just a soul master, he was also a soul engineer!

Huo Yuhao shook his head and replied, "That wasn't a soul tool. It was my soul skill, called Ice Explosion. This soul skill is quite unique, and can only be used when I come into contact with the target. I can fuse my soul power with the ice after I freeze the target. Normally, it's quite difficult to freeze my opponent over, as that requires a long process, unless my opponent is lower in cultivation than I am. However, it's different for corpses. The Bloody Baboon's soul power hadn't dissipated yet after it had just died, so I took this chance to use Ice Explosion to seal their soul power inside, equivalent to me creating a bomb. I used almost all my soul power just now to turn all these corpses into similar bombs."

Zhang Lexuan had a look of revelation as she said, "No wonder you told me that we can rest here in peace tonight. The force of your Ice Explosion must be related to the frozen body's strength, yes?"

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "That Purpleshadow Lion was unlucky because it came up to a ten-thousand year Bloody Baboon. I reckon that a thousand-year baboon's corpse wouldn't be able to kill it. But it's a pity, because that Purpleshadow Lion was quite suitable for senior Li."

Li Yongyue hurriedly said, "It's alright! The Great Star Dou Forest only has soul beasts inside and nothing else, and we can slowly look for more."

After a day's worth of interaction, Huo Yuhao, Wang Dong'er, and Wang Qiu'er had given both him and Mo Xuan a strong and lasting impression. It was needless to discuss Wang Qiu'er, her violent and brutal

fighting style petrified the both of them. The girl was pretty, but they would only want to look at her in admiration from a distance. She was just too powerful!

Huo Yuhao's display of his all-around abilities awed them both. He had formidable fighting strength, and his ability to control his Spiritual Detection truly broadened their horizons. He had even taken over Han Ruoruo's position as main control, so it was needless to say how advantageous and superior his martial soul was.

Li Yongyue naturally wanted to have a good relationship with a junior like Huo Yuhao. There was no doubt that Huo Yuhao was one of the core students of the inner courtyard's next generation. And he had two martial souls, as well!

Han Ruoruo blurted out, "Your Ice Explosion is exceptionally ferocious! I'm never coming close to you if we ever have another practice combat. I imagine it's not difficult for you to freeze someone over with the power of your Ultimate Ice!"

Huo Yuhao smiled and didn't explain any further. Ice Explosion wasn't that powerful if it was triggered without anything else. It was most powerful when he touched his opponent with his left hand, which contained the skill, and when he infused Ice Explosion into his opponent's body the moment he or she was frozen.

Doing so was actually relatively difficult. However, ever since Huo Yuhao had inherited the Ice Empress' three ultimate skills, pairing up the Snowless Glacier and Ice Explosion had risen to a drastically different level, but he couldn't use this combination easily.

Zhang Lexuan clapped and said, "Alright, since we have Huo Yuhao's Ice Explosion to protect us, we should all take this chance to rest. Wang Qiu'er will probably need until daybreak to absorb her soul ring, and we will continue on our journey after she's done. We are quite fortunate, as we have already found two soul rings for absorption within such a short period of time. I hope we will have similar good fortune in the days to come."

The night indeed passed peacefully with Ice Explosion to protect everyone. Some soul beasts did attempt to come near from time to time, but they didn't even have to trigger the Ice Explosion, as the beasts scampered away after seeing the Bloody Baboons' corpses. Not every soul beast was as powerful as the Purpleshadow Lion after all. This was the Hybrid Region's central area, and there were ten-thousand year soul beasts around, but they were ultimately not the main body. Most of the soul beasts around were only thousand year soul beasts.

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Daybreak...

Huo Yuhao opened his eyes, and he immediately felt some dampness on his body. It was the forest's morning dew, and the damp and refreshing air was filled with nutrition and life energy.

Wang Dong'er opposite him naturally opened her eyes at the same time, and they exchanged a smile. Their cultivation before this had yielded impressive results, and Huo Yuhao had almost completely restored his soul power.

Wang Dong'er surveyed her surroundings. Wang Qiu'er was still absorbing her soul ring, while the others were still cultivating, and nobody else had woken yet.

She stood up quietly and sat down beside Huo Yuhao. She used her mouth to gesture at Wang Qiu'er and whispered, "Do you really believe that she can find a more suitable soul ring for you?"

Huo Yuhao nodded lightly and said, "Wang Qiu'er is a little arrogant and aloof, but do you think she looks like the kind to tell lies? Her arrogance means she can't even be bothered with telling lies."

Wang Dong'er grunted and said, "You seem to have a high opinion of her."

Huo Yuhao smiled as he clasped her tender little hands and brought them before him as he caressed them gently. His hands were warm, and Wang Dong'er felt incredibly comfortable as he rubbed her hands, and she subconsciously leaned her head on his shoulder.

Wang Dong'er whispered, "You're not allowed to get too close to her."

Huo Yuhao chortled and said, "Why not? You're not confident of yourself anymore?"

Wang Dong'er snapped, "It's not about confidence – you're so ugly, it's already your good fortune that I'm willing to keep you! Wang Qiu'er is so arrogant, so how can she be interested in you? I'm just afraid that you'll waste your time and snub yourself out."

Huo Yuhao laughed softly and said, "It doesn't matter whether she's interested in me, it's alright as long as you are."

Wang Dong'er snapped her head around and stared into his eyes as she asked, "Then tell me, is she prettier, or am I prettier?"

Huo Yuhao answered without hesitation. "You're the prettier one, of course. All the women in the world are separated into two categories in my eyes: one of them is you, and the other category is where the other women belong. Only you are pretty in my eyes, and no matter how the other girls look like, they will all look the same to me."

Wang Dong'er laughed. Her huge and pretty eyes were droopy as she grinned, and she wrapped herself around Huo Yuhao's arm. She didn't bother to hide how she liked all this sweet talk.

"You have to mean what you say."

"Yes."

Huo Yuhao could feel the warmth and tenderness beside him, and his heart was unnaturally quiet and peaceful. Soul masters treated the Great Star Dou Forest as a place of many dangers, but this place had a taste of paradise to him.

A light fog permeated the forest. The air was humid, but that also made that life energy even denser. He had the girl he loved by his side, and his heart was just so warm... It was difficult to describe this contentment that he felt, and he just wanted to sit here like this for a few days without having to move an inch.

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Wang Dong'er gave Huo Yuhao this fantastic feeling not because she was pretty, but because their hearts were so close together. Huo Yuhao had only gradually developed this romantic feeling after the Sea God's Fate, but discovered that he was improving very quickly in this aspect. He was always so happy, and he always felt so fortunate when Wang Dong'er was with him.

Perhaps Wang Qiu'er looked more like the Goddess of Light, and perhaps she also gave him a strong sense of familiarity. However, she couldn't be compared to Wang Dong'er at all, who occupied all the space in Huo Yuhao's heart at this moment.

The golden light radiating from Wang Qiu'er not far from them began to recede at this moment, and one soul ring after another began to rise from her body.

Two yellow, two purple, and two black soul rings! When her sixth and final soul ring rose up, the golden hues around her had completely withdrawn into her body.

It was complete!

Wang Qiu'er had completely absorbed the fifty-thousand year Bloody Baboon King's soul ring. The entire process only took roughly six hours; it was an incredible and frightening speed for a Soul Emperor, and yet, she had accomplished it so easily!

Wang Dong'er whispered, "Her body is so ferocious. She can actually absorb a fifty-thousand year soul ring so quickly. Since that's the case, why does she have two hundred-year and two thousand-year soul rings before that?"

Huo Yuhao paused to think. Wang Dong'er was just making a casual comment, but it made a lot of sense. Wang Qiu'er's Golden Dragon martial soul had to be the reason for her toughness and ferocity, but since that was the case, why did she have two hundred-year soul rings?

Wang Dong'er could absorb a thousand-year soul ring as her second ring, and the main reason for that was because she had twin martial souls. She had mentioned to Huo Yuhao before that her second martial soul was the Clear Sky Hammer, which greatly strengthened her body and was the reason why she could absorb a thousand-year soul ring as her second ring. Wang Qiu'er only had one martial soul, but it was apparent that her body was probably tougher than his own and Wang Dong'er's, too! Did she have some hidden troubles she hadn't voiced?

They were observing Wang Qiu'er at the same time. Wang Qiu'er concluded the absorption process and looked over towards them. When her eyes met Huo Yuhao's gaze, she nodded her head faintly, but she didn't look at Wang Dong'er at all.

Her action naturally fell into Wang Dong'er's eyes, and a look of surprise flowed from her eyes. She snapped her head back around at Huo Yuhao and said, "Why did she nod at you?"

Huo Yuhao didn't hide anything from Wang Dong'er, and he told her about when he gave Wang Qiu'er the meat sandwich, and how he was infuriated after she had tossed the baked bread onto the ground. The only thing he didn't say was that he and Wang Qiu'er had alternately eaten from the piece of baked bread. Sometimes, white lies could avoid a lot of trouble...

Wang Dong'er's eyes seemed to melt after Huo Yuhao told her about the story of the baked bread and of him and his mother. She didn't care about the others around her, and cuddled deeper into his embrace as she wrapped her arms tightly around his waist.

"Auntie is so nice. I wonder if I can be as good as she was. However, if the day comes when we are about die from starvation and there's only one piece of baked bread, then I will definitely eat it."

"Eh?" Huo Yuhao stared at the girl in his embrace in faint astonishment.

Wang Dong'er had closed her eyes by now. She used a voice that only the two of them could hear and said, "Because, I hope you will have me by your side in your last moments. I don't wish to see you hurt because of my death, and I want to die after you so that I can take another look at you..."

Her gentle words instantly filled every corner of Huo Yuhao's heart. He never thought that a person would express his or her love for another like that. Wang Dong'er made his heart overflow with happiness.

He subconsciously hugged her even tighter, but his throat seemed to be tied into a knot, and he couldn't speak a single word.

Wang Dong'er could feel his excitement, and the feeling of being in his embrace became very real and exceptionally warm.

Wang Qiu'er stood not far from them as she stared at them blankly. She felt a sensation that she had never felt before at the break of dawn in this dimly-lit forest. The two of them were leaning against each other, and they seemed to fuse into each other to become one, and what astounded her was the emotions that flowed between them.

The group woke up from their meditation one after another, and everyone could see the two lovebirds in an embrace. The two of them had their eyes closed at this moment, as if they had fallen asleep.

Nobody disturbed them. The forest was full of life energy at this moment, and the two of them just sitting there was so harmonious with their surroundings, as if everything was just a masterful painting.

Wang Qiu'er finally turned her eyes away from them and walked up to Zhang Lexuan.

"How's it looking, Qiu'er?" Zhang Lexuan asked.

Wang Qiu'er answered, "It's alright. I know where to find soul beasts suitable for him, shall I lead the way?"

Zhang Lexuan asked, "Are you very familiar with the Great Star Dou Forest? Where is this place?"

Wang Qiu'er turned around and gazed into the distance, before she turned towards the sun that was gradually rising from beyond the horizon. "I once trained in the Great Star Dou Forest for an entire year. I've been to the Peripheral Regions, the Hybrid Regions, and the outer areas of the Core Region."

"One year, continuously?" Zhang Lexuan asked again, surprised. This was the Great Star Dou Forest, the residence of the most famous soul beasts on the Continent! More than half of the Ten Great Savage Beasts resided here, and this was not a place that could be described as peaceful or quiet.

Soul masters adventuring into the Great Star Dou Forest were normal, as this place had the most soul beast species, and the most powerful ones. This place by itself was almost enough to generate soul rings suitable for every single soul master.

However, using this place for training, and this training lasting for an entire year, was something that was almost unimaginable. It didn't mean that Zhang Lexuan didn't have the ability, or that she wouldn't have a problem living in the Peripheral Region with her cultivation. However, encountering soul beasts every single day continuously without a chance to rest or relax was just so insufferable...

Spending one or two days like this was still reasonable, but wouldn't one's mind just collapse if this continued for an entire year? Furthermore, higher-level soul beasts might appear in the lower-level regions; anything was possible if one lived there for an entire year. Wang Qiu'er was such a delicate and pretty lady, and yet she was able to live in this place for an entire year... it wasn't hard to imagine the effort she had to put in.

Wang Qiu'er nodded and said, "One year by myself."

Zhang Lexuan took a deep breath and said, "Your success hasn't come about without good reason, than. It seems like that you're probably more familiar with the forest than every one of us here. Which soul beasts are suitable for Yuhao?"

Wang Qiu'er contemplated momentarily before she said, "There are several species that fit the description. At least, these species are more suitable for him than the Bloody Baboon. However, these soul beasts almost all live within the Core Region, and every single one is extremely powerful. We'll have to be very careful."

Zhang Lexuan pondered for a while. "Alright, you take point." Even though Wang Qiu'er had just joined the academy, she was still part of the inner courtyard. She had to have seen some things if she spoke with such confidence. The Core Region was much more perilous than the Hybrid Region, and there would be a lot more pressure on everyone's shoulders. However, this team at their strength could definitely venture inside for a little while, and they should be fine as long as they didn't enter the Slaughtering Grounds. The truth was that there were hardly any soul masters who had walked into the Slaughtering Grounds and returned alive.

Huo Yuhao and Wang Dong'er finally woke up from their sweet moment. They were a little embarrassed when they noticed everyone's stares, but when they looked back into each other's eyes and they saw their own reflections, all that unspoken love and affection returned.

Zhang Lexuan altered the formation when they got back on the road. Everybody was astounded when they saw that Wang Qiu'er was now standing in front of the group. She had taken over Zhang Lexuan's position, while Zhang Lexuan took over Wang Qiu'er's initial position.

In terms of martial souls, Zhang Lexuan was an assault-type soul master, but she was most adept with mid-range to long-range attacks, and close-combat wasn't her forte. Not even Huo Yuhao's Ultimate martial soul could compare with Wang Qiu'er's Golden Dragon in terms of close-combat. Of course, the Golden Dragon's element was pure strength, and the Golden Dragon itself was thus an Ultimate martial soul. If Wang Qiu'er's cultivation was the same as Zhang Lexuan's, she would undoubtedly be the most suitable person to be standing in front.



Nobody objected to Zhang Lexuan's new arrangement, and everyone was more careful and vigilant when they got back on the road. The previous night's problems and disturbances gave them personal experience with the Hybrid Region's dangers and perils, while what they had to do next was to proceed forward and venture deeper into even more hazardous areas.

Wang Qiu'er walked in front of the group. She had taken down her veil, and her blue wave-like hair was woven into a ponytail. Everyone looked on in surprise as she retrieved a weapon from her storage-type soul tool.

A soul master's best weapon was his or her own martial soul. Soul engineers typically used weapons, but soul masters hardly used any. In the end, weapons weren't a part of one's body like a martial soul was, and there would be a negative backlash if one didn't have complete control or coordination with his or her martial soul.

Wang Qiu'er's weapon was a long spear. It was about 3.6 meters long, and had a brilliant golden color that was identical to her martial soul. However, her weapon didn't contain any metal at all, it seemed to be made from wood. The spear emanated a life energy so dense and strong that the feeling was comparable to Huo Yuhao's Life Gold. Even though it wasn't as strong as the Life Gold's life energy, it contained a stranger and more peculiar element.

Wang Qiu'er's spear was different from typical spears. It was sharpened on both ends, and its entire body was like a long and narrow shuttle, while Wang Qiu'er's hands were gripping it in the center.

Wang Qiu'er's icy aura became even sharper when she took out the spear. She stood at the very front of the group and raced forward, and didn't seem like she had any intention of slowing down.

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Huo Yuhao activated Spiritual Detection and shared it with his teammates, everyone maintaining their formation as they pushed forward.

They didn't go very far before they met a pack of soul beasts.

They were six leopards that were entirely black.

Huo Yuhao warned everyone at once through Spiritual Detection, and Wang Qiu'er at the vanguard immediately slowed down as her eyes grew sharper and fiercer.

Six could only be considered a small pack in the Great Star Dou Forest, and they were far fewer in number compared to the Bloody Baboons from the previous night. However, this didn't mean that they were any less dangerous.

These six black leopards were known as Ink Leopards, and leopard-type soul beasts were generally adept at speed, especially their short-distance sprinting speed. There were many leopard-type soul beasts that were on the same speed tier as the Purpleshadow Lion, but the main difference was they couldn't keep it up over long distances.

Shrek Academy had a special lesson to teach its students about the Ink Leopard. They were a special species of leopard-type soul beasts, as they were more proficient with offense rather than speed.

The Ink Leopard's limbs were thicker and larger than most leopard-type soul beasts. Its four paws were as big as a lion or a tiger's paws, and their paws could extend claws fully a foot long if they desired. Combining this destructive power with its incredible speed, even though speed wasn't its best attribute, made the Ink Leopard extremely difficult to deal with. The Ink Leopard was considered an exceptionally cunning soul beast, possessing several formidable darkness-type soul skills.

These six Ink Leopards had clearly discovered them, as the smell of humans was relatively unique within the great forest.

Everyone could see through Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection that the leopards were gradually splitting up and circling the company in a fan-like formation.

Zhang Lexuan lowered her voice and said, "Pay attention to defense. Control their speed, Ruoruo."

The company's formation became a little more compact. They couldn't allow soul beasts that were proficient in both speed and offense to cut through their ranks. This was common sense for soul masters dealing with soul beasts.

The six leopards quickly came close, but they weren't quick to attack. They slowed down about a hundred meters away from everyone as they stared with their ice-cold eyes while they gradually shifted horizontally. One hundred meters could be covered in the blink of an eye by speedy soul beasts like them, and they were looking for an opportunity.

Wang Qiu'er suddenly turned around and looked at Zhang Lexuan as she said, "These Ink Leopards are very troublesome. If we engage them in battle, it will never end. These soul beasts are extremely patient, I've encountered them before. Let me go out to draw them in, and then we can take them all down at once."

Zhang Lexuan said, "No, that's too dangerous." She was clear that the only way to draw the Ink Leopards in was to create an illusion that somebody had broken off from the group, but it would be too late to save that person if it actually happened.

Wang Qiu'er thought for a moment, then said, "Huo Yuhao can support me. His spiritual-type martial soul can hold at least two of them back in an instant, and that will be enough to save me. There is only one ten thousand year Ink Leopard, and we will slowed down by at least eighty percent if they keep stalking us. I'm confident of this."

If this came from someone that Zhang Lexuan was familiar with, then she would opt to trust this person without hesitation. But in the end, she wasn't familiar enough with Wang Qiu'er.

Han Ruoruo said, "Let her go. I'll give her one Dazzling Golden Rope, and even though she can't move too far from us, we will be a lot closer if we need to save her as long as my Dazzling Golden Rope is in play."

Zhang Lexuan wasn't the indecisive kind, and she immediately made up her mind. "Alright. Get ready, everyone. Huo Yuhao, you'll go to the front and prepare to rescue her at any time. We also need your auxiliary and control abilities if those Ink Leopards gather around us."

"Alright." Huo Yuhao took a few steps forward and stood right next to Wang Qiu'er as he shot her an inquisitive look.

Wang Qiu'er's head was slightly tilted upwards, and there was only arrogance and pride in her charming powdery-blue eyes. She was already moving as she gripped her spear and strode forward.

A pale, lightless golden line wrapped itself soundlessly around Wang Qiu'er's waist. Han Ruoruo took over her vanguard spot once again, standing beside Huo Yuhao.

Han Ruoruo's Dazzling Golden Rope could reach up to eighty meters with her current cultivation. This was the limit of her control. If this distance was used as a radius, she would be able to reach a hundred and sixty meter-wide circle around her, which was a remarkable range for a control-type soul master. She couldn't reach as far as Huo Yuhao could, but her controlling abilities were a lot more powerful.

Wang Qiu'er stepped forward steadily, moving further and further away. Huo Yuhao found himself wanting to see what the golden spear in her hands could do.

Wang Qiu'er moved further and further away.

The Ink Leopards that were hidden a hundred meters away from them were naturally unaware that they were being monitored by Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection this entire time, and they were still concealing themselves. When Wang Qiu'er walked further and further away from the group, everyone could see through Spiritual Detection that these Ink Leopards' blood flow and soul undulations began to speed up. They were getting ready to pounce!

"Pay attention, Yuhao." Zhang Lexuan immediately reminded him. She made her own preparations as well. They couldn't release their soul rings right now, as that would alert the Ink Leopards that something was going on. Han Ruoruo released her martial soul, but hid her soul rings. That was the best she could do, as her soul rings would immediately appear if she used her soul skills.

"They're coming!" Huo Yuhao growled.

Just as Wang Qiu'er was more than a hundred meters away from everyone, the six Ink Leopards pounced. They felt like they didn't have a choice, as Wang Qiu'er's position was just too advantageous for them – she was right in the middle of all of them!

Six black shadows burst forward like dark lightning and surged right toward Wang Qiu'er. Their talons swiftly extended as they leapt, and a dark green fog surged out from their bodies. This was Corrosive Mist, an attack that wasn't that destructive, but known for its continuous strength. This fog would stick to their opponents like a parasite if it touched them, and was one of the Ink Leopard's innate skills.

Wang Qiu'er's footsteps paused right at that moment. She pointed her spear forward as it slid through her hands, and her right hand swiftly gripped her left. This meant the golden spear in her hands was extended as far forward as it could be.

A bright dragon roar could be heard in the next moment. Wang Qiu'er's body erupted with golden light and the spear extended forward as a golden beam of light. Wang Qiu'er began to rotate on the spot, and swung her spear in a circle around her. The radiant golden light seemed like a halo that expanded from her body as it quickly created a golden screen.

Huo Yuhao made his move at the same time, and released his soul skills one after another. Spiritual Shock hit the largest and fastest Ink Leopard that was in front of the others, and the only one in the pack that had ten-thousand years of cultivation.

His fourth soul ring sparkled, and Spiritual Confusion struck the Ink Leopard right behind the first one.

He wasn't worried at all that he wouldn't have good coordination with Wang Qiu'er with Spiritual Detection active.

The Ink Leopards pounced forward extremely quickly. The ten-thousand year Ink Leopard lost its balance when Huo Yuhao's soul skill hit it, but its cultivation level meant it wouldn't be severely wounded after being struck by Spiritual Shock at such a long distance. Still, it felt an intense headache, and it couldn't avoid the blankness in its mind. It was still rushing forward under such circumstances, however, and it was the first to come in contact with Wang Qiu'er's golden spear.

Its body froze at the exact same moment that it came into contact with the golden spear, and its four limbs splayed out as its body quivered violently at the same time. The golden spear only swiped across it and it didn't knock the leopard away, but it left a gaping wound across the leopard's abdominal region as its internal organs instantly poured out from the wound.

That ten-thousand year Ink Leopard wasn't the first to meet its demise. The other leopard that was struck by Spiritual Confusion ended up in the exact same situation, except it was hit in the neck, and was struck by the spear's actual haft.

Even though they were a hundred meters away, everyone could hear a ear-splitting crack from that Ink Leopard with at least six thousand years of cultivation. Its neck broke just like that, and its white bones were blown out and flew into the distance before they slammed against a large tree.

The other four leopards that Huo Yuhao didn't attack could see how petrifying this golden spear was. There was no doubting the fear that appeared in their eyes. These humans were a lot more difficult to deal with than they had thought!

The other four leopards responded accordingly. Black light flashed across the skies as the four leopards disappeared, and appeared again one after another as they forcibly rolled on the ground to avoid the golden spear's swing.

Instant Shift – the Ink Leopard's innate skill, which could be used within a radius of ten meters. However, it could only be used once a day.

The company didn't sit around idly, and everyone began to move when Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er attacked.

Han Ruoruo tapped her foot on the ground as she propelled herself into the sky. A beam of moonlight shone onto her back and became a strong propelling force as she was shot forward like a shooting star. She just had so much coordination and chemistry with Zhang Lexuan.

The second person behind her wasn't the agility-type Li Yongyue, it was Huo Yuhao! Four soul thrusters were activated at the same time, explosively raising his speed to the maximum level. Even though he was a beat slower because he had used two soul skills before this, he was still moving forward close behind Han Ruoruo.

Han Ruoruo had left a Dazzling Golden Rope around Wang Qiu'er's waist so that she could swiftly pull her back if she was in danger. However, she knew now that she probably wouldn't have to do that, and also realized that Wang Qiu'er's golden spear was a lot more powerful than they had thought.

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Soul beasts' bodies were a lot tougher than those of humans. However, the golden spear sliced the ten-thousand year Ink Leopard's gut right open and then crushed the other thousand-year leopard's neck. What kind of power was this? How could the other four Ink Leopards dare to come near when faced with a spear that possessed such formidable close-combat strength? These leopards were like ghosts haunting them, and they hurtled over because they couldn't let the great cats go.

Wang Qiu'er didn't pause for a single second after she succeeded on her first strike. She dragged the spear along as she darted after another leopard, and a dragon's roar could be heard once more as everyone saw the faint glimmer of a golden dragon's projection on her spear. Everything in front of her was lit up in that moment with a radiant golden color as she charged forward.

The Ink Leopard that she had chosen had no intentions of fighting force with force, and it immediately turned to escape once it rolled on the ground as it gathered as much speed as it could.

"Hah!" Wang Qiu'er released a shrill cry right at this moment, and the accelerating leopard trembled as its speed was impeded for a second before the golden spear pierced through its entire body.

Everyone could see the virtual golden dragon suddenly materialize a little when the golden spear bore through the leopard's body, as an enormous dragon's maw swallowed the entire leopard and caused it to turn golden all over.

Wang Qiu'er's body shifted once more as she swept the spear in her hands sideways. The golden Ink Leopard impaled on her spear was hurled like a cannon shell at another leopard that was attempting to run away, while the spear in her hands flew towards the third Ink Leopard as another rousing dragon's roar was heard.

Boom!

Striking large bodies like Ink Leopards wasn't too difficult with Spiritual Detection around. Two leopards collided with each other, and the second one was also tainted golden as golden streaks of lightning danced across its entire body while it twisted and rolled on the ground.

The golden spear was hurtling forward on the other side. The leopard knew it couldn't meet force with force, and it nimbly changed directions in the air as it spit out a black beam of light from its mouth. This was another of their innate skills, called the Divine Light of Darkness. This innate skill was a mid-range offensive skill, and it was extremely powerful, but consumed a lot of soul power. The leopards didn't want to use their last resorts, but several didn't even have the chance to do so!

It was a pity that its Divine Light of Darkness wasn't fully expelled from its mouth before the golden spear pierced right through its skull. The same golden maw consumed it as the dragon projection flickered, and this Ink Leopard was nailed to the ground just like that.

Huo Yuhao and Han Ruoruo faced the final Ink Leopard. How could they have any problems at all against a thousand-year Ink Leopard with their current cultivations?

Han Ruoruo's Dazzling Golden Rope arrested and immobilized it in an instant, while Huo Yuhao's Darkgolden Terrorclaw lashed out, and the leopard was immediately eliminated. The chilly air released from Huo Yuhao's body also turned the leopard's Corrosive Mist into dust and dispelled it.

Wang Qiu'er didn't stop at all on her side. She raced forward to the leopard that had crashed onto the ground after being struck by the hurled leopard corpse. That leopard was still flickering with golden light as it struggled back to its feet, but Wang Qiu'er kicked it right in the head, and there was another cracking sound...

Everyone was still rushing forward at that moment, but they began to slow down.

Too quick... it was just too quick. The time needed for three breaths had passed from the beginning of the battle to the end, from when the six Ink Leopards pounced forward to the moment when the last leopard was killed. Ink Leopards possessed multiple soul skills, and the fact that they could survive deep within the Hybrid Region meant that they were relatively formidable soul beasts. However, Wang Qiu'er cut through them as easily as a hot knife through butter. This fight wasn't a showdown... it was just a pure massacre.

Wang Qiu'er retrieved her golden spear. The spear only had brilliant golden hues; not a single drop of blood clung to it.

She grasped her spear naturally and sauntered back to the group.

She had mentioned that she was confident in holding them back, but she was just being humble! It was clear from her performance that even if she were one versus six, the worst outcome would be that a few of the leopards would get to escape. Her ferocity and brutal fighting style were present once more throughout the entire battle, and were so overwhelming, while proving to everyone once more how powerful she actually was.

Even Huo Yuhao was filled with awe and astonishment. He had no idea what the outcome would be if he faced off against Wang Qiu'er, and he actually didn't have any confidence at all.

Huo Yuhao had been using Spiritual Detection throughout the fight, so he could clearly feel how Wang Qiu'er's body had transformed during the battle.

Wang Qiu'er's blood essence would surge every time she launched an attack, and she would unleash a formidable strength that didn't come from soul power. That strength was released explosively every time the dragon roar appeared, and it fused seamlessly with her personal soul power. The golden spear was clearly like a part of her body, and could impeccably amplify her own strength and soul power. Otherwise, how could she break through the ten-thousand year Ink Leopard's defenses on the first strike and slay it with a single hit?

Huo Yuhao and Han Ruoruo had contributed to the effort that laid waste to the six leopards in the blink of an eye, but Wang Qiu'er was the main attacker, and her performance was undoubtedly much more outstanding and riveting.

Li Yongyue had stopped running at this moment. He exchanged a look with Mo Xuan, and the two of them swallowed at almost the same time and muttered, "She's so powerful."

It was easy to say what Mo Xuan was thinking, as he was almost a pure auxiliary-type soul master that the academy was nurturing. But Li Yongyue? Fighting was his department; he was an agility-type Soul Emperor, and also part of Shrek Academy's inner courtyard. He was definitely not considered weak, but

he didn't even dare to compare himself when he witnessed Wang Qiu'er's frightening explosive strength, she was just too dominant and intimidating!

Mo Xuan whispered to Li Yongyue, "Do you think she has any weaknesses at all?"

Li Yongyue contemplated for a moment before saying, "Perhaps she's not that good with ranged attacks. She is extremely strong, so she should be only good in close-combat battles."

Mo Xuan's mouth twitched as he said, "Did you consider her throwing the spear?"

"Ahem, that should be considered a weapon." Li Yongyue was in a daze at this point.

Mo Xuan patted him on the shoulder and said, "I think we should just pray hard that we will never be standing on the other side from her. Let's go."

Wang Qiu'er had astounded the whole company twice in two battles, and there was no question that she had left a deep and lasting impression in everyone's minds. She had just obtained her sixth soul ring, but her strength was not something that normal Soul Emperors could possibly have.

Zhang Lexuan came before Wang Qiu'er and stared at the spear in her hands deeply as she asked, "Do you need to rest?"

Wang Qiu'er shook her head quietly. She had just killed five Ink Leopards. It seemed to be something that couldn't be any more normal to her, and didn't seem like she wanted to flaunt or brag at all.

Zhang Lexuan said, "Alright, let's continue then."

"Yes." Wang Qiu'er turned and was about to leave when Zhang Lexuan suddenly asked, "May I ask if your weapon is related to your martial soul?"

Wang Qiu'er paused momentarily, then nodded. "It's passed down from my family, and it's called the Golden Dragon Spear."

Zhang Lexuan's body quivered, and everyone else heard Wang Qiu'er's words too, as she didn't deliberately lower her voice. The Golden Dragon Spear that seemed like it was made from wood, but shone with brilliant golden light... could it have something to do with the Golden Dragon?

Huo Yuhao blurted out, "Legend has it that the Golden Dragon had forty-nine ribs, but its descendants only had forty-eight. The first generation Golden Dragon's forty-ninth rib bone is claimed to be the key for evolution into the Dragon God. Is this actually the...?"

Wang Qiu'er turned around and shot him a glance as astonishment flowed from her enchanting eyes. "I didn't expect you to know so much. Yes, this spear was forged from the first generation Golden Dragon's forty-ninth rib."

Silence.

Huo Yuhao was also dumbfounded. He actually wanted to say this Golden Dragon Spear couldn't have been forged from the Golden Dragon's rib bone, could it? He had learned all those things about the Golden Dragon's forty-ninth rib bone and whatnot from Wang Yan as a fun fact during his lessons a long time ago, and had only uttered it subconsciously.

However, he had not imagined that Wang Qiu'er's spear could have such an extraordinary origin! It was known that the first generation Golden Dragon's forty-ninth rib was also touted as the secret to becoming the Dragon God!

"Eh, look at those Ink Leopards..." Mo Xuan's voice broke the silence.

Everyone noticed that the leopards on the ground that had been impaled and turned golden by the Golden Dragon Spear were quickly drying up and disintegrating. It was as if all the nutrients that they possessed were swiftly dissipating into the air.

Wang Qiu'er said plainly, "That's nothing. My Golden Dragon Spear has a special effect of absorbing life energy, and every organism that it kills will instantly be converted into nutrients for the Golden Dragon Spear, which will feed a portion of it back to me."

Silence... Everyone glanced at each other, and the same term appeared in their minds. Divine Weapon.

Zhang Lexuan was the first to recover. She lowered her voice and said, "Qiu'er, you shouldn't use the Golden Dragon Spear so casually in the future. You can't tell anyone about what it can do."

Wang Qiu'er seemed indifferent as she replied, "It's fine. The Golden Dragon Spear is the Dragon God's pride, and nobody can use it except the person that possesses the Golden Dragon martial soul. The spear will absorb life energy from anything else that touches it. Without my control, everything would be barren within a radius of one hundred meters around it, as it will continuously absorb life energy from all things around it, and nothing material can block the effect. Once it has absorbed enough life energy, the Golden Dragon's soul within the spear will be triggered, and it will take it far and wide until it finds the person that possesses the Golden Dragon martial soul, or someone with the Golden Dragon's blood. If the spear reaches a living Golden Dragon, then it will integrate into the dragon as its forty-ninth rib bone and give the Golden Dragon the chance to evolve into the Dragon God."

Everyone suddenly understood what was going on. It was no wonder she could use this Divine Weapon of a spear so calmly, as there were so many profound secrets and nuances embodied within it. This also meant that there was probably nobody else in the world that could use this weapon besides Wang Qiu'er herself!

### [Chapter 233.1: The Three Evil Soul Master Brothers](#)

After Wang Qiu'er explained the secret behind the Golden Dragon Spear, even Wang Dong'er didn't think that she had taken advantage of Huo Yuhao by fusing with the Bloody Baboon King's soul ring. However, Huo Yuhao could tell from the look in Wang Dong'er's eyes that she was still unconvinced by Wang Qiu'er.

Just when everyone was about to carry on with their journey, they all came alert again. They all turned in one direction, alerted by Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection.

Three figures had entered Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection, but they weren't soul beasts, they were humans. Without a doubt, they must be soul masters, since they could venture so deep into the Great Star Dou Forest.

But the group from Shrek didn't feel any sense of camaraderie even though they had met fellow soul masters. In this forest, it might not be a good thing to meet other soul masters. Everyone who came



here was hunting soul beasts to obtain soul rings. Conflicts might arise if they targeted the same soul beasts.

At this point, Zhang Lexuan and Han Ruoruo demonstrated their rich wealth of experience. A depression was formed in the ground as moonlight flashed. Streaks of Dazzling Golden Ropes flashed past, and the corpses of the Ink Leopards were dragged into the depression. Moonlight blinked again, and the ground was leveled. The entire process was completed in a few seconds.

Huo Yuhao only realized what was happening after a moment. The corpses were buried in order to prevent the other party from deducing the extent of their abilities.

Just as they finished concealing the Ink Leopards, the three strangers arrived in front of them.

When Huo Yuhao saw them for the first time, he was slightly stunned. A strong sense of crisis started to fill him.

They were three elders that looked at least seventy years old. The shocking thing was that they looked exactly the same. They were even dressed the same way.

They were all very thin, but they had lots of wrinkles on their faces. Their greyish-white hair flowed behind their backs. Their eyes were a dim yellow, and gave off a lifeless feeling. The only special trait about them was that they all had aquiline noses and thin lips.

They were dressed in a long, greyish robes and each held a walking staff. Their walking staves were entirely black, and were fully ten feet long. At the top of each staff was a greyish gem the size of a human head.

Once they appeared, they turned their attention on everyone from Shrek. Their actions were in eerie tandem. They tapped their walking staves on the ground before their bodies drifted forward. They lifted off and landed at the same time. In just a matter of seconds, they had already arrived in front of them.

Everyone from Shrek went into their previous formation. The only difference was that Zhang Lexuan came up beside Wang Qiu'er and stood side by side with her.

The elder in the center furrowed his brow slightly and muttered, "A bunch of dolls." His voice was hoarse, as if his larynx was damaged. It was extremely awful to listen to.

The elder on the left said, "There seems to be a bloody smell here."

The elder on the right directly asked them, "Who are you people? Where are all of you from?"

Zhang Lexuan smiled slightly and stepped forward. She bowed slightly and said, "Greetings, elders. We're from the Moonlight Sect in the Heavenly Soul Empire."

The elder on the right commented, "All of you seem young, but you're able to venture so deep into the Great Star Dou Forest. It seems like your cultivations are not low! Unleash your soul rings for us to see." The three elders weren't just alike in terms of their appearance and dress. Even their voices were equally awful.

“Elders, it might be a little overboard to bully us like that.” A gentle voice sounded from afar before vice-Dean Cai Mei’er walked forward slowly. She seemed very slow, but her movement was instantaneous. She only took a few steps before she was in front of the rest and stood beside Zhang Lexuan.

The elder on the right chortled and replied, “See, I was right. These little dolls couldn’t have ventured so far into the forest on their own. They have an elder here. Very well, you shall unleash your martial soul and soul rings for us to see.”

Cai Mei’er laughed slightly and replied, “The three of you must be qualified before you can make me unleash my martial soul.” As she spoke, she lifted her right hand up and pushed it forward.

The elder on the right glared, and his dim yellow eyes brightened. He also lifted his right hand to strike Cai Mei’er.

Bang! As a deep, muffled sound echoed out, a thick cloud of gas burst forth. This stream of gas shot into the sky and caused the crown of the tree above them to shake tremendously. Countless leaves started to descend from the sky.

“Wow, an eight-ringed cultivation.” The elder on the right was a little stunned as he looked at Cai Mei’er. He twisted his lips and said, “No wonder you dare to act so big in front of me.”

Eight-ringed cultivation? Huo Yuhao observed silently from one side and nodded his head in approval. Whether it was Zhang Lexuan or Cai Mei’er, they had revealed their eight-ringed cultivation to confuse their opponents. However, he was also shocked. The three elders’ ability to tell Cai Mei’er’s cultivation meant that their own cultivations were not below eight rings! Three Soul Douluo who appeared hostile... they weren’t going to be easy to deal with...

Cai Mei’er remained calm. “It seems like you’re also a Soul Douluo. Why do you have to bully us, then? I’m only bringing these kids to obtain some soul rings. The forest is so huge. I’m sure we won’t obstruct the three of you.”

The elder on the right laughed and replied, “Whether you obstruct me is not up to you to comment. Let’s do it this way. Help us do something, and we’ll set you free. You should know that it’s impossible for you to deal with the three of us if there’s only one Soul Douluo on your side.”

The elder in the center said, “Yes, all of you can go after you help us complete this task.”

The elder on the left followed with, “It might even be beneficial for all of you. If the soul beasts that you hunt along the way are suitable for you, you can absorb their soul rings after everything is over.”

Cai Mei’er was moved as she said, “Considering your cultivations, I’m afraid what you want us to complete isn’t an easy task. Furthermore, we don’t have many resources with us, and we’re pressed for time.”

The elder on the right said, “I don’t think you have a choice. If you wish to remain here forever, I don’t mind wasting more effort. Furthermore, it’s not far from here.”

The elder in the center said, “Let’s cut the nonsense. Follow us.”

As he spoke, the three elders unleashed their martial souls at the same time.

Something strange happened. Their right hands that were holding their staves turned greyish and were engulfed by a layer of greyish scales. These scales quickly spread to the rest of their bodies, including their faces. Their staves even emanated intense greyish light. The gems also lit up, and started to glow with a fresh red color.

Soul tool! Huo Yuhao already made his judgment when he saw the three staves earlier. They were different from the Golden Dragon Spear. The metallic feeling and undulations that were specific to soul tools couldn't be concealed from Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection. Huo Yuhao was even more stunned after realizing they were soul tools. He believed that they were Class 8 soul tools!

Eight-ringed Soul Douluo who possessed Class 8 soul tools. Were they Class 8 soul engineers? However, they didn't simply look like soul engineers, considering the intensity of their soul power undulations. More accurately speaking, they were more like soul masters equipped with soul tools.

They were extremely strong triplets. No wonder they were so arrogant and self-confident. This was a demonstration of their immense abilities.

Cai Mei'er hesitated slightly before nodding. She said, "Alright. However, how can I trust the three of you to keep your promise and release us after we complete this task?"

The voice of the elder on the left became slightly gentler, and he said, "We'll make a vow then. With our statuses, do you really think we'll go back on our promise?"

After he finished speaking, the three of them said in unison, "I, Zhong Litian/Zhong Lidi/Zhong Liren hereby swear that we'll not put these people in front of us in a spot after they complete our task, and release them. If we betray this vow, let us die horrible deaths."

The vow sounded very normal and ordinary. There weren't any problems with it. The only weird thing was that the unified way in which they made their vow, which suggested that they were very used to making it.

Cai Mei'er stopped hesitating and nodded. She said, "Alright. Will the three of you lead the way for us and tell us about what you want us to do in detail along the way?"

The elder on the right was Zhong Litian, the one in the center was Zhong Liren, and the one on the left was Zhong Lidi. They were named Heaven (tian), Earth (di) and Man (ren). Their surname was also very weird. Cai Mei'er had no recollection of them. They were Soul Douluos, and should be renowned on the continent, but Cai Mei'er had never heard of them. This showed that they deliberately tried not to leave an impression behind them.

Cai Mei'er glanced over at Zhang Lexuan and said, "Everyone, follow them. Maintain the formation. We'll help the three of them complete their task before we continue to search for soul beasts."

Cai Mei'er and Zhang Lexuan's gazes met, and Zhang Lexuan immediately understood her intention. How would this Shrek Academy team be afraid of three Soul Douluo given their makeup? Cai Mei'er didn't choose to conflict with the three elders because she wanted to find out their true intentions, and was also waiting to exploit a better opportunity.

The three elders walked in front in exactly the same way. They retracted their martial souls, and their staves regained their original looks. However, the intense undulations from these Class 8 soul tools still left a deep impression on Huo Yuhao.

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Huo Yuhao could clearly sense that the most important part of the staves were the gems at the top. The gems were empty, but there seemed to be extremely intricate formation arrays within them. It was just that the strong undulations of soul power released by the formation arrays prevented Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection from looking into them. However, he could still subtly sense that they were similar to Electrolux's staff.

The three elders were very quick, but they weren't too far in front of the rest. When the gap grew, they would stop to wait, and weren't exactly impatient.

Cai Mei'er reduced her speed as she led the team. When Zhang Lexuan started to move, she signaled 'four' with her hand. Her instructions were clear – everyone was supposed to maintain their speed at a four-ringed cultivation level.

Their speed was still quite fast even at this level. The three elders had mentioned that it wasn't very far, but they still took two hours before reaching their destination.

The three of them stopped, and Zhong Litian turned back to look at the Shrek group. He gestured for everyone to maintain their silence.

The three brothers were cautious at this point. They were even slightly tense.

Cai Mei'er came up beside the three of them and asked softly, "Elders, can you tell us what we're supposed to do?"

Zhong Litian said softly, "There's a cave not far from here. There's a living soul beast inside the cave. We'll try to draw it out later. What you have to do is to attack it and kill it."

"Just like that?" Cai Mei'er was a little doubtful as she asked. The three of them lack offensive strength? It can't be this simple.

Zhong Litian was certain as he said, "Just like that. That fellow is very cunning. We're not scared of it, and you don't have to unleash an all-out attack against it intentionally. Just don't let it run away. It's very fast, and can be considered an agility-type soul beast. Form a semicircle first. Liren, go and draw it out."

Zhong Liren acknowledged his words. He tapped his staff on the ground and passed through the shrubs in front of them.

Huo Yuhao changed his Spiritual Detection to make it all-around. He also shared it with Cai Mei'er and Zhang Lexuan at the same time.

Zhong Liren was very quick. After advancing forward for around a kilometer, he started to slow down. His actions also became much more cautious.

After passing a few trees, he finally stopped. He looked at an ancient tree not far in front of him and slowly lifted his staff.

The greyish scales engulfed his body once again. A thick greyish radiance also lit up the gem on his staff, which glowed with a projection.

It seemed to be a soul beast that looked like a rat, but it was made completely from red light. This projection flew towards the ancient tree quickly and started to dig into the ground several meters away from the tree. It dug all the way to the cave.

Huo Yuhao, Cai Mei'er, and Zhang Lexuan became nervous as they reached this point. Even Cai Mei'er's self-confidence wavered slightly.

Why?

Evil soul masters!

Zhong Liren's ability could only come from an evil soul master. It wasn't just red, but the color of blood. Huo Yuhao projected the aura of desolation exuded by the rat-like soul beast using his Spiritual Detection in their minds. The thick, bloody sense and quivering spirit were characteristics special to evil soul masters. Huo Yuhao finally understood what the Class 8 walking staffs were for. They were used to seal the spirits of soul beasts! Zhong Liren was summoning a soul beast's spirit to achieve his goal.

The blood-red light flashed before disappearing, and the earth started to shake.

A furious roar sounded from the cave in front of the ancient tree. A head popped out from the cave.

Huo Yuhao was shocked when he saw this head. It was a soul beast that he recognized. It had dark golden fur and ferocious-looking eyes. There was also its terrifying aura. It was undoubtedly an extremely strong Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear! From the size of its head, Huo Yuhao could tell that it was much stronger than the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear he had met earlier.

Is this a ten thousand year Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear?

A Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear with a ten thousand year cultivation could challenge an ordinary hundred thousand year soul beast. If this was a ten thousand year Terrorclaw Bear, it was as dangerous as a Titled Douluo.

The three elders wanted to deal with a ten thousand year Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear. No wonder they couldn't kill it on their own.

After provoking the bear, Zhong Liren retreated swiftly. As he retreated, a frightening light projection flashed before disappearing.

The Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear reached out its right arm from the cave. The terrifying dark golden light from it covered more than fifty meters and a hundred-and-fifty-degree region in front of it.

Wherever the dark golden light passed, all the plants were instantly torn apart. Its sharp and vicious aura even left five streaks of pitch-black marks in the air – the air had been clawed apart by it.

It was simply too strong.

This was the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear! A transcendent soul beast that was equally powerful in offense and defense. If Zhong Liren hadn't retreated quickly, he might not have survived the bear's attack.

A surprising scene occurred. The bear didn't rush out of its cave, and only let out a deafening and furious roar.

Following this, Zhong Liren let out a piercing scream.

After hearing his piercing scream, Zhong Litian and Zhong Lidi were both delighted. Zhong Lidi couldn't help but say, "I want..."

Zhong Litian glared at him and interrupted his words. After that, he turned to Cai Mei'er and said, "Let's go, my third brother has discovered the soul beast. Let's go and trap it. Just attack it as much as you want."

Cai Mei'er was also conflicted at this point. They had met evil soul masters who were all Soul Douluo. She wasn't thinking of how to kill the three of them, but how to retreat with all the inner courtyard students.

Even though these three evil soul masters only had eight rings, they were each capable of fighting a Titled Douluo. While these inner courtyard students were outstanding, the powers of evil soul masters weren't just evil. They were also very difficult to defend against. Since Cai Mei'er didn't know what their abilities were, she didn't want to take any risks.

"Okay." Cai Mei'er didn't want to fall out with them at this point, and led the rest as they followed behind. With Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection as a guide, they knew what to do. A ten thousand year Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear! Its soul ring was a treasure that couldn't be forgone. Li Yongyue hadn't added a soul ring, and its soul ring was undoubtedly suitable for him. However, they had to resolve this crisis first.

Zhong Litian and Zhong Lidi didn't monitor them too much. They only gestured for them to move to the front faster.

Very soon, everyone converged with Zhong Liren. Zhong Liren nodded at his two elder brothers, as if he were telling them something. Zhong Litian and Zhong Lidi also exchanged glances.

Zhong Litian turned to Cai Mei'er and said, "That soul beast is very sly. We'll do it this way later. I'll attack from the front and coordinate with all of you to stop it. My two brothers will ambush it from the back. Once it bursts over, we'll team up to block it. Do you understand?"

Cai Mei'er nodded and asked, "What kind of soul beast is it?"

Zhong Litian glanced at her and said coldly, "You'll know when it comes over. Relax, I'll be fighting with you. Your disciples can get ready."

Cai Mei'er said, "Alright, I'll devise a strategy." Just as she spoke, the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear roared furiously again. No, it was actually screaming in pain.

Cai Mei'er was slightly stunned. In the next moment, she sensed the good news that Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection brought.

The previous changes eventually still kindled Huo Yuhao's suspicions. It was understandable for three Soul Douluo to be nervous against a Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear, but why did they need so many people to help them? Capturing the attention of this Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear wasn't going to help them in hunting and killing it! With their abilities, they could easily kill the bear. Why did they have to drag them along?

What was the reason? Huo Yuhao discovered the reason when he heard the bear screaming in pain.

At this point, Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren had just left, but they didn't attack the bear. When it screamed, the two of them stepped back deliberately.

What about the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear? Its head and arm were still outside, but it didn't leave the cave as it screamed.

Huo Yuhao started to explore further into the cave using his Spiritual Detection even at the expense of depleting more soul power. There must be something in the cave that the bear couldn't give up.

He saw it very soon. The cave wasn't very big, and it was also not level. Evidently, the bear had dug it out with its own claws. Inside the cave, there was a huge amount of black blood. The bear's legs were actually trembling slightly.

Within this pool of dark blood, there were two smaller fellows that were less than a meter long, gnawing on their fur. Their eyes weren't even open yet.

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This was actually a ten thousand year Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear that had just given birth, and was in a weakened state. It didn't leave its cave because it was too weak. At the same time, it was also trying to protect its two kids!

Huo Yuhao's heart softened when he sensed this. That was because he immediately recalled how his mother had protected him.

Without a doubt, the three evil soul masters' target wasn't just the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear. They were targeting its two kids too! With their abilities, no one knew how these two infant Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears were going to be exploited if they were captured.

We have to stop them! The same thought arose in Cai Mei'er, Zhang Lexuan, and Huo Yuhao's minds.

At this point, Zhong Litian said, "Watch me. I'm going to make a move."

Cai Mei'er nodded and turned around at the same time before gesturing to the group from Shrek.

Her gesture seemed very simple, but every inner courtyard disciple knew what she meant... all-out attack!

Undoubtedly, their target wasn't the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear!

Zhong Litian's back was facing everyone. He didn't seem to realize anything, or perhaps he was too self-confident. He lifted his staff slowly, and greyish scales started to engulf his body once again. His soul rings also drifted into everyone's view for the first time.

Everyone was left with a deep impression as they sensed the capabilities of this evil soul master from a close distance. A thick bloody aura swept over them, and everyone felt as if they were surrounded by corpses. The awful smell left them nauseous, and it was even getting difficult to breathe.

A piercing scream suddenly resonated. This scream was similar to that of the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's screams earlier. The only difference was that this scream was louder, and sounded more furious. It also seemed to contain a sense of unbearable pain. A huge bloody light projection surfaced from Zhong Litian's body.

It was a Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear. Its terrifying figure was greater than seven meters in height. When it appeared, its aura shook the surrounding trees and plants. However, it wasn't a solid entity. Its figure was half-transparent, and its frightening aura revealed an indescribable pain. Its spirit was even trembling, distorting, and trying to struggle. However, it couldn't break free. It could only vent its torment by screaming pathetically.

When the red Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's spirit started to roar, Huo Yuhao could sense that the body of the bear that had just given birth turned rigid. In the next moment, a hysterical and forlorn roar was released from this female bear. She couldn't be bothered about her kids in the cave anymore. As her huge palm pressed onto the ground, she exited the cave and started to burst forward rapidly.

Too despicable!

Huo Yuhao understood everything soon after. The spirit that Zhong Litian revealed must have had some close connection to the female bear in the cave. It might even have been her partner, and the father of the two infant bears!

However, why did he do that? The male bear was likely to be stronger considering the strength of its spirit. Since the three of them could kill the male bear, why couldn't they deal with the female bear?

Suddenly, a thought flashed across Huo Yuhao's mind. He was reminded of what Wang Yan had mentioned before.

There were very few Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears. That was why they couldn't use the strength of their species to rule the world of soul beasts even though they were individually very strong. However, why were there so few of them? Logically speaking, they should be better able to survive considering their immensely strong abilities.

There was only one reason – their reproductive capabilities. They were bestowed with great strength, but were devoid of reproductive capabilities. Generally speaking, it was very difficult for a Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear to find a partner. That was because they would roam the world of soul beasts alone after they matured. They would also be invincible among all soul beasts of the same level. This characteristic was also a reason why it was difficult for them to carry on their lineage.

Even when a male and female Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear met, they had to be interested in each other before they could mate. Wang Yan joked that Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears had different aesthetic standards compared to humans. It was very unlikely for two bears of opposing genders to fall for each other. If it was one-sided, violence might be a means to earn the rights to copulation. However, a female bear might still be able to resist a male bear even if she couldn't beat him. Both parties would be hurt as a result. Even if a male bear got his way, he might not be able to carry on his lineage. That was because



the male and female beasts might not be sexually compatible, and thus the male bear's genes would be unable to be passed down.

Furthermore, a Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's estrus cycle was only once every ten years... Each female bear could only bear one to two kids. Under such a situation, it was very difficult for them to prosper. Once every ten years! It wasn't even a certainty. Some male bears might not even have their own kids for their entire life. This was the sad truth that Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears had to face.

The sadder thing was that they belonged in the same world as humans. Legend had it that a Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's cub could be tamed by humans. If they could be successfully tamed, the owner would possess terrifying fighting strength. Humans had also been trying their best to find their own cubs.

It wasn't just humans either. Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear cubs would treat all females as their mother due to their strong survival abilities and unyielding desire to survive. No matter who they were captured by, they treated them as their kin as long as they were nurtured properly. That was why some highly intelligent creatures would try to lay their hands on Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears.

Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears were also very proud creatures. When they discovered that they couldn't overcome their opponent using their own abilities, they would carry out an unthinkable and cruel action... killing their own cubs! They would rather let their kids die than let the enemy benefit. This made it even more difficult for the lineage of Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears to be passed down.

When Wang Yan had recounted this, his emotions had flowed. However, Huo Yuhao finally understood the three Zhong Li brothers' intention when he recalled all this.

They could certainly overcome the weakened female bear, but their targets were the two cubs. At this point, they were drawing the mother bear out using the male bear before Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren went and kidnapped the two cubs. This would help them complete this task successfully, while those from Shrek Academy were just cannon fodder.

Without a doubt, the three brothers had planned this out from the start. The female bear was in a maniacal state right now. As she approached, she would most certainly turn violent when she saw humans. Zhong Litian could also exploit this opportunity to escape. Zhong Litian could tell that there was at least a Soul Douluo among them. After they depleted some of the mother bear's energy, she wouldn't be able to escape once the three brothers attacked her. It was a perfect plan! While it was a coincidence that the three brothers met them, they wanted to exploit this coincidence to achieve their goals.

Huo Yuhao figured all this out in an instant. He also activated his Spiritual Detection at the first instant and shared his thoughts with everyone else.

"Attack now." Cai Mei'er reacted decisively, and didn't hesitate any further. She lifted her right hand, and a gust of strong wind burst from her hand. It was aimed towards Zhong Litian.

However, Zhong Litian turned into a waft of green smoke at this moment. He disappeared into the brutal winds, while the bloody male bear turned back. As he roared furiously, he clawed towards them with a tormented look in his eyes.

It was his spiritual power. Although his spiritual power had been enhanced by the evil soul masters, it wasn't as strong as it was when he was still alive.

At this point, the female bear had crawled out of her cave and was rushing forward with big steps. Her husband's voice was too familiar. His tormented screams and her yearning for him overcame her will to protect her kids. The three brothers exploited her feelings. Even though they were despicable, their evil thoughts were very unpredictable.

Even Cai Mei'er hadn't expected such a disadvantageous situation. The strength of these two Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears was already very great. However, they were still strong enough to deal with these two bears. After all, Cai Mei'er was a Titled Douluo. The missing three brothers were the problem. How long would they take to capture the two cubs? Would mercy be shown when they returned? By then, everyone from Shrek would have been weakened by these two Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears. Today's fight was very perilous.

What do we do?

This same thought appeared in everyone's minds. The first person to react was Huo Yuhao.

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After he shared everything with everyone through his Spiritual Detection, he started to act. As his figure flashed, he disappeared into the air. At this point, he wasn't standing beside Wang Dong'er. However, he had already shared his plan with everyone. He was going to stop the three brothers and take the two cubs away!

Wang Dong'er quickly followed him. Huo Yuhao was the most important to her. Furthermore, their abilities were greatly enhanced when they were together.

However, it was also at this moment that the male bear's attack arrived. His sharp, bloody claws descended from the sky, and his terrifying aura swept over everyone. The thick, bloody smell was nauseating.

Wang Dong'er was about to advance, but she sensed the lethal threat and had no choice but to stop. Her wings beat, and she retreated quickly. At this point, Huo Yuhao had disappeared. Even his Spiritual Detection had disappeared.

The last information Wang Dong'er received from him was to stay where she was to help the rest and not to follow him. He wanted to use a special method to deal with the three brothers.

Even though Huo Yuhao was credible, Wang Dong'er was still a little frantic at this point. However, the male bear's attack was like a dancing, bloody cyclone as it swept towards everyone. Wang Dong'er was also one of its targets, and she couldn't escape.

However, Huo Yuhao wasn't the only one who had moved away from the team. As Huo Yuhao moved, someone else also moved. As her slender figure flashed, she turned into a golden light projection that was faded into the forest. She moved in the same direction as Huo Yuhao.

It was Wang Qiu'er.

Cai Mei'er led the team as Zhang Lexuan, Han Ruoruo, Wang Dong'er, Li Yongyue, and Mo Xuan worked together to resist the male bear's attack.

The strength of the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear was explosive. Even though this ten-thousand year Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear was only left with his spirit, his fighting style didn't change at all. His terrifying fighting strength erupted and suppressed everyone.

With Cai Mei'er's cultivation, it wasn't difficult for her to escape. However, she needed to protect her students! This was especially true for students like Mo Xuan, who didn't possess any real fighting strength.

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Huo Yuhao didn't bother about the fight on the other side right now. He knew that the two bears couldn't kill them with Dean Cai around. What he had to do now was turn the situation around. It was only this way that his friends could escape from danger.

Why didn't he drag Wang Dong'er along? That was because he wasn't confident. Even with Wang Dong'er, could he possibly challenge three Soul Douluo? He decided to act alone because he would be completely disregarding any danger.

As he burst forward, his third eye opened. His soul thrusters and Spiritual Detection were also initiated.

At this point, he heard a sonorous dragon's roar.

It was very unexpected, but it was filled with rage. Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection covered a large area. He immediately turned his head in the direction of the roar. He was appalled to discover that Wang Qiu'er had also separated from the team. Furthermore, her target was the female bear!

Not good!

Even though Wang Qiu'er had demonstrated great abilities, Huo Yuhao didn't believe that she could fight a ten-thousand year Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear by herself. Even Elder Xuan had once mentioned how strong a ten-thousand year Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear was. At the ten-thousand year level, it was one of the best among the savage beasts.

However, it was too late for Huo Yuhao to help Wang Qiu'er at this point. Furthermore, could he even do anything with his current strength?

It was time to make a decision. Huo Yuhao grit his teeth, and a huge cannon barrel was lifted onto his shoulder. This cannon was dark blue, and there were countless rose patterns on its body.

If Ke Ke were here, she would definitely recognize it as a Giant Lightning Cannon. However, Huo Yuhao's cannon was covered by a mysterious glow. Whether it was the size or the number of formation arrays, Ke Ke's cannon couldn't compare to this one.

This was a Giant Lightning Cannon, but it was also a Class 7 heavy cannon called the Lightning God's Fury. He Caitou was the one who had developed it.

Before they set off on this journey, Huo Yuhao had naturally told his partners where he was going. He Caitou passed his Lightning God's Fury to him, and also gave him three compatible stationary soul cannon shells.

However, this heavy cannon was different from the one He Caitou had used previously. He Caitou had never used a stationary soul cannon before. This modified Class 7 cannon possessed the strongest offensive strength among all the soul tools that He Caitou possessed. That was why he passed it to Huo Yuhao.

Intense bolts of lightning were unleashed, and the Lightning God's Fury revealed layers and layers of bluish-purple halos. Huo Yuhao's speed didn't decrease as he burst forward, but his charging of the cannon persisted. The strongest aspect of a stationary soul cannon was that its might didn't lie in the cannon itself, but the cannon shell. Firing the cannon didn't expend a lot of soul power. Although it was costly to make, it was undoubtedly more terrifying than a soul cannon that was fired purely using soul power. Huo Yuhao didn't dare to waste his soul power, and thus he chose this cannon.

Rumbling sounds rolled forth, and Huo Yuhao flew back due to the recoil, knocking into two huge trees. A bolt of bluish-purple lightning flashed in the air before disappearing.

Why did Huo Yuhao charge his cannon while bursting forward earlier? He was flung back to where he wanted to go. He exploited the burst of speed brought about by this recoil.

He didn't even bother with the female bear and Wang Qiu'er, who were both on the other side. He did whatever he needed to the best of his abilities

Huo Yuhao was aware that this cannon couldn't possibly kill the female bear, but it could at least stall her, given the strength of a Class 7 stationary soul cannon shell. Wang Qiu'er would then be afforded time to escape... At the same time, stalling the female bear would be very helpful for his side. Dealing with the male bear's spirit and preventing both bears from teaming up together was the key to resolving the problem.

Huo Yuhao burst forward after he did what he needed to do. The light from his Eye of Destiny shone brightly, and layers of distorted ripples started to appear on his body. He instantly disappeared into the forest.

Wang Qiu'er wasn't slower than Huo Yuhao. Suddenly, an indescribable feeling caused her to stop. At this point, she already saw the hysterical female bear rushing over. In the next instant, she saw something unforgettable.

A streak of intense, bluish-purple light swept by. It was so bright that the entire forest turned bluish-purple. All the plants and trees were illuminated with the same color.

Following this, the female bear was swallowed by the bluish-purple light. The terrifying lightning was changed into a shocking beam of light that shot into the sky. Rumbling thunder echoed in three waves, and the immense impact swept the entire area that the bluish-purple light had covered earlier. All the plants and trees were turned into ash by the terrifying impact and destructive force.

Wang Qiu'er crossed her arms in front of her body, and a layer of thick golden light emanated from her body. However, her body was still flung backward by the force. She flew close to hundred meters before she managed to stabilize her body. However, an intense numbness was running through her body.

Yes, this was how terrifying a Class 7 stationary soul cannon was. Everything in front of Wang Qiu'er had turned to ash. The female bear was smashed down, and her dark-golden hide had turned charcoal black.

Gusts of thick smoke rose from her fur as she collapsed to the ground in pain, lightning crackling around her.

Even the Sun Moon Empire, which possessed the strongest soul tools, classified stationary soul cannons that were at Class 7 as weapons of mass destruction. They couldn't be sold. No one knew how many Class 7 stationary soul cannons the Sun Moon Empire possessed, but they had already become the biggest threat to the rest of the empires on the continent because of them.

The cannon shell that Huo Yuhao just fired was worth eight hundred thousand gold soul coins. That wasn't even including the time that He Caitou had spent on developing it. If it were auctioned off, the cannon would be worth more than three million gold soul coins. What if it was fired towards an elite team of soldiers? Everything in a three hundred meter radius would be turned to ash. Any soul master below a six-ringed cultivation could forget about escaping. How many people possessed strength as immense as Wang Qiu'er? That was the reason why Huo Yuhao had dared to fire that cannon shell!

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At this point, the air was filled with intense undulations of lightning. The frightening explosive force shocked everyone. Even though the shockwave only generated a surging gust of air when it reached them, this sudden explosion changed the situation for Shrek Academy's team.

Huo Yuhao retracted his Spiritual Detection after he fired his cannon. The terrifying bolts of lightning were too much for his spiritual power to handle. The huge explosion sounded behind him, but he continued to dart forward. At this point, he placed the second cannon shell into the Giant Lightning Cannon on his shoulder.

As the surging gust of air reached him, he initiated his Spiritual Detection again. This time, his target was the cave.

The three brothers weren't affected even after the first cannon shell exploded. However, the explosion still caught their attention. Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren drifted towards the cave as they tapped their staves on the ground. Zhong Litan didn't appear, and no one knew where he was hiding. However, it wasn't difficult to guess that he had focused most of his energy on everyone from Shrek Academy.

Huo Yuhao's second cannon shell was fired at this time. When the cannon was fired, he revealed his concealed figure. A horrifying bluish-purple radiance was unleashed, and its targets were the two cubs in the cave.

What were Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren's cultivations? They were evil Soul Douluo. In a duel, their abilities weren't inferior to a Titled Douluo. Their spiritual power and senses were very strong. They immediately sensed the threat that was coming.

At this point, they had already arrived at the cave. Any normal person wouldn't enter the cave even if he was threatened. However, they couldn't give up on the two cubs in the cave! The cubs were the most important reason they were here.

Huo Yuhao had experienced many live fights during his training in the Ultimate Soldier Plan. Both his situational judgment and understanding of a human's psychological mindset had reached a high standard.

Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren made their choice immediately. They only had one choice... defend! They could only defend against the attack unleashed towards the cave and protect the two cubs.

They lifted their staves at the same time, and bloody light started to spread out again. In such a situation, all they could do was pour out all their soul power. Two beams of sanguine light were converted into a huge, bloody red protective barrier. The entire cave was covered by this barrier.

Boom!

If He Caitou knew that someone was trying to resist his Class 7 stationary soul cannon shell directly, he would be elated. Why were stationary soul cannons so powerful? It was because their explosive strength could match the all-out attack of a Rank 80 soul master the moment they were fired!

While Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren were very strong, evil soul masters were only strong because they were evil. In terms of cultivation, they were still eight-ringed Soul Douluo. They were confident of success, but were faced with a sudden attack. In a state of panic, they weren't able to unleash their all-out defense. In addition, they weren't skilled at defending, either. As the terrifying sounds of crackling lightning echoed out, countless bolts of lightning struck, and the two elders were appalled to discover that the intimidating explosive force had torn apart their defense.

The bloody barrier dissipated. As lightning flashed, the thick protective barrier was forcefully torn apart. The horrifying explosive force also swept the two of them up.

Lightning was formed by the vital energy of heaven and earth.

This was what Electrolux had told Huo Yuhao. Any form of undead would be harmed far more greatly than normal, regardless of what element they once were, if they were struck by lightning, because lightning contained the vital energy of heaven and earth.

When some undead became too strong, they might attract lightning from the sky due to their evil aura. This was called a Lightning Catastrophe.

Why was Electrolux so strong in his original world? One important reason was that he was an unprecedented light-type necromancer. He used his own body to summon the light element of the undead, thus removing any evil energy from them. In this way, they wouldn't attract the Lightning Catastrophe.

Huo Yuhao had guessed some of the abilities that the three evil soul masters possessed. It had to be something related to summoning soul beasts' spirits. They were even able to summon the spirit of a ten-thousand year Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear. If this wasn't their main ability, they probably weren't Soul Douluo, but Titled Douluo.

That was why Huo Yuhao used the Giant Lightning Cannon. The power of lightning was more effective against these two evil soul masters.

Anyone whose life was under threat would definitely use whatever treasures they had without any hesitation as long as they could protect their life.

The two brothers weren't exceptions either. When they realized something was amiss, they immediately unleashed their all.

A huge number of bloody spirits surged out from their staves and protected their bodies, resisting the power of lightning. At the same time, they also revealed their Martial Soul True Bodies.

In this state, Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren's bodies started to distort. The greyish scales became finer, and even their eyes turned blood-red. They turned and curled up into two huge greyish snakes.

Shrek Academy's research into martial souls was very advanced. Huo Yuhao could immediately recognize what their martial souls were.

Underworld Snake, a classic evil soul master's martial soul. It had existed for a long time, and was a very strong soul among evil soul masters.

Furthermore, Huo Yuhao could vaguely recall Elder Mu emphasizing how special an Underworld Snake was. However, he had no time to think about it at this point.

The beast spirits were immediately destroyed in the face of lightning. However, these beast spirits appeared freer and relieved when they were killed. Even their indignation was dispelled as they were killed. They were like the Avenging Spirits that Huo Yuhao had once cleansed before.

Huo Yuhao couldn't be bothered with the remaining cannon shell at this point. He unleashed his Imitation with the enhancement of his Eye of Destiny.

After his soul power reached Rank 50, all his Spirit Eyes' soul skills were enhanced. This was his strongest advantage from the million-year Skydream Iceworm. He had not used Imitation for a long time, not because it wasn't strong enough, but because he hid it due to the surprises it brought him after it was enhanced. He tried his best not to use it.

Imitation wasn't an offensive or defensive soul skill. Compared to the Snow Empress' Three Ultimate Techniques, the Darkgolden Terrorclaws, the Ice Explosion Technique, Spiritual Shock, and other powerful soul skills, it didn't seem very eye-catching. Even Huo Yuhao's partners didn't really pay attention to this soul skill. However, it had become an extremely strong soul skill after it evolved. The only drawback was that his opponents might be prepared if he kept using it.

As it became stronger, Huo Yuhao could extend its use to a greater region. Right now, the region it could cover was around ten meters in diameter. At the same time, he also possessed a special form of this soul skill that allowed him to carry out continuous assimilation. To put it more aptly, it allowed him to assimilate into the environment like a chameleon.

Environmental assimilation became more and more effective as an environment became more complex and colorful. Huo Yuhao couldn't conceal himself, but he could make it seem as if he were hidden as he imitated his surroundings. However, he could still be discovered through meticulous observation or detected through spiritual power.

His ability to assimilate into the environment was directly related to his soul power. As his Eye of Destiny was activated, his Imitation had entered its strongest state. So, he appeared to disappear earlier.

If Huo Yuhao stayed completely still, it wasn't possible to spot him with one's naked eyes. However, any movement would cause a change in the color patterns in the air, which would be detectable if one was sharp enough.

In fact, Huo Yuhao didn't know how much further his Imitation could evolve. It was closely related to the Skydream Iceworm.

Imitation wasn't a particularly strong soul skill even in the world of soul beasts, or the Iceworm species wouldn't be so weak. After all, it was only projecting an illusion, there wasn't any offensive side to it. In addition, the region that it covered was also limited.

When the Skydream Iceworm allowed Huo Yuhao to choose Imitation as his second soul skill, there was a reason behind his decision. Even a weak soul skill could become strong through ceaseless cultivation. Huo Yuhao couldn't cultivate this soul skill directly. However, he possessed the Skydream Iceworm's spiritual cultivation! As Skydream's spiritual cultivation continued to fuse with him, it also meant that Imitation was being cultivated, making it stronger and stronger.

### [Chapter 234.3: Lightning Gods Fury](#)

Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren were in extreme pain as they were struck by the cannon shell's lightning blast. While their lives were not in danger, it had taken them a lot of effort to gather all their beast spirits! The deaths of those spirits meant that their abilities were greatly weakened. As a result, the two of them had to use all their soul power to resist so that fewer of their slave-spirits would perish. Naturally, they weren't able to observe what was going on around them as they fought off the lightning attack!

Huo Yuhao exploited this opportunity to increase his speed significantly. As his body burst forward, he leapt into the air and entered the cave, leaving a gentle undulation behind.

As he entered the cave, a thick smell of blood immediately filled his nostrils. He tried to hold his breath and unleashed his Darkgolden Terrorclaws. He stabbed his claws into the wall of the cave as his body remained in the air.

Using his Spiritual Detection, he had already figured out the layout of the cave. Otherwise, his judgment wouldn't have been so accurate.

The cave was around five meters high, and extremely wide. It was just that the ground was covered in bloodstains left behind by the female bear while giving birth to her kids.

In the corner, two Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear cubs not even a meter tall were curled up with their eyes closed. Occasionally, they would squirm in place.

Their fur was pitch-black, and hadn't turned dark-golden yet. From the looks of it, they were like two oversized and chubby puppies. At times, they would extend their pinkish-red tongues to lick their lips.

Huo Yuhao didn't delay any further. His body swayed in the air before he did a forward somersault. At the same time, he had already unleashed his Snow Empress' Spirit. The Snow Lady pointed to the two cubs, and two deep blue beams of light were shot out. The cubs were engulfed by these beams of light, and were enclosed inside two blocks of ice.

While mature Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears were huge, their cubs were very small in comparison, just like the cubs of any other soul beast.



Huo Yuhao drifted down, his hands were covered in blue light. He touched the bodies of the two frozen cubs, and they instantly disappeared, swept inside his Starlight Sapphire ring.

Spatial-type soul tools couldn't contain living beings; there was no air inside, so they would suffocate. Another reason was that it might lead to spatial instability, damaging the space inside the soul tool, which would lead to damage to the soul tool itself.

But Huo Yuhao currently had no other choice. He tapped into the Snow Empress' Spirit's low temperature to freeze the two cubs temporarily. With the strength of Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears, they wouldn't die quickly. After that, they were stored inside his ring before he brought them away. Otherwise, it wouldn't be so easy for him to escape with these two cubs!

He didn't touch the ground throughout the entire process. As he smacked his right hand down, he used the power of his Controlling Crane Capturing Dragon to push himself back before he exerted force on the wall with his toes. He propelled himself forward and rushed for the exit.

However, his claws stabbed into the wall when he was just a couple steps from the exit. He also stuck his body to the wall like an octopus, and his Imitation activated again. He seemed to have disappeared, and was completely traceless in the dark cave.

Whoosh! A figure entered the cave... it was Zhong Lidi. His figure was covered by a thick, bloody radiance. Right now, the strong evil soul master's appearance was quite unpresentable.

Even with his cultivation, it was still a horrible thing to be struck by a Class 7 stationary soul cannon shell off-guard. His long robe was torn and tattered, revealing his skin in many areas. His hair was also standing on end. While his staff was still shining, it was no longer as bright as before. The gem at the top of his staff had even cracked slightly.

Zhong Lidi's expression was extremely ghastly, and he even appeared to be on the verge of crying. When he unleashed bright, bloody light to illuminate the entire cave, his face turned even more dismal.

"Liren, someone has beaten us to it! Bastard!" Zhong Lidi shouted in fury. His figure flashed as he rushed out of the cave. An eight-ringed Soul Douluo was able to fly temporarily.

Zhong Liren's voice sounded, "That cannon shell earlier must have been at least Class 7. Don't tell me that there are Sun Moon Empire people here? They can't be missing! The female bear was even guarding the cave earlier! How could they have disappeared just like that? Can they fly?"

Huo Yuhao was completely still as he stuck himself to the wall. He was even holding his breath. He was clear that he would be a dead man if he moved in front of these two evil soul masters. Unless it was completely safe, he wouldn't move recklessly.

As he maintained his continuous Imitation, Zhong Lidi returned again. As he returned, a huge number of beast spirits were released from his staff. They quickly filled the cave.

Vicious!, Huo Yuhao cursed.

As the spirits flew out, a tiger-type beast spirit came straight towards Huo Yuhao. His Imitation was indeed strong, and could even imitate the surrounding aura. However, these beast spirits had acute

senses. From the change in the tiger-type beast spirit's energy, Huo Yuhao could subtly feel that it had discovered something in his direction.

What should he do? He had two choices now: bet on his luck that the beast spirit wouldn't discover him, or act decisively and take the initiative to escape the cave.

If he had no luck, this cave would become his burial ground. However, Zhong Liren was guarding the cave outside if he went for the latter option.

At this point, a deafening roar came from outside the cave. Following this, the ground started to shake. A ferocious, mighty aura could be felt even from inside the cave.

Yes, the female Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear had given up on finding her mate and returned!

Zhong Lidi's expression changed. Even with their cultivation level, they couldn't underestimate this ten-thousand year Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear. When the three of them had encircled the male Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear earlier, they had needed three days to kill him. Although this female bear was in a weakened state now, she might be very explosive if she was provoked.

Zhong Lidi scanned the cave once more, then immediately rushed out, worried about Zhong Liren.

The tiger-type beast spirit that was closing in on Huo Yuhao was pulled back into the staff.

Huo Yuhao was intelligent. When he heard the female bear roaring, he gave up his plan of escaping. He reaped the rewards of his patience – Zhong Lidi was finally gone.

However, he couldn't escape, either. The fight outside had already begun.

The clash of soul powers caused the ground to shake amidst deafening booms. Intense shockwaves struck the cave and caused echoes to ring out within it.

Although Huo Yuhao couldn't see with his eyes, he still had his Spiritual Detection! As he activated his Spiritual Detection, he sensed what was going on outside and tried to find an opportunity to escape.

The female bear had indeed returned. Her lower body was covered in bloodstains while her upper body was charred. Evidently, she was in great pain after being struck by the cannon shell earlier. However, why did she forsake her mate and return?

The three brothers had no intention of letting her off. Not only was she strong, but her spirit was also quite valuable.

On the other side, the male bear's spirit had managed to tackle almost the entire team from Shrek! This included Cai Mei'er, who was a Titled Douluo!

The three brothers had drawn the female bear away so that they could capture the cubs. However, they hadn't expected to fail. Now that the female bear had returned, Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren vented their anger on her.

They released many spirits from their staves. At the same time, their bodies also formed greyish light projections. These projections floated in mid-air and looked like balls of greyish fog. It was Huo Yuhao's first time seeing such martial souls.

After turning into fog, Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren's speed soared rapidly. As their figures flashed, they separated to either side, avoiding the female bear's claws. The spirits also started to swarm the bear.

At this point, a streak of golden light shone from the female bear's back. The bright light was filled with the might of a king, and a terrifying aura was unleashed. It felt very real, and exuded golden patterns as it spread.

After being influenced by this aura, the bear's eyes shone brightly with golden light, and her own aura soared. The spirits that swarmed her started to disperse as they let out pathetic screams. Although they weren't completely destroyed, their powers were weakened considerably.

"What is this?" Zhong Liren shouted, his facial muscles distorted greatly due to his fury.

Undoubtedly, the force that had dispersed the spirits didn't come from the female bear. But since it had come, the strength of the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear was bound to increase greatly. More importantly, the three brothers had lost many of their spirits today! They were extremely furious!

A golden figure flipped up onto the bear's back and stood on her wide shoulders.

When Huo Yuhao used his Spiritual Detection to sense this person's presence, he was so shocked that he almost muttered a sound.

That person was Wang Qiu'er, wielding the Golden Dragon Spear!

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Wang Qiu'er's face was as cold as ever as she raised the Golden Dragon Spear high above her head. She released the powerful golden aura from before, riveting golden light radiating from her body. The cutting aura was like the sharp edge of a blade as it forced the large mass of beast souls back.

What's going on? Huo Yuhao was astonished and amazed and doubtful at the same time. Never in his wildest dreams would he have expected that Wang Qiu'er could form an alliance with this female Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear in battle. It seemed like she didn't intend to block the bear when she charged in its direction, and was trying to direct it instead. What kind of ability was this? It was simply too terrifying! Did that mean that someone who possessed the Golden Dragon martial soul had the ability to command Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears? The Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's existence was actually comparable to the Golden Dragon in terms of lineage!

Right when Huo Yuhao was still feeling shocked, the female bear stomped her enormous paws as she charged towards the three brothers. Her body erupted with intense dark golden light as her fur stood on end. Her talons extended from her paws, and huge claws that were at least two meters long flickered with chilly light. Her claws crossed each other through the air as countless blade shadows flashed by and reached every corner in a hundred-meter radius around her.

The beast souls were highly resistant to physical attacks, but the bear's attacks were simply too sharp, and the beast souls were weakened wherever the blades crossed.

The three brothers immediately felt an agonizing heartache. They had already lost many beast souls when they came to hunt and slay the male bear, but the male bear's addition had made up for their

losses in the end. This continuous battering caused them great suffering, as every beast soul was ultimately part of their strength and fighting ability.

Two grey clouds moved out in an instant, and the beast souls retreated along with them to the periphery. Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren glared at Wang Qiu'er, who was still sitting on the female bear's shoulders. The bear couldn't have broken through their siege so easily if it hadn't been for her!

The bear didn't care about all this at this moment as she strode towards her lair. There was nothing more important to her than her cubs.

All of a sudden, a scarlet-golden beam of light arrived on the scene in a flash, and a majestic scarlet-gold lion intercepted her.

This mighty lion seemed like it was sculpted from scarlet-red crystal, and it flickered with brilliant colors. Even the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's fearsome aura was weakened the moment it appeared.

A beast soul – this was actually a beast soul! However, it was so much more powerful and formidable than the other beast souls.

Huo Yuhao had wanted to find an opportunity to escape, but this lion's appearance made him settle down once again.

This... this looks like the Scarletgolden Lion!

The Scarletgolden Lion's status amongst soul beasts was a little inferior to the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear. However, it could be considered a subspecies of Golden soul beasts, and was a mutated form of the Golden Lion King. A Scarletgolden Lion's power was comparable to a Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear if both soul beasts had similar cultivation levels. At least, it had enough strength to fight against the bear.

The Scarletgolden Lion was just a beast soul, but one could tell from its aura that it had possessed at least thirty thousand years of cultivation. Of all the soul beasts that Huo Yuhao had seen, besides the several mighty ones that had more than a hundred thousand years of cultivation, this Scarletgolden Lion was probably the strongest one in terms of fighting ability.

The Scarletgolden Lion roared into the sky the moment it appeared. Its muscular body that seemed almost material proved how drastically different it was from normal beast souls.

The Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear paused momentarily, but anything that prevented her from protecting her children was considered an enemy at this moment.

She lashed out ferociously with her right claw, and it was a Darkgolden Terrorclaw that contained every ounce of her strength.

The colossal claw seemed like it was going to tear the sky apart as it descended from the sky and slapped down fiercely.

The lion wasn't weak, and it shook its head as a large spherical light projection emanated from its head and immediately expanded to a diameter of more than ten meters – this light projection was actually the enlarged image of its own head.

Clang! The bear's claw was bounced back after the sharp collision, and an intense tremor almost shook Huo Yuhao off of the cave wall.

The lion's radiance dimmed for a moment, but quickly returned to normal, and it roared ferociously once more.

This lion could actually take a hit from her! It lived up to its name as an entity that was comparable to the Darkgolden Terrorclaw!

Huo Yuhao had been observing the brothers' beast souls this whole time. He realized that most of these beast souls could only use spiritual attacks, and they used spiritual power to get through to their opponents. However, there were several relatively formidable ones that retained the ability to attack with soul power, and this Scarletgolden Lion was undoubtedly the best of the best in this category. Huo Yuhao even felt that this lion probably still had almost as much strength as it had when it was still alive.

Another sphere of gray fog separated from the lion while Huo Yuhao was still feeling astounded. It transformed into a shadow riding on the Scarletgolden Lion's back: the eldest of the brothers, Zhong Litian!

Zhong Litian's expression wasn't much better than those of his brothers. He had never thought that his plan could be ruined like that, at the hands of a young woman!

"Who are you?" Zhong Litian exclaimed as he raised the staff in his hands. The lion charged forward ferociously, and it engaged in battle with the bear as he levitated in midair and gazed at Wang Qiu'er in the distance.

Wang Qiu'er said coldly, "Someone that wants your life." Her six soul rings sparkled brilliantly as she spoke.

Zhong Litian snapped his head around at Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren. "Have we succeeded?"

Zhong Lidi's face was black as he replied, "All gone, there's nothing left. It seems like this company isn't that easy to deal with. What should be do?"

Zhong Litian's eyes narrowed as a savage aura burst from his body. He said coldly, "Release our origin beast souls. Every single one of them has to die. We won't have to worry about getting what we want as long as they're dead."

Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren began to move right when his voice dropped, and two beams of light glowed from their bodies. The jewels at the tips of their staves erupted with brilliant and blinding light.

Zhong Lidi unleashed a fearsome tiger. This tiger exuded dark green light; it was a Netherworld Ghost Tiger, which was also an entity that stood at the top of the world of soul beasts. Its body looked even more illusory than normal beast souls, but it charged the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear the moment it made a move, and gave the Scarletgolden Lion more chances to attack.

Zhong Liren unleashed a ferocious leopard that shone with brown light. Its skin was also brown, with patterns like golden coins all over its body. It was the smallest of the three origin beast souls, but it vanished into the air the moment it appeared, and a brown streak flashed by in the next moment. The

fur on the bear's back flew into the sky as part of it was shaved off. Even though she wasn't hurt, the intense pain made her even more hysterical and crazed than before.

Huo Yuhao saw the brothers' abilities as evil soul masters with more clarity now after observing them. Their main strength was their enslaved beast souls, which were separated into various categories. The strongest of those souls were probably the origin beast souls that they had just released, and each of them probably only had one, while all the others were just normal beast souls.

The female bear was already weak, and she was immediately at a disadvantage and beaten back as the three origin soul beasts joined up and assaulted her.

Wang Qiu'er made her move right at this moment.

She swung the Golden Dragon Spear in her hands and pierced in a certain direction without warning. An indescribable and shrill tearing sound could be heard, and a black gash appeared in the air from this single strike.

A brown shadow flickered once and an infuriated roar was heard immediately afterwards. She had actually captured the Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor's movements, and wounded it with just one attack!

However, Wang Qiu'er's action also immediately triggered the Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor's wrath. A streak of brown light instantly circled and flickered around the bear crazily.

The spear in Wang Qiu'er's hands waltzed continuously. Even though she could accurately predict and grasp the opportunity to defend against the leopard's attacks every time and she was able to hold on with her own fearsome strength, she only had six rings.

It was not difficult to imagine how powerful these beast souls were since they were these three brothers' origin beast souls. Their soul skills were all meant to amplify their beast souls, and their martial soul true bodies in the fog made them incredibly fast, while most physical attacks simply couldn't hurt them at all. The three brothers separated in three directions as circle after circle of light expanded and continuously amplified their origin beast souls.

The truth was that the three brothers had no choice but to release their origin beast souls. They would never use their origin beast souls under normal circumstances, as these origin beast souls were tied to their own spirits even though they were extremely powerful. They would also be wounded if any harm came to their origin soul beasts.

But Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren had lost too many beast souls. When Zhong Litian witnessed Wang Qiu'er's abilities, he became a little worried about the other members from Shrek Academy, and so he opted to give everything he had so that he could defeat and kill both the female Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear and Wang Qiu'er as quickly as possible. Afterwards, he would take care of the other members from Shrek, as they were absolutely unwilling to let go of the male Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's beast soul.

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Wang Qiu'er and the female Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear were starting to look a little desperate and unable to keep up under the circumstances.

The Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor would produce a mighty impact every time it appeared, and it was so strong and terrifying that Wang Qiu'er was starting to lose her balance. Her six soul rings sparkled continuously as she amplified herself, and she tried to retaliate forcefully with her Golden Dragon Spear. The fight became increasingly tiring for her, and if not for the fact that the Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor was afraid of the Golden Dragon Spear's frightening draconic majesty, she would have probably fallen a long time ago.

The female bear's situation was even more dire. She lashed out ferociously with her razor-sharp claws, but she couldn't fend off the two incredibly formidable beast souls. She was weakened from the start, and she had also taken a hit from the stationary soul cannon shell, so she was far from her peak condition. Dark golden fur flew into the sky as wounds that went down to the bone appeared on her body continuously.

They can't hold on for much longer! Huo Yuhao called out in his mind. He could see with Spiritual Detection that the battle on the other side was still ongoing. The male Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear beast soul was exceptionally powerful, and it could still launch its own menacing attacks despite being outnumbered and besieged. Cai Mei'er was a Titled Douluo, but she had to be a little more reserved in her battle in the interest of her students' safety. They were weakening it continuously, but they would still need a while longer before they could hurry over, while Wang Qiu'er's situation had become urgently perilous.

How can I save her? Thoughts and ideas spun in Huo Yuhao's head as he raced to find a solution. They were three eight-ringed evil soul masters, and he had no chance if he fought them face-to-face. He could just continue hiding himself like he was, but the three brothers would proceed to the other battlefield once they took care of Wang Qiu'er and the female bear. Huo Yuhao would then be safe and he could rendezvous with his companions. However, this thought never once occurred to him, and he never considered deserting his companion, even though he had only met Wang Qiu'er a few times before.

Clang! Wang Qiu'er collided once more with the Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor's sudden attack. She wasn't able to maintain her balance this time, and fell off the female bear's back, while her Golden Dragon Spear stabbed into the air at nothing at all. She was immediately in extreme danger.

The female bear's enormous body was covering her as Wang Qiu'er's eyes suddenly sparkled with strange light. Right when she was in immense peril, she swung her Golden Dragon Spear horizontally as she grabbed the fur on the female bear's back. An intense hostility erupted from her body, and a formless aura surged into the sky.

The female bear seemed to have been acutely provoked in some way, and she knocked the Scarletgolden Lion and the Netherworld Ghost Tiger away with two continuous paw swipes, while her body seemed to swell a little. Berserk! This was the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's frightening soul skill. But her body was already extremely weak at this point, so how could she maximize and unleash this soul skill's true power?

Wang Qiu'er was still grabbing onto her fur with her right hand, while circle after circle of golden light expanded outward like spinning tops. A dash of grief flickered in her eyes, and she muttered, "I will avenge you."

The bear released intense dark golden light, and these colors flowed through Wang Qiu'er's palm and into her body...

Right at this moment, both Wang Qiu'er and the three brothers suddenly felt as if the weather had turned cold, and an exceedingly sharp aura erupted without warning in the next second.

Wang Qiu'er, the three brothers, the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear, and the three beast souls that were locked in a bitter fight all developed palpitations in the moment when this razor-sharp aura emerged. This felt a frightening pressure from a superior being, as if both heaven and earth were about to collapse.

This chill didn't just appear in the air, it surfaced in their hearts. That petrifying chilly feeling, along with that boundless majestic intimidation, immediately made everyone on the battlefield feel a horrifying, surging pressure from the air.

The reactions of the three brothers were very quick. They immediately responded when they realized something was wrong, and they called their origin soul beasts back at the first possible moment. What was more important than protecting themselves?

The sky turned dark and gloomy without warning in the next moment, and a strong gust of wind swept across the earth as countless snowflakes danced through the sky, while everyone's vision became extremely blurry.

The terrifying blizzard instantly caused the temperature to plummet, and the Great Star Dou Forest's landscape seemed to have transformed completely.

The three brothers' eyes flowed with suspicion and uncertainty. Their main powers as evil soul masters originated from their beast souls, and they had slain innumerable soul beasts during their lives. They were also exceptionally sensitive towards soul beasts' auras.

They could clearly feel that this terrifying pressure came from a soul beast. However, they had never seen such a mighty and formidable ice-type soul beast within the Great Star Dou Forest in all their days. This place wasn't the Extreme North! Still, this aura of Ultimate Ice and snow told them that they were in the presence of a soul beast that was ranked among the Ten Great Savage Beasts.

The three brothers were initially separated, and they realized in the next moment that they were lost. What astounded them even more was that they couldn't even feel each other's presence anymore. The ice and snow had sealed off their powerful senses, and the snowflakes sliced against their bodies constantly like sharp blades, attempting to tear them into pieces. This Ultimate ice and frost was starting to consume their soul power!

The radiance on Wang Qiu'er's right hand receded the moment this flurry of ice and snow appeared, and she felt a spiritual connection in the next moment.

It's him!

Wang Qiu'er immediately understood where all this ice and snow came from, and a shadow arrived next to her in the next moment. This person tugged on her hand and whispered, "Let's go. Quickly!"

Yes, the Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice!



Huo Yuhao's Empress' Chill of the Snow Empress' Three Ultimate Techniques fused with his own Domain of Perpetual Ice!

Huo Yuhao didn't just release the domain's power, he imitated the Snow Empress' aura as well. He relied on the domain's concealment to swiftly come to Wang Qiu'er's side. How could he just watch Wang Qiu'er meet her demise?

The Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice's area of effect wasn't that large. However, arresting his opponents' senses within the domain was the most important thing to Huo Yuhao at this moment. However, he was clear that the three brothers wouldn't be controlled like this for long, and they would soar into the sky when they realized that they couldn't find their way around inside the domain. The domain's strength would gradually decline the further up they went until the point where it vanished, so Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er didn't have much time.

Wang Qiu'er glanced at the female Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear as if she couldn't bear to leave her behind. Her eyes sparkled as she soared into the air, and Huo Yuhao reacted with astonishment as her Golden Dragon Spear shone with brilliant golden light before it drilled right through the back of the female bear's brain.

The female bear fell to the ground in the next moment, and large patches of dark golden light immediately surged through the Golden Dragon Spear and into Wang Qiu'er's body.

"You..." Huo Yuhao truly experienced Wang Qiu'er's formidable strength at this moment. The girl dragged him along when she leapt into the air, not burdened by his weight at all. That strength gave Huo Yuhao a feeling that he had no chance of fighting against it at all.

Wang Qiu'er muttered coldly, "I would rather she die at my hands than end up in those three bastards' hands and become a tortured soul."

"Let's go." Huo Yuhao tugged on her once more. They used the domain as cover as they briskly proceeded towards the others from Shrek Academy.

However, Huo Yuhao suddenly paused in his tracks at this moment.

The three brothers were controlled for a far shorter time than he had thought they would be. They had already soared into the sky, and they now flew directly towards a location that Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er would definitely pass on their way back to meet up with the others.

Huo Yuhao hesitated momentarily before he pulled Wang Qiu'er in the other direction. He couldn't shift the domain according to his own movements at this moment; he could only maintain the domain at its original location. He pulled Wang Qiu'er as he raced out of the domain and they began to run for their lives.

"Over there!" Someone shouted, and Huo Yuhao immediately felt his breath shorten as he could feel a terrifying aura behind him. It was clear that they had been discovered, it was exceedingly difficult to run away from the grasp of a group of Soul Douluo!

Huo Yuhao had his own plans and preparations since he came out to save Wang Qiu'er. The Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice was originally intended for him to meet up with Wang Qiu'er before anything else.

He pounced forward explosively, and let go of Wang Qiu'er's hand as he tapped his foot on the ground and his body spun around in midair. The heavy cannon that had left a deep and lasting impression in Zhong Lidi and Zhong Liren's minds appeared once more, and a horrifying bluish-purple light erupted while Huo Yuhao was sent hurtling backward by the incredibly powerful recoil.

He displayed his impeccable calculation skills at this moment. His body crashed into Wang Qiu'er as he was sent flying backwards. Wang Qiu'er subconsciously hugged him around the waist as they were blown backwards at breakneck speed, while the terrifying Class 7 stationary soul cannon shell flew directly towards the brothers who were pursuing them.

The sky was tainted bluish-purple by the deafening and violent explosions. Fan Yu had favored Huo Yuhao, and he had seen Huo Yuhao's potential for the Soul Tool Department back then. His Spiritual Detection combined with stationary soul cannons unleashed their fearsome power once more.

This cannon shell was fired right at a spot that the three brothers would cross on their way to him under Huo Yuhao's accurate calculations. It gave the three evil Soul Douluo the feeling that they had walked right into the cannon shell. Explosions shook the forest, and even Soul Douluo couldn't just disregard a Class 7 stationary soul cannon's might. Huo Yuhao took this opportunity and dragged Wang Qiu'er along as they disappeared into the forest.

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The three brothers struggled out from the explosion's aftershocks after a few seconds, their faces were as black as could be. Zhong Litan was raging as he said, "Bastard! They've killed that Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear sow, too! Liren, go after those two little rascals. Lidi, go check out that bear and see if her beast soul is still intact. I'll go back for the male bear's beast soul."

"Alright." Zhong Liren transformed into a cloud as he raced in pursuit of Wang Qiu'er and Huo Yuhao. He activated his senses to the highest possible level as his Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor followed closely behind him.

Huo Yuhao had borrowed the cannon's recoil to propel himself backward. He had crashed into Wang Qiu'er, and had meant for her to use this force to escape as quickly as they could. However, when their momentum was about to come to an end, he realized something wasn't right.

Wang Qiu'er's body wasn't as tough as her strength made it seem. Rather, it was exceptionally soft and tender. Huo Yuhao had hugged Wang Dong'er before, and Wang Dong'er's body was a little bouncier, and the faint fragrance that a girl had would enchant him.

Huo Yuhao felt a lot different as he came into contact with Wang Qiu'er at such a close distance. Wang Qiu'er's body was actually much softer than Wang Dong'er's body, and her aroma wasn't the fresh fragrance that young girls normally had. Instead, she smelled like... sunlight? It was equally fragrant, but it a completely different style altogether.

They landed onto the ground at the same time, and didn't even bother saying a word to each other as they turned around to run. They realized that they couldn't meet up with their companions anymore, and the only thing they could do was run, as the brothers' reach covered the entire region. They no longer had that Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's aid, and their only outcome was death if this Soul Douluo caught up with them.

They turned around to run. Wang Qiu'er's right foot pushed off heavily against the ground, and a crack like an explosion was audible as she pulled Huo Yuhao along, and the two of them surged forward as if they were riding the clouds.

This strength is just so fearsome!, Huo Yuhao was thought, but he didn't stop moving. Right when their momentum was slowing down, he activated the soul thrusters on his back as he held onto her and raced forward once more. Their coordination was seamless.

The two of them relied on this coordination as they meandered through the forest with lightning speed. Huo Yuhao's judgment was as accurate as ever, and they avoided all the vegetation as much as they could while they pushed forward frantically.

"Let's split up." Wang Qiu'er suddenly blurted.

Huo Yuhao snapped around towards her and said solemnly, "No. Those evil soul masters have beast souls, and us splitting up will be equally futile. We can only run faster if we work together, and we will have a higher chance of survival."

Wang Qiu'er stared at him as she asked, "Why did you come to save me? Can't you tell that your girlfriend doesn't like me?"

Huo Yuhao gazed straight ahead as they continued coordinating to push forward. He gave a very natural answer, "We're schoolmates, how can I just let you die?"

Wang Qiu'er's mouth twitched, and she said arrogantly, "I wouldn't have died."

Huo Yuhao said exasperatedly, "Is your pride more important, or is your life more important? Let's not talk about all that and focus on running away."

Wang Qiu'er turned back around at him and took a deep breath before she said, "Thank you."

"Heheh," Huo Yuhao chuckled. He couldn't relax even for a little bit, and all his focus and concentration was on blitzing forward. He didn't pay attention to something that Wang Qiu'er mumbled under her breath.

"What did you say?" Huo Yuhao asked subconsciously.

Wang Qiu'er shook her head and said, "Nothing. That bastard seems to have caught up."

Yes, Zhong Liren had caught up with them.

It didn't take them very long to run several kilometers away, but Zhong Liren still caught up with them in the end. He was just so much stronger than Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er in terms of cultivation.

"Watch out!" Wang Qiu'er suddenly moved as she pushed Huo Yuhao away heavily with her right hand before she turned around and thrust her Golden Dragon Spear into the air.

"Ding!" Wang Qiu'er's body was tossed away with the crisp sound of a collision, and the Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor revealed itself. Not even Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection could capture its ambush!

That's it! Huo Yuhao grit his teeth as he planted his foot on a tall tree in front of him, turning around and charging back.

Zhong Liren and that Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor were just too quick, to the point where they had no chance of escaping. Under such circumstances, their only chance to survive was to fight with everything they had.

Huo Yuhao's body erupted once more with intense chill when he turned back around. A golden vertical eye opened on his forehead at the same time, and his Spiritual Detection received a great boost. He shared his Spiritual Detection with Wang Qiu'er as they were finally able to capture the leopard's movements.

Huo Yuhao raised his right hand and lashed out with his Darkgolden Terrorclaw. He collided with the leopard in midair with a shrill clanging sound, but the Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor was forced to stop in midair.

Wang Qiu'er was extremely ferocious as her Golden Dragon Spear transformed into a golden lightning bolt and arrived before the leopard.

With Spiritual Detection, their cooperation was as seamless as if Wang Qiu'er had been working together with Huo Yuhao for many years.

The Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor was formidable, but it was still a little fearful of Wang Qiu'er's Golden Dragon Spear. Its body suddenly became illusory when the brilliant golden light was about to hit, and all Wang Qiu'er struck was a shadow.

Huo Yuhao's soul thrusters activated as they propelled him back to Wang Qiu'er's position. He didn't use the Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice. The domain was mighty, but it also limited their movement and freedom. This was especially true since this domain didn't distinguish between friends and enemies, so Wang Qiu'er would also be affected inside this domain. Huo Yuhao believed that the domain would end up affecting their abilities and autonomy, and it would be over for them as long as Zhong Liren had some patience, or if he had some attack that covered an area

Zhong Liren was only one beat behind the leopard, and his poisonous gaze seemed like it was piercing right into Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er's souls. The Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor appeared next to him, and even though it was a beast soul, its brown body continuously emanated an intense pressure.

"Run! Why aren't you guys running anymore? You think you can outrun my Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor with your speed? I originally believed that we had sustained heavy losses, but now my mind has changed. A Darkgolden Terrorclaw soul bone... very good, that soul bone shall be mine! You guys have such power at such a young age, and it seems like your identities and experiences are quite extraordinary. It's a pity, because today will be the day you die. I will torture the two of you and listen to your agonizing wails for seven days before I'll let the two of you die, to make up for my losses!"

Zhong Liren had reverted back from his martial soul true body as he spoke. He was only faced with two young soul masters, and he didn't believe he would need his martial soul true body to fight. Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er were already dead in his eyes.

Huo Yuhao's eyes sparkled as he took a deep breath. He knew that this would probably be the most difficult battle of his life, and possibly even his last battle. His fighting will wasn't weakened at all in the face of such a mighty adversary. Instead, it was slowly rising, and he felt stronger the more powerful his opponent was. This was the profundity of the Sovereign's Descent! A layer of golden light gradually

shimmered on his body, and he subconsciously grasped Wang Qiu'er's hand as he infused his soul power into her.

"Eh?" Wang Qiu'er exclaimed softly.

Huo Yuhao was also momentarily stunned, and he interrupted the process. What am I doing? She's Wang Qiu'er, not Wang Dong'er. She doesn't have any martial soul fusion skills with me.

However, right when he was withdrawing his soul power, an intense pulling force emerged in his body, and a powerful stream of soul power that was charged with arrogance flowed swiftly into his body.

Intense golden light immediately erupted from both of their bodies.

Huo Yuhao's eyes grew slack, and he would have shouted out loud if they weren't facing a powerful enemy.

This is not possible!

Yes, his soul power had fused with Wang Qiu'er's soul power, just like that, through that instant of connection. This fusion was something that he had never felt before.

He wouldn't have been too surprised if he had fused with Wang Qiu'er's soul power to produce something like the Haodong power that he shared with Wang Dong'er, and all he would have suspected was whether Wang Qiu'er was related to Wang Dong'er by blood.

However, their soul power fusion was nothing of the sort. The first thing that fused when their soul power touched wasn't the soul power itself, it was the spiritual power contained within their respective soul powers! Their spiritual power was fused to such an extent that Huo Yuhao felt as if he was Wang Qiu'er, and Wang Qiu'er was him in that instant.

Spiritual power guided Huo Yuhao's soul power to fuse with Wang Qiu'er's soul power as he had that momentary befuddlement, and they completed a process that should have taken a much longer time to finish.

Huo Yuhao was absolutely sure that his martial soul fusion with Wang Qiu'er was a hundred percent compatible. That instance of connection charged his entire body with strength.

A layer of golden dragon scales started to appear over Huo Yuhao's body after their martial souls' connection, very different from his martial soul fusion with Wang Dong'er. He could feel that his strength was climbing exponentially, and even his spiritual power felt the same way. Wang Qiu'er seemed to have fused with him completely.

Wang Qiu'er was a lot calmer in comparison to Huo Yuhao's astonishment. She gripped Huo Yuhao's hands tightly, and she raised her Golden Dragon Spear with her left hand, which shone with intense golden light and pierced straight toward Zhong Liren.

Zhong Liren was equally astounded as he saw their martial souls fuse, and his expression became a little more solemn than before.

He hadn't seen Huo Yuhao release his soul rings yet, but he could tell from his soul power undulations that Huo Yuhao was just a five-ringed Soul King, and Wang Qiu'er only had six rings.

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Their martial souls seemed powerful, but that was nothing compared to his eight-ringed self. This was especially so because Zhong Liren was an evil soul master, and had the strength to challenge even a normal Titled Douluo.

However, Zhong Liren began to feel that something was amiss from the moment their hands clasped together. Their auras were starting to rise exponentially, and the blinding golden light bursting from their bodies was tinged with faint dragon roars.

Wang Qiu'er's eyes had become entirely golden at this point. Huo Yuhao's Eye of Destiny was golden, but his own eyes had become dark blue in color, a hue that was filled with a chilling eeriness.

How could this aura belong to two people who only had five and six soul rings? Their soul power undulations were close to, or had already reached that of a seven-ringed Soul Sage!

Huo Yuhao quickly calmed down after his momentary shock. He was very experienced with martial soul fusion, and he swiftly analyzed their martial soul fusion's strengths and weaknesses.

Relative to his martial soul fusion with Wang Dong'er, their current fusion greatly amplified each other in terms of both strength and soul power, to the point where it exceeded his connection with Wang Dong'er through the Haodong power. However, he had no idea what kind of martial soul fusion skills he would create with Wang Qiu'er, but there could only be two. He was also positive that these martial soul fusion skills would absolutely be assault-based. He had four martial soul fusion skills with Wang Dong'er, and that was considered a lot more versatile.

Huo Yuhao analyzed the pros and cons, but he couldn't be sure. However, he was sure that his fusion with Wang Qiu'er wasn't that far off from his fusion with Wang Dong'er. This was an unexpected surprise, his confidence to survive this ordeal was greatly boosted with this martial soul fusion, as Zhong Liren had lost many beast souls during his previous battle!

Zhong Liren grunted coldly and raised his staff into the air as a horde of beast souls swarmed out in an instant, pouncing right towards Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er. His Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor vanished soundlessly into the air... or rather, it disappeared within the mass of beast souls.

Huo Yuhao raised his right hand, and a dark blue longsword appeared in his palms.

Unparalleled Chill, Empress' Sword!

Initially, he would have to adjust his soul power and wait for a while after he unleashed his Empress' Sword for a single strike, while this move consumed much of his soul power. However, his martial soul fusion with Wang Qiu'er allowed him to nearly solidify his Empress' Sword to the point where it was almost physically material.

Three beams of light erupted from Huo Yuhao's three eyes at the same time. His Light of Destiny felt as if it was going to absorb all light around it, and his purplish-golden Spiritual Shock struck Zhong Liren at almost the same time.

Zhong Liren had already been wary of the vertical eye on Huo Yuhao's head, hence he had been preparing to defend himself against it this entire time.

His body transformed into gray mist as these three beams appeared, as he released his martial soul true body yet again.

However, he didn't understand Huo Yuhao's abilities at all.

His transformation into mist could weaken normal attacks against him greatly, but Huo Yuhao's three beams of light weren't normal attacks at all.

Zhong Liren's mist was formidable, but it defended against physical attacks in the end, and could partially protect him against soul power attacks at most. However, there was no way he could defend himself against spiritual attacks.

The Light of Destiny was the first to reach him, and it instantly tainted his gray mist golden. His martial soul true body froze in an instant. He didn't feel like he was hit at all, but an intense insecurity and uneasiness surfaced in his heart.

The two streaks of Spiritual Shock came immediately afterwards.

Huo Yuhao's spiritual power was his strongest ability. His martial soul was fused with Wang Qiu'er's at this moment, and this spiritual power amplification caused his spiritual power to rise by yet another level. Those two purplish-golden beams of light were almost material.

Zhong Liren was momentarily dazed when he was struck by the Light of Destiny, and his descent into bad fortune immediately took effect. He felt as if two tremendous hammers had crashed against the deepest parts of his spirit while he was in his weakest state. He released a stifled grunt, and was directly knocked out of his martial soul true body form. He changed back into human form and plummeted onto the ground as his mind became temporarily empty and blank.

Zhong Liren's spirit had sustained an acute shock, and this meant his control over his beast souls was hindered. The beast souls lunging towards Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er became disorganized and chaotic.

Huo Yuhao was clear that this was a fight to the death, so he didn't hold back at all. The vertical eye on his forehead flickered with brilliant light before the light receded.

The beast souls that were in front of them interacted with this light when it appeared, and every single one was dispelled. The aura was so brilliant that everything else around it dimmed for a moment.

It was a spectacular sight. Intense golden lights were surrounded and orbited by specks of purple-colored starlight, and only flashed once before Zhong Liren howled agonizingly. He was an eight-ringed Soul Douluo, and he had already suffered a shock before this; he arched his head backwards and placed his hands on his skull in pain.

Yes, Huo Yuhao had connected a second Spiritual Shock to his first one. However, this was different from the first, as his second strike came from his Eye of Destiny.

He was amplified by his martial soul fusion with Wang Qiu'er, and Huo Yuhao had explosively unleashed his overloaded spiritual power. The Eye of Destiny closed by itself after this hit, while Huo Yuhao's face turned ghastly pale.

He had used Spiritual Shock two times in a row and at such intensity, it caused an acute negative backlash to his spiritual sea.

However, reality proved that his method was effective. Zhong Liren took the second hit from Spiritual Shock, and he could no longer control his beast souls. The swarming beast souls immediately became disorganized and aimless as they scattered in all directions, alleviating much of the pressure on Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er.

Wang Qiu'er's Golden Dragon Spear swung out and glowed with endless golden light as every single beast soul was forced back. Her Golden Dragon Spear released a spear light that was almost a meter long because of the martial soul fusion, and there was a feeling like she represented a force of justice so strong that no unholy beings dared to come near. The Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor ambushed her from the darkness, but even it was repelled, and the two of them only took several steps back this time.

Huo Yuhao unleashed his Empress' Sword. He supported Wang Qiu'er's efforts with streak after streak of sword light, and he began to chant a curse that was impossible to discern before peculiar spiritual undulations began to ripple from his body.

Wang Qiu'er continued slashing around with her Golden Dragon Spear as she turned around towards him. Her eyes were filled with astonishment – she could clearly feel that Huo Yuhao's spiritual undulations were extremely sinister, and so strong that they seemed to resonate with her very soul.

The dark blue light receded, and Huo Yuhao's Empress' Sword vanished at the same time, while his eyes were replaced with a dash of gray. It was a color filled with barrenness and emptiness, but this grayness only flashed once and disappeared before his eyes sparkled and turned white. This was a hue that was charged with a saintly aura, and his incantations became hastier and more hurried. The beast souls that were already disorganized in the sky gradually slowed down as they heard this chant, and every single one turned their eyes toward him.

The beast souls' eyes no longer seemed hysterical or violent. Instead, their eyes were filled with an indescribable delight, and this included even that Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor, which slowed down and no longer attacked. It was different from the other beast souls, as the Leopard Emperor still retained some of its original willpower, and its eyes sparkled with uncertainty and doubt.

Wang Qiu'er didn't know what Huo Yuhao was doing, but he could tell that this was advantageous for them. Right at this moment, Zhong Liren recovered on the other side.

Two Spiritual Shocks, one after another, and the bad luck that plagued his body affected him severely, and blood was pouring from his eyes, nose, mouth, and ears. Wounds on a spiritual level were much more frightening than physical wounds, and Zhong Liren had never expected a youngster like Huo Yuhao to possess such incredible power. He had been wary and vigilant, but he was still struck anyway.

He had recovered by now, and he immediately felt something was wrong. He glanced at Huo Yuhao while his body glowed with a grey layer of light. This was a type of spiritual protection barrier, and it was typically used when capturing beast souls to prevent a backlash, but he still activated it at this moment.

Zhong Liren's eyes met Huo Yuhao's white eyes, and he suddenly felt his spirit quiver as an intensely ominous feeling rose from his heart.



“Shit.” He immediately raised the staff the in his hands subconsciously, and relied on his powerful senses to withdraw all the beast souls that he had released as fast as he could.

Perhaps he was affected by bad luck, but he was just that one instant too slow.

A circle of pure white light rippled from Huo Yuhao’s head. A strange chittering could be heard from the beast souls wherever this light reached.

This white radiance brushed past their bodies, but it didn’t harm them at all. These beast souls were originally blood-colored, but they quickly turned white before they turned pale and dissipated into the air.

Huo Yuhao’s face was paper pale at this point. He stumbled backwards, and would have crumbled to the ground if Wang Qiu’er hadn’t been holding onto him.

The only beast soul that wasn’t purified from the white light was Zhong Liren’s origin beast soul, the Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor.

However, the Ghostshadow Leopard Emperor began to exude large amounts of brown mist as the white light shone upon it, and it howled painfully as it was drawn back into Zhong Liren’s staff.

Zhong Liren howled agonizingly as well, and vomited a huge pool of blood. There was only fear in his eyes as he stared at Huo Yuhao, as if he were staring at the devil.

#### [Chapter 236.2: Martial Soul Fusion, Dragon Cry of Destiny](#)

“You... you’re also an evil soul master! How is that possible? How can you purify the power of spirits? Who are you? Are you the Holy Son?”

Huo Yuhao was in such a feeble state that he couldn’t really talk anymore. What he had unleashed was the Light of Purification that he had inherited from Electrolux’s Necromancy.

The previous two strikes were meant to give him time, and the Light of Destiny was to curse the opponent with bad fortune... which was also equivalent to bestowing good fortune upon himself.

If the beasts had been under Zhong Liren’s control, his Light of Destiny probably wouldn’t have worked. In the end, the gap in their cultivations was still huge, and Huo Yuhao definitely didn’t have an advantage even in terms of spiritual power.

He had succeeded, relying on the fact that his opponent didn’t really understand his abilities, and exerting himself far beyond his usual standards. He had relied on his boosted spiritual power from the fusion with Wang Qiu’er to forcibly cleanse the great majority of Zhong Liren’s beast souls.

There had been multiple ten-thousand year beast souls among that group. If he hadn’t been successful, there would have been no way he or Wang Qiu’er could defend themselves against frightening attacks from so many beast souls.

The Light of Destiny’s judgement had aided him yet again. Zhong Liren was completely rooted to the spot in fright at this moment.

“I’m not an evil soul master. I’ve been sent by the heavens to take care of evil soul masters like you.”  
Huo Yuhao forcibly stabilized himself, and tried his best to keep his balance with the spiritual power that Wang Qiu’er was sending over. He couldn’t display any weakness at this point.

Wang Qiu’er raised the Golden Dragon Spear high into the air; the spearhead burst with golden light and her six soul rings sparkled alternately.

The identical golden light on both their bodies suddenly became intense, and she turned sideways and leaned into Huo Yuhao’s embrace.

A miraculous scene happened. Peculiar lights began to contort the moment their bodies were plastered together, and everything within a hundred meters around them became golden in color, while an enormous golden vertical eye hovered in midair. Huo Yuhao’s body seemed to disintegrate into a million golden beams that swept onto Wang Qiu’er’s body. Every single beam would leave a brilliant and colorful streak on Wang Qiu’er’s body, while a suit of armor gradually appeared on Wang Qiu’er’s body wherever they passed.

The chest plate appeared first. Radiant ice crystal patterns shimmered on the chest plate, and began to extend all around her. What was even more peculiar was that a vertical eye actually emerged on Wang Qiu’er’s forehead: it was the Eye of Destiny, identical to the one that belonged to Huo Yuhao. The eye sparkled with golden light, and one could tell upon closer inspection that the golden vertical eye’s lights belonged to Huo Yuhao.

The golden armor with ice crystal patterns swiftly covered Wang Qiu’er’s entire body, and her aura climbed exponentially. Bright dragon roars could be heard continuously as a projection of a golden dragon began circling around her body. The Ice Jade Empress Scorpion was imprinted on her back, and this picture was identical to the tattoo that usually appeared on Huo Yuhao’s body, where the scorpion’s tail reached her hip.

Wang Qiu’er was like a war goddess as she stood there clad in armor. She pointed her Golden Dragon Spear forward, and the tremendous golden vertical eye in the sky descended as a beam of golden light. Wang Qiu’er’s body grew larger by about thirty percent under the golden light’s radiance, while the golden dragon orbiting her immediately became almost material. Wang Qiu’er tapped on the ground with her foot as dragon roars rang out, and she left a series of afterimages behind as she rushed Zhong Liren.

Her Golden Dragon Spear stabbed out in the middle of a deafening dragon’s roar. The golden radiance suddenly withdrew as she lashed out, and the Golden Dragon Spear’s tip became an elegant and transparent rose-gold color as space split like two lines of water as the spear tore through the air, arriving before Zhong Liren in the blink of an eye.

There was only one thought in Zhong Liren’s head at this moment, after he had suffered great losses and the psychological impact of the Light of Purification: these two youngsters were here to ruin everything that he had!

The Light of Purification was like a calamity to him. Furthermore, he was still plagued with the Light of Destiny that had brought him great misfortune. Then there was this martial soul fusion skill that looked as formidable as a king! All this came together to fill Zhong Liren’s heart with fear. Even evil soul masters

feared death. He had lost so many beast souls in this ordeal, and his strength had been massively reduced.

He didn't dare to meet Wang Qiu'er with force anymore. Zhong Liren transformed into a ball of mist in a flash, and he bolted into the distance at lightning speed as he released his martial soul true body. He was admittedly incredibly quick in this mist form.

The spear's rose-gold light gradually receded, and the armor on Wang Qiu'er's body slowly broke down and reverted into flowing streaks of light. The space around her began to contort as these streaks transformed back into Huo Yuhao once more.

Huo Yuhao trembled when he reappeared, and began to fall. Wang Qiu'er hurriedly went to support him and whispered, "How are you feeling?"

Zhong Liren had been frightened away, but the truth was that Huo Yuhao was now extremely weak, and had overdrafted his spirit and soul power. He had practically raced against time with his three strikes of Spiritual Shock. To him, spiritual power consumption wasn't a problem, but the problem was how quickly he used it in succession. Three continuous instances drew too much from his spiritual sea, to the point where a crack seemed like it was going to appear, and Huo Yuhao's own spirit had sustained a powerful impact.

He had greatly amplified Wang Qiu'er's abilities when he transformed into that armor, and there was no doubt that this was a martial soul fusion skill that they had yet to give a name to. However, could they face off against an eight-ringed Soul Douluo with just that martial soul fusion skill?

The answer was no. Huo Yuhao was too weak at this point, and their martial soul fusion skill's amplification wasn't as powerful as it looked on the outside. Wang Qiu'er contributed most of it. Furthermore, they realized that their soul power was consumed at an alarming rate when they unleashed this martial soul fusion skill. That single transformation and strike had consumed roughly thirty percent of their soul power!

This meant that they could only use this martial soul fusion skill three times, and they would revert to normal after three strikes. Zhong Liren didn't have his beast souls to assist him, but he could probably take three hits with his cultivation.

Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er had astonished him too much, and his underestimation from the start became overestimation in the end, and he let this opportunity to kill them slip away.

"I'm alright. Let's get out of here," Huo Yuhao spoke softly as he closed his eyes. He didn't know if Zhong Liren would suddenly think it through and make his way back here, so leaving this place was something they absolutely had to do.

"Okay." Wang Qiu'er acknowledged. She carried Huo Yuhao and lengthened her stride as she sped in a certain direction. What made Huo Yuhao angsty was that he was a man, but Wang Qiu'er was carrying him on her shoulders. This girl was just too strong, to the point where he felt as light as a feather. The ride wasn't that turbulent, and Huo Yuhao was gradually recovering, but he still didn't feel so good inside.

He tried his best to stabilize his spiritual sea. His spirit had been wounded to a certain degree, and he would need about half a month to return to normal.

Zhong Liren is gone. I wonder how Wang Dong'er and the others are doing? Huo Yuhao closed his eyes and tried to picture Wang Dong'er. Wang Qiu'er's image suddenly surfaced from the deepest parts of his mind.

Their martial soul fusion was the most substantial reason why they managed to scare Zhong Liren away before. Without their martial soul fusion and without Wang Qiu'er's support and amplification, Huo Yuhao wouldn't have received such an intense negative backlash, while his two Spiritual Shocks wouldn't have been so powerful. The final move that made Zhong Liren turn tail and run was their martial soul fusion skill.

How can my martial soul fuse with hers? Even though this fusion is different from my fusion with Dong'er, she's still a little too similar to Dong'er. They look so alike, and they can both fuse their martial souls with mine.

Huo Yuhao had never heard of a soul master who was able to undergo martial soul fusion with two other soul masters at the same time from all his lessons at Shrek Academy. There was no question that he had invented something new once again.

Thoughts were spinning in Huo Yuhao's head, and Wang Qiu'er felt the same way. She had always believed that she was the strongest amongst all the students in Shrek Academy that were around her level, and she included all the students from the inner courtyard who had less than seven rings in this analysis.

However, Huo Yuhao had executed three Spiritual Shocks in a row, and triggered the Halo of Purification with an incantation. Her mentality had changed a little because of these things.

Would I be able to take those three Spiritual Shocks if I were Zhong Liren? Wang Qiu'er didn't know the answer to that. However, she realized that Huo Yuhao was far more powerful than she had thought. He was still a distance away from her in terms of soul power, and only had five soul rings, but despite all that, his overall abilities weren't weak at all.

Wang Qiu'er hadn't forgotten about those three stationary soul cannon shells, and she had personally witnessed the immense power that two of those shells possessed. At least, she understood that while she had mighty offensive capabilities, there was no way she could launch an attack at that degree of strength.

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Wang Qiu'er ran five kilometers in one go. They encountered some soul beasts along the way, but these soul beasts didn't attack them, scampering away to avoid the two of them. Perhaps they were frightened away by Wang Qiu'er's intimidating aura...

"Alright, let's take a break. Put me down." Huo Yuhao had recovered some of his spiritual power, and the intense headache had receded.

Wang Qiu'er put him down as she grabbed her Golden Dragon Spear and surveyed her surroundings with razor-sharp eyes to make sure that this location was safe.

Huo Yuhao laid down on the ground and exhaled deeply. It didn't feel so good to be carried on someone's shoulders, after all.

"Wang Qiu'er, can you still find the way back? We have to rendezvous with our companions. The company will be in trouble if the three brothers decide to gang up on them."

### [Chapter 236.3: Martial Soul Fusion, Dragon Cry of Destiny](#)

Wang Qiu'er turned and glanced at him as she said, "It doesn't make a difference even if we meet up with the others in your current state. You should try to recover first. Plus, I can't remember the way back, so we can only find our way slowly."

Huo Yuhao naturally knew that her words made a lot of sense, and nodded while sitting down cross-legged and beginning to replenish his soul power.

Wang Qiu'er stood by his side and protected him.

Huo Yuhao hadn't consumed that much soul power, so it didn't take long for him to recover. However, his spiritual wound had to be nurtured slowly. Huo Yuhao managed to completely stabilize his spiritual sea and regain all his soul power, and he leapt to his feet at once.

"Do you need to rest?" he asked Wang Qiu'er.

Wang Qiu'er shook her head.

Huo Yuhao said, "Let's go, then. Let's get back to the others as fast as we can." He immediately began racing in the direction that they came from as he spoke.

Wang Qiu'er caught up to him quickly.

"Huo Yuhao, are you in such a hurry to return to the others because of the company, or because of her?" Wang Qiu'er suddenly asked as they ran.

Huo Yuhao naturally knew which "her" she was referring to, and he shot an astonished glance at Wang Qiu'er. This question totally didn't conform with her typical style!

"A little bit of both. I want to get back for the company, and also for Dong'er. These two things aren't mutually exclusive," Huo Yuhao answered.

Wang Qiu'er pursued the issue and said, "The main reason is still her, right?"

Huo Yuhao frowned and said, "Why do you ask?"

Wang Qiu'er changed tack and said, "Let's give it a name."

Huo Yuhao wasn't used to her style of suddenly changing topics, and was momentarily at a loss as he said, "Give what a name?"

Wang Qiu'er said, "Let's give our martial soul fusion skill a name."

Huo Yuhao finally realized what she was referring to and said, "Ah, yes. We should give it a name. I didn't expect the two of us to have a martial soul fusion skill, and our martial souls fused after the first time our soul powers came into contact. That's unimaginable."

Wang Qiu'er replied coldly, "What's so unimaginable about that? Are you telling me that only you and her can have martial soul fusion skills?"

Huo Yuhao was a little speechless as he said, "And yet you tell me that Dong'er feels hostile toward you; aren't you the same toward her? I really don't understand. The two of you look so similar, but you guys aren't more intimate because of that. Instead, the two of you start antagonizing each other. You girls, what are you thinking about?"

Wang Qiu'er's eyes became a little more tender as she gazed into the distance and said, "You will understand one day."

Huo Yuhao shook his head in exasperation. The two of them quieted down and continued on their way.

After a few minutes, Huo Yuhao said, "Our martial soul fusion skill can be called the Dragon Roar of Destiny, how about that? I originally thought that my twin martial souls would create two martial soul fusion skills with you, but I didn't expect all three martial souls to fuse together. I can feel that our fusion skill is more powerful than any one of my four fusion skills with Dong'er. However, just one instance consumes too much soul power, and Zhong Liren escaped too quickly, so we didn't get to test its true strength."

Wang Qiu'er muttered the name that Huo Yuhao had suggested over and over again. "Dragon Roar of Destiny, Dragon Roar of Destiny... Can it be that this is my destiny? I didn't think..."

She finally paused when she said those words, as if she realized she had said something she wasn't supposed to say.

"You didn't think about what?" Huo Yuhao continued asking.

Wang Qiu'er shook her head and said, "Nothing. Let's just call it the Dragon Roar of Destiny. The reason why we consume so much soul power is because every strike after our fusion carries a peculiar power, and I'm willing to call that judgment Destiny's Judgment. The effects will be extremely terrifying if someone is struck by Destiny's Judgement. That evil soul master has eight soul rings, but I know that we would probably have taken half his life away if I had managed to stab him."

Huo Yuhao asked suspiciously, "Destiny's Judgment? That may be the effect that my Eye of Destiny carries. But how different is it when it's used along with your attacks?"

Wang Qiu'er said plainly, "I can feel it. That power of judgement is awakened by the Dragon Roar of Destiny, and its effects will remain on the target for eternity if it strikes someone. Furthermore, it can only be misfortune."

"That..." Huo Yuhao drew a cold breath.

Misfortune for the rest of one's life... no wonder Wang Qiu'er thinks that Destiny's Judgement is exceedingly formidable when used with her Golden Dragon Spear! Having to live with terribly bad luck for the rest of one's life is more painful than death! If Zhong Liren hadn't run away fast enough, he would probably have been the first person to have a taste of a lifetime of misfortune!

Wang Qiu'er said, "The truth is that I don't think we only have one martial soul fusion skill. The Dragon Roar of Destiny can work in reverse. If you have enough spiritual power, you can become the main

attacking strength. That way, I will transform into armor on your body, and I will amplify all your abilities while passing some of my own to you. I believe your attacks would also contain Destiny's Judgment."

Huo Yuhao stared at her with a strange look and said, "How do you know all this? We have never experimented before!"

Wang Qiu'er glanced at him, but there was a tinge of doubt in her eyes. "You also possess an Ultimate martial soul. Do you not know about Ultimate innate skills?"

Huo Yuhao was momentarily stunned. "Ultimate innate skills? What's that?"

Wang Qiu'er seemed like she had a revelation as she said, "I understand now. Your Ultimate innate skill is the extreme cold from your ice element. It seems like your martial soul is still slightly inferior to mine. We who possess Ultimate martial souls will normally have innate skills like soul beasts sometimes do. Your Ultimate innate skill must be the pure and extreme cold. Or, you haven't unlocked it yet."

Huo Yuhao was even more confused. "Your ability to immediately understand the profundities of our martial soul fusion is related to your Ultimate innate skill?"

Wang Qiu'er nodded and said, "I have three innate skills: Golden Dragon's Pride, Golden Dragon's Perception, and the..." She stopped talking, and didn't reveal her last innate skill.

"With Golden Dragon's Perception, I possess an almost three-dimensional perception. It's a little bit difficult to understand when I talk about it, but simply put, it just means that I can perceive some things that you're unable to see, and I will develop a deep understanding of the things that I perceive.

"You've already seen what the Golden Dragon's Pride is and what it does. It relies on the energies of the Golden Dragon's lineage, and I am able to temporarily control a single soul beast when I'm using Golden Dragon's Pride. I can maintain it for a certain period of time as long as I don't attack it."

Huo Yuhao was astonished. "Even a soul beast at the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's level can be controlled through Golden Dragon's Pride?"

Wang Qiu'er nodded and said, "I know you would doubt me if I didn't explain this to you. Please keep my secret."

"Alright." Huo Yuhao immediately agreed. He had a lot of secrets himself, and Wang Qiu'er telling him about it meant she had decided to trust him. Their relationship had clearly become a lot more intimate after this battle. It wasn't just because the strange martial soul fusion between them had occurred. More importantly, Huo Yuhao had reached out to save her, and that melted the iciness in her heart, so they could become even closer.

Their intimacy was developing purely as friends, and there wasn't anything else.

They both had exceptional memories. Huo Yuhao had Spiritual Detection, while Wang Qiu'er had her Golden Dragon's Perception. As they darted through the forest, they actually managed to follow their original path as they gradually came back to where they had last clashed with the three brothers.

"Wait." Huo Yuhao called out to Wang Qiu'er, and paused in his tracks.

Wang Qiu'er stopped when she heard his voice, and gave him an inquiring look.

“Help me use Spiritual Detection to search for them. I have a feeling we are very close.” He grabbed Wang Qiu’er naturally as he spoke, as if he were grabbing Wang Dong’er’s hands on a normal day.

They had already done this not too long ago. However, Huo Yuhao felt his heart skip a beat when he clasped Wang Qiu’er’s hands once more. He turned towards Wang Qiu’er subconsciously and realized that she was staring right back at him.

Wang Qiu’er and Wang Dong’er’s looked almost identical, but there were many things about them that were vastly different. For example, their hands were very distinct.

They both had slim and tender hands, but Wang Dong’er’s hands were always so cold and icy, and she gave him a feeling as if he had to take care of her. Wang Qiu’er’s hands were warm, possibly even warmer than Huo Yuhao’s own hands, and he felt as if he were holding onto a gentle oven and being warmed up.

Huo Yuhao found it hard to imagine that these warm, tender, and petite hands could possess such frightening explosive power, and this feeling intensified the more he held on to her.

They had held hands before, when they were fighting Zhong Liren. However, they had been facing a powerful enemy, and they didn’t have time to think about all this; all they thought about was how to give everything they had to defeat their adversary. At this moment, Huo Yuhao only wanted to borrow Wang Qiu’er’s strength to boost his Spiritual Detection’s strength, but there was an indescribable feeling that rose from his heart when they actually held hands once more.

Huo Yuhao almost let go of her hand subconsciously. He already had Dong’er, so how could he lead other girls on? Even though he was true to his conscience, he didn’t want other girls to misunderstand. Perhaps he was just thinking too much, but he wanted to prevent anything that could affect his relationship with Dong’er.

However, just when he wanted to let go, Wang Qiu’er grabbed his hand tighter and infused her fearsome Golden Dragon’s soul power into his body. Their soul power immediately fused, and Huo Yuhao’s abilities were instantly amplified.

“Don’t think so much. Let’s find them as soon as possible,” Wang Qiu’er muttered coldly, as if she could see into Huo Yuhao’s inner thoughts.

Huo Yuhao felt a blush come over his face. Perhaps he really was thinking too much...

### [Chapter 237.1: Three-way Fusion Skill of the Three Wolf-apes](#)

The Eye of Destiny opened again, and Huo Yuhao activated his Spiritual Detection once again.

With Wang Qiu’er’s help, his spiritual powers were greatly enhanced. During the process of detection his senses continued to extend three kilometers past his previous limit.

Huo Yuhao’s body turned slowly, and his vertical eye shone with golden light. The light illuminated everything.

He didn’t harbor any hopes of finding his companions directly. However, obtaining clues would make it easier for him to track them down.



Very soon, Huo Yuhao's gaze fixed in a certain direction.

"Let's go." Huo Yuhao lifted his feet and dragged Wang Qiu'er along with him.

Wang Qiu'er had no intention of letting go of his hand. When their martial souls fused together, their speed greatly increased.

Huo Yuhao continued to use his Spiritual Detection to search for clues, and finally found the place that they originally fought at.

The female bear's corpse had disappeared, but there were still large patches of bloodstains and marks on the ground. When they followed the trail back to the place where they had been separated from the rest, they didn't find the Shrek team there.

Wang Qiu'er furrowed her brow and said, "What do we do now? We don't know where they've gone, and the forest is so huge. Why don't we find a suitable soul beast for you first? With our strength, we should be able to handle things."

Huo Yuhao shook his head. His eyes were filled with golden light, as if he was searching for something. Very soon, his gaze fixed on a large tree not far away. He walked quickly up to the tree and squatted down to take a closer look at it.

Wang Qiu'er had just joined Shrek Academy, and hadn't been influenced by Shrek Academy's culture yet. Huo Yuhao was different. He had been in the academy for a long time, and even gone through the Ultimate Soldier Plan! He naturally recognized some of Shrek Academy's specific markings.

After heaving a sigh of relief, Huo Yuhao stood straight and said, "They're alright. The three brothers should have left. This marking was left by eldest senior sister, which indicates that they're safe. They went in that direction to find us." As he spoke, he pointed ahead.

Wang Qiu'er nodded and didn't say anything more.

The two of them continued on their way. On the way, Huo Yuhao used his Spiritual Detection to look for more markings left behind by Zhang Lexuan. His luck was pretty good, as he kept finding them.

At this point, the sun was already high in the sky, it had just hit noon.

Huo Yuhao didn't borrow Wang Qiu'er's strength anymore, and thus he no longer held her hand. The two of them didn't speak to each other along the way, and barely had any interaction. Huo Yuhao walked in front, while Wang Qiu'er followed silently behind him. Everything seemed very simple and calm.

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At this point, they were slowly venturing deep into the Hybrid Region. Huo Yuhao didn't move quickly. Whenever he discovered a strong soul beast, he would wait cautiously. He tried his best to avoid fighting.

Wang Qiu'er followed behind him, concealing her surprise. Zhang Lexuan had led the team earlier, and thus Huo Yuhao hadn't had a chance to lead. However, only the two of them were left now. He

demonstrated his rich wealth of experience and composure by exploiting the terrain, using his Spiritual Detection well, and demonstrating his familiarity with the habits of various types of soul beasts.

They rarely fought along the way. Most of the time, he avoided the aggressive soul beasts using his Spiritual Detection. Although it was also slightly related to the fact that there were only the two of them, it was mostly because of Huo Yuhao's control.

"Let's rest for awhile before eating." After walking for almost four hours, it was already close to evening. Apart from fighting, the two of them were rushing to locate the rest of the team the whole day. They were naturally fatigued, so Huo Yuhao suggested they rest for a while.

Wang Qiu'er shot him a look and said, "I thought you were a machine who doesn't know what being tired is."

Huo Yuhao was a little apologetic as he replied, "I'm sorry. I'm just anxious to find the rest in case they're worried about us."

Wang Qiu'er found a spot on higher ground for them to rest at. Huo Yuhao took out some dry rations and water for her from his storage-type soul tool.

Wang Qiu'er took the baked bun from him and heated it up with her palm before returning it to him. After that, she also started to eat.

This was her second time eating his food. This time, she didn't waste any of it. Although she didn't eat quickly, she still managed to consume two baked buns.

Huo Yuhao ate four of them. Since he was still growing, he naturally ate more.

After drinking some water, Huo Yuhao said, "Wait for me here. I'll be back soon." He didn't tell Wang Qiu'er where he was going, and ran into the forest.

She was slightly stunned, and was in a daze as she watched him leave. She placed her spear on her legs and caressed its haft softly. Her eyes flashed with light as she was lost in thought.

Is he going to return? For some reason, she thought of this even though she shouldn't need to. She didn't even know why she was doing this. However, she was afraid when she imagined that Huo Yuhao might not return.

Fear was an emotion that had never appeared in her heart before!

Fortunately, this fear didn't last for long. Huo Yuhao returned after a while, and he seemed to be carrying something in his clothes.

"Come, eat this." Huo Yuhao squatted down in front of Wang Qiu'er. He took out a bunch of purple fruit.

The fruit looked extremely plump, and each was the size of a kid's fist. The juices from the fruit seeped from their skins. Even though it was evening and the sunlight was getting dim, the juices could still be seen glistening on them.

Seeing that Wang Qiu'er was in a daze, Huo Yuhao asked, "We can't always eat dry rations. This type of purple fruit tastes pretty nice. They taste sweet and sour, and are also quite nutritious. I discovered them when I used my Spiritual Detection earlier."

Wang Qiu'er seemed to only recover from her daze at this moment. She took one of the fruits and bit into it. She tasted a very strong sourness when she took the first bite. She felt that her teeth were going to fall off, and groaned slightly. She shot Huo Yuhao a protesting look as she lifted her head.

Huo Yuhao continued to smile as he looked at her. There was a look of eagerness in his eyes.

Indeed, her look disappeared in a moment. The taste of this purple fruit was very weird. It was very sour as it first entered one's mouth, but this sour taste soon disappeared. What replaced it was a refreshingly sweet taste. As the juices entered one's stomach, the refreshing feeling helped wash away one's fatigue.

Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "The teacher who taught us about nutrition told us that the taste of this purple fruit is like life, there's always a sour and sweet part to it. How is it? It's pretty good, right?"

Wang Qiu'er glared at him and answered, "I'm actually a carnivore. As long as there's meat, I'm okay." Although she said this, he reached out both her hands to grab two more fruits from Huo Yuhao's sleeves. She took half of what he had plucked.

Huo Yuhao smiled but didn't mock her. He sat to one side and started to eat. He left some at the end before wrapping it up.

"For her?" Wang Qiu'er asked.

"Yes. Dong'er hasn't had these purple fruits before. It's a pity that these were the only ones that were ripe. Otherwise, we could share them with everyone." Huo Yuhao answered. How could he forget Wang Dong'er as he tasted such a delicacy?

At this point, a streak of golden light suddenly flashed. A sudden threat surfaced. Huo Yuhao moved his body subconsciously.

He heard a puffing sound, and the handkerchief used to wrap the fruits was torn open by the streak of golden light. After that, the bag of fruits burst open as the golden light scattered, and the fruits were turned into juice before scattering on the ground.

"What are you doing?" Huo Yuhao was furious as he looked at Wang Qiu'er.

She lifted her head and said arrogantly, "I won't allow you to share what I've eaten with the rest."

"You... you're crazy." Huo Yuhao clenched his fist. As he looked at the juice on the ground, he had the impulse to fight her.

Wang Qiu'er said proudly, "If you're unconvinced, you can try. However, you won't get the fruits back even if you beat me."

Huo Yuhao took in a deep breath and glared at her. After a while, he said, "When we return to the academy, I'll challenge you."

After he finished speaking, he turned around and left. He stopped resting and continued on with the journey. Wang Qiu'er, who had gone through thick and thin with him earlier, actually did such an unreasonable thing. His impression of her dipped significantly. However, they were in the Great Star Dou Forest, and it wasn't the place for him to rage.

Wang Qiu'er revealed a slightly lonely look in her eyes as she watched Huo Yuhao's back. She clenched her lips as she glanced at the juice on the ground. She lifted her Golden Dragon Spear and chased after him.

After this confrontation, they spoke even less to each other. Huo Yuhao explored the way seriously in front, while Wang Qiu'er followed silently behind him.

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The sky was gradually getting darker.

The Great Star Dou Forest was much more dangerous at night. Many soul beasts would appear during the night, while to humans, nighttime was the time when they would feel tired.

#### [Chapter 237.2: Three-way Fusion Skill of the Three Wolf-apes](#)

From the markings left behind, they shouldn't be too far from the rest of the team. However, they couldn't verify this conjecture. Furthermore, Huo Yuhao had also discovered that the rest of the group hadn't ventured deeper into the Great Star Dou Forest, but were moving up and down within the Hybrid Region. Evidently, they were looking for him and Wang Qiu'er. In addition, their anxiety was evident from the markings they left behind as they searched for them. If they slowed down a little right now, Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er would be able to catch up to them.

"I'm tired!" As the sky gradually turned dark, Wang Qiu'er suddenly shouted from behind him.

Huo Yuhao turned to look at her.

After two more hours of rushing, he had finally calmed down. He walked back to Wang Qiu'er and said, "Then let's rest. The others should be looking for us. They should be resting as night falls. We can rest for two hours before moving off again. We must find them tonight. Otherwise, it'll be much more difficult to find them when they move off again tomorrow morning."

Wang Qiu'er nodded and said, "Okay."

The two of them sat down, and Huo Yuhao retrieved some dry rations for her.

Wang Qiu'er asked, "I damaged your fruits, but you're still giving me dry rations?"

Huo Yuhao stuffed the rations into her hands and replied, "We're not kids anymore. Don't throw a tantrum again."

Wang Qiu'er was stunned by his words. Even though she was older than him, she felt like she was being lectured by an elder brother at this point.

She couldn't help but clench her fists as she looked at Huo Yuhao's profile. She wanted to ask him what right he had to lecture her-! However, she couldn't spit the words out, and only heated up the dry rations quietly before giving him some.

Huo Yuhao said, "After you finish eating, carry on with your deep meditation. You've never really rested properly today. I can meditate after you recover."

As he spoke, he took the dry rations and walked to one side. His Spiritual Detection was still activated as he surveyed his surroundings for any potential threats.

Wang Qiu'er felt a little regretful as she consumed the dry rations. She regretted her impulsiveness, and could sense that her relationship with Huo Yuhao had grown more distant because of what she had done earlier.

There hadn't been any reason for it. She had just done what she wanted to do.

Her eyes were filled with a proud yet stubborn look. She even had the urge to throw the baked bun in her hand away before telling Huo Yuhao that she didn't need him to show her any mercy or lecture her.

However, she was reminded of his teary look when she lifted her right hand. He was crying as he recounted the story of his mother and the baked bun.

The pride in her eyes disappeared, and she stuffed the baked bun back into her mouth again. Her proud gaze slowly faded, and she seemed slightly lost.

"Be careful." At this point, Huo Yuhao's voice sounded. Following this, he shared his Spiritual Detection with her.

Wang Qiu'er's lost gaze focused once again. She lifted her Golden Dragon Spear as she jumped up.

She had also discovered the presence of a threat without Huo Yuhao's verbal warning. Three pitch-black wolf-type soul beasts were coming in their direction at an alarming speed.

These soul beasts were all more than five meters long, and around one and a half meters at the shoulder. They were the size of huge soul beasts such as tigers and lions! It was very rare for wolf-type soul beasts to be so huge.

"Mutants!" Huo Yuhao shouted. A white halo had already spread from his body. It was the halo of Enfeeblement.

The only reason why wolf-type soul beasts could be so huge was because they were mutants. They were even very strong mutants.

Mutant soul beasts were a very important research topic in the academy. They were like mutated martial souls. After the mutation, they could become stronger or weaker. These three wolf-type soul beasts were evidently some of the stronger ones.

Their cultivations couldn't even be clearly distinguished before they arrived in front of Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er.

Huo Yuhao's Mass Enfeeblement was unleashed appropriately as it engulfed these three huge wolves.

The three wolves weren't shocked by his Mass Enfeeblement. Rather, they seemed to have been provoked instead. A huge wolf at the front roared, and a layer of purple light started to rise from its burly body. It lifted its claws and stood just like that.

Huo Yuhao was frightened. That was because the wolf looked like a human as it stood in that way. Only its head resembled that of a wolf. The protruding muscles on its body were filled with explosive strength.

The unknown was scary. The three wolves discovered them just as Huo Yuhao sensed their presence through his Spiritual Detection. Huo Yuhao could clearly tell that they had found them by sniffing them out.

The other two wolves also stood up, resembling the first wolf.

"They are mutants between wolves and apes," Wang Qiu'er said calmly.

Huo Yuhao was enlightened – no wonder their physiology is so special. Undoubtedly, these three soul beasts must have come from the same mother. Otherwise, they wouldn't look so similar.

As he thought of this, Huo Yuhao suddenly realized something. The two Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear cubs were still frozen. Huo Yuhao had forgotten about them after his fight Zhong Liren, and he had since been focused on rendezvousing with the rest of his teammates.

However, it wasn't a good time to release them now.

These three wolf-apes didn't rush to attack them. They first circled around them slowly. Not only did they possess physically strong bodies, but their intelligence was also rather high.

This was also a very knotty situation for Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er. Such opponents were very difficult to deal with.

Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er stood back to back. They didn't stretch out their hands to fuse their martial souls. Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection engulfed the entire battlefield, and a layer of golden light also covered his entire body.

These three huge wolves were at least at the ten-thousand year level. They couldn't afford to be careless.

Suddenly, the wolf at the front moved, his body flashing slightly. Following this, a thick aura of darkness was released from its body. Purplish-black bubbles started to spread and approach Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er.

"A darkness-type soul skill!" Wang Qiu'er shouted. Seeing that the purplish-black bubbles spreading towards her and Huo Yuhao, she stomped her right foot on the ground, and a terrifying golden wave was unleashed.

In terms of strength, Wang Qiu'er's control was very strong. As she stomped, the immense quake avoided Huo Yuhao and didn't impact him at all.

Some purplish-black bubbles were destroyed by this quake, but they still continued to force their way forward.

Wang Qiu'er lifted her Golden Dragon Spear, and a sonorous dragon roar sounded. Her six soul rings - two yellow, two purple and two black - rose from her feet. Her first soul ring started to shine brightly, and a layer of thick golden light instantly covered every part of her body.

This was her first soul skill, the Golden Dragon Body.

Wang Qiu'er didn't say anything to Huo Yuhao as she stomped her foot before she burst forward. She targeted the wolf-ape standing at the front. Her spear carried a piercing whizzing sound as it struck towards the wolf-apes' eyes.

Just as she attacked, the other two wolf-apes also moved at the same time. They didn't try to aid their partner, but leapt towards Huo Yuhao. Evidently, they wanted to kill Huo Yuhao first by outnumbering him.

Huo Yuhao's eyes shone, and he leapt forward as he used his Ghost Shadow Perplexing Track, following Wang Qiu'er. In this direction, the bubbles that had spread all over had been dissipated by Wang Qiu'er's Golden Dragon soul power.

He turned in mid-air, and a layer of diamond ice crystals covered his body. It was the Ice Empress' Armor. His orange soul rings also rose from his feet.

A blade light that carried an ultimate chill flashed before disappearing. The light projection that was formed engulfed the wolf-apes that had burst over. Unparalleled Chill, Empress Sword!

This sword didn't move smoothly. When Huo Yuhao wielded it, his wrist jerked slightly. This caused the sword to move in a beautiful arc. The chilly aura of his Ultimate Ice struck the throats of the two wolf-apes. This slowed them down.

The three wolf-apes were very cunning. However, Huo Yuhao also had his own plan of attack.

After teaming up with Wang Qiu'er for a few fights, he had a deeper understanding and greater confidence in her. If she couldn't take care of the wolf-ape in a duel, then they had no chance in a two versus three fight. That was why Huo Yuhao's goal was very simple: stall these two wolf-apes in front of him and buy some time for Wang Qiu'er. While they shared a tense relationship, Huo Yuhao didn't dare to abandon her as they faced common enemies.

The two wolf-apes stopped in mid-air. They seemed to have developed the same feeling, that if they proceeded any further, their throats would be hit by the terrifying chill. Even though they hadn't been struck by it yet, they were already shivering.

However, a surprising situation occurred. As his Unparalleled Chill, Empress Sword stopped the two wolf-apes, they suddenly disappeared at the same time, the instant they stopped in front of his chilly sword light.

### [Chapter 237.3: Three-way Fusion Skill of the Three Wolf-apes](#)

Shit!, Huo Yuhao cursed in his heart. His Spiritual Detection could predict his opponent's moves, but he couldn't predict what their soul skills were. Both he and Wang Qiu'er didn't have a sufficient understanding of these three wolf-apes. He didn't expect these wolf-apes to be able to unleash a skill like Instant Teleportation.

Huo Yuhao didn't hesitate as he pressed his toes against the ground before flipping his body over in the air.

Indeed, the two wolf-apes didn't just avoid his Empress Sword with their Instant Teleportation. They even landed behind him and started to encircle Wang Qiu'er along with the other wolf-ape.

At this point, it was three wolf-apes against Wang Qiu'er!

Wang Qiu'er had stabbed the middle wolf-ape with her spear earlier, but it was too quick. It had retreated instantly, and widened its gap with the Golden Dragon Spear. At the same time, its body swayed, and two illusory doubles of it formed. This soul skill reminded Wang Qiu'er of Spectre Wolves. Undoubtedly, these few wolf-apes must have some kind of blood relation to Spectre Wolves.

The two spectres leapt forward and resisted Wang Qiu'er's attack. She kept on swinging her spear, creating countless streaks of spear light. Perhaps she had been holding in her anger after her falling out with Huo Yuhao, but right now, she vented all her anger. The two spectral wolves that leapt towards her were torn to pieces.

However, the other two wolf-apes that had teleported behind her and the wolf-ape in front of her all leapt at her at the same time. They all released an intense, purplish-black glow from their bodies.

They first unleashed purplish-black projections that were roughly the same size as them. Three projections rushed out at the same time and burst towards Wang Qiu'er.

Wang Qiu'er roared into the sky, and a golden dragon projection appeared. She started to combust like a small sun. It was her second soul skill, Dragon's Strength!

As her figure spun around, she stabbed her spear into the ground, and her fourth soul ring lit up. Her dragon roars were even more spirited. The head of the projection started to expand and swallowed Wang Qiu'er. Following this, a frightening explosion occurred.

Boom! Wang Qiu'er's fighting style was always so forceful. The tremendous explosion caused the three projections to be blown to pieces. Everything within a ten-meter radius was blown to pieces.

However, the three wolf-apes were too cunning. As the explosion happened, their bodies disappeared at the same time. They couldn't withstand the explosive force of Wang Qiu'er's fourth soul skill, the Golden Dragon's Explosion. When they appeared again, they were divided once again. This time, they were encircling Huo Yuhao!

The three wolf-apes combined into one entity, and purplish-black halos started to light up from their feet. The three purplish-black halos that lit up started to expand in size. When they combined together, Huo Yuhao was trapped.

Instantly, Huo Yuhao felt that he was restrained by an immense strength. He tried to activate his soul power, but it stiffened up. An indescribable, terrifying wave of pressure dragged him down from the air.

At this point, the three wolf-apes had almost turned a transparent purplish-black. A formidable, purplish-black fog started to rise. The intersecting halos shone brightly and trapped Huo Yuhao firmly within.

This wasn't good!



Was this the legendary three-way martial soul fusion skill?

There were two types of martial soul fusion skills. The first type was formed when many soul masters exhibited their compatible martial souls at the same time. While this kind of soul skill could be considered a martial soul fusion skill, they were enhanced only because the soul masters complemented one another. Real martial soul fusion skills were like Huo Yuhao with Wang Dong'er and Wang Qiu'er. Their martial souls fused within their bodies, generating huge strength and causing transformations. This kind of transformation usually only occurred with two people at one time.

Shrek Academy had a record of a three-way martial soul fusion skill. It was formed by the Golden Iron Triangle, which consisted of Liu Erlong, the Grandmaster and the Four-Eyed Eaglecat Flounders; Shrek Academy's founder. It was called the Golden Holy Dragon's Call.

That wasn't a Golden Dragon, but a Golden Holy Dragon, which was light-type. It was different from Wang Qiu'er, who was pure strength-type. It could be considered an enhancement of the Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon. The Grandmaster had been a descendant of the Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon. Due to their three-way martial soul fusion skill, they were called the Golden Iron Triangle.

However, there had been no further occurrences of a three-way martial soul fusion skills in Shrek Academy's history apart from the three of them. This showed how difficult it was for such an occurrence and to achieve compatibility.

At this moment, this legendary ability was used by these three soul beasts. Furthermore, they used this martial soul fusion skill very aptly and trapped Huo Yuhao, who was completely unprepared for this.

Right now, Huo Yuhao only felt that it was very difficult to breathe. The immense pressure completely suppressed his spiritual and soul power. Even the Eye of Destiny was suppressed until it couldn't open.

As the three of them combined into one entity, their powers increased exponentially! As a dark purplish radiance rose from the ground, Huo Yuhao felt that his body was about to dissolve.

Huo Yuhao wasn't the only shocked one. Wang Qiu'er was equally stunned. She was as unfamiliar with these three wolf-apes as he was. Seeing that Huo Yuhao was in danger, she didn't hesitate as she threw her Golden Dragon Spear out.

Amidst a piercing whizz, the spear carried the golden dragon projection and tore through space before landing on one wolf-ape's body.

However, that wolf-ape only glanced at Wang Qiu'er. There was a scornful look in its eyes. Yes, it was a scornful look!

Clang! The spear rebounded as if it had struck an indestructible wall. It didn't cause any harm to the wolf-ape, while the dark purplish radiance had already risen from the ground.

"No!" Wang Qiu'er shouted, and an unprecedented, intense golden light rose from her body. Her eyes turned blood-red as her sixth soul ring was activated. Golden Dragon's Bloodlust!

At this point, she was already shining like a small sun. No one could see her figure clearly anymore.

A ball of orange-gold light separated from Huo Yuhao's body. It was the Snow Lady.

She wore a solemn expression on her face. As her figure flashed, she appeared behind Huo Yuhao. She rapidly grew larger and larger, and regained the original look of the Snow Empress. As she pointed one hand into the sky and one hand to the ground, an orange-gold glow started to expand. Huo Yuhao's body was engulfed within it.

However, the Snow Lady's strength belonged to Huo Yuhao. She normally absorbed her strength from him. But there was an even greater strength suppressing him! Although she had given it her all already, it was only barely effective for Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao took a deep breath. He knew that it was impossible for him to retreat this time. However, he wasn't afraid at this point. With the Snow Lady's help, he had managed to suppress the rising dark-purplish radiance. He was also able to exhibit some of his abilities at this moment.

He first unleashed the Ice Empress' Armor. At this point, the Snow Empress' Three Ultimate Techniques couldn't be used, as the Snow Lady was giving her all to resist the three-way martial fusion soul skill. Huo Yuhao's Eye of Destiny opened. His damaged spiritual origin was mobilized.

His terrifying spiritual power started to combine with his soul power at a rapid rate. The aura of the Sovereign's Descent started to soar. He wanted to use his cultivation to resist the martial fusion soul skill with the Snow Empress' help. He believed that Wang Qiu'er wouldn't let these three wolf-apes off after they had used such a powerful skill if he could survive their attack.

Just as Huo Yuhao was determined to fight his way out of this, a golden projection suddenly appeared in front of him. Following this, this figure went into his arms. Their foreheads met, and he could smell her breath. A vigorous strength engulfed every part of his body.

The bright gold turned into thick scales that covered Huo Yuhao's chest and head first. Following this, they extended to every part of his body.

An indescribable, tremendous strength circulated through his entire body. The terrifying suppression from before seemed unable to stop him at this point.

Huo Yuhao was covered by a suit of golden armor. There was a huge image of a golden dragon head on his chest. His entire head was covered by a helmet, which also had the appearance of a dragon's head. The dragon scales engulfed his body perfectly, absolutely no skin was exposed.

Huo Yuhao roared as an unprecedented force filled him. The Snow Lady returned to his body immediately. Before Huo Yuhao could react, his new armor had already unleashed a layer of intense golden light as a defense. The suppressive force was resisted, and dragon roars didn't just echo in the outside world; they also sounded repeatedly in Huo Yuhao's head. He could clearly recall that he was looking at Wang Qiu'er's eyes with their foreheads touching when the dragon scales engulfed his body.

Her eyes weren't turquoise at that moment anymore, but a clear gold. It was the purest and most primitive type of gold that could illuminate the depths of everyone's heart.

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At this point, the three wolf-apes' martial soul fusion skill was completed. The dark-purplish radiance changed into a three-part beam of light that shot into the sky. Huo Yuhao's body was completely engulfed.

Instantly, Huo Yuhao felt as if the horrifying pressure that was suppressing his body was about to tear him apart. At this point, he finally understood. If Wang Qiu'er hadn't rushed here in time, he would still be suppressed even if he activated his Sovereign's Descent to its fullest and had the Snow Lady's help! These three wolf-apes were much stronger than he had expected. Their martial soul fusion skill was scary beyond his imagination!

The Golden Dragon Armor started to let out piercing, grinding sounds. It was extremely awful, but it sounded like Wang Qiu'er was struggling unyieldingly to him.

The dark-purplish world seemed to have been there for all eternity. The wolf-apes revealed vicious looks in their eyes. They had used this skill to kill many soul beasts and soul masters in the past. Even though their cultivations were only at ten thousand years, this three-way martial soul fusion skill was their strongest weapon. Along with their Instant Teleportation, they formed a team that couldn't be overcome!

The dark-purplish color faded from the wolf-apes' bodies. Just like Huo Yuhao had expected, their bodies entered a temporary state of weakness as they ended this martial soul fusion skill. They still had to be wary of Wang Qiu'er, and thus they were prepared to escape once they finished their martial soul fusion skill. However, Wang Qiu'er had used some method to get herself involved in their soul skill earlier. Soul beasts were soul beasts, after all. No matter how cunning they were, their intelligence wasn't as high as humans. They believed that their soul skill would be able to kill Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er, and they would have their corpses to feast on after that. While there wasn't much to go around, the taste of human corpses was still better than that of soul beasts. This was especially true if the corpses' soul power hadn't completely dissipated.

Just as the three wolf-apes were relaxing, one of them stiffened up suddenly and lowered its head. It was looking at its chest. Five sharp blades were stabbed inside it, exuding a dark-golden light. Following this, a sonorous dragon roar reverberated. The wolf-ape's body was blown apart, and there was a huge hole in its chest. It screamed pathetically, not expecting such a sudden change just as it was expecting to feast on human corpses.

The other two wolf-apes realized that things were going wrong. However, a bright-golden figure had already appeared in front of them just as the ground shook with a deep rumbling sound.

In the middle of the dragon's roar, two bright purple-gold lights shot out. They struck the wolf-apes' heads at the same time, and the two wolf-apes stood frozen in place.

Yes, it was Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er who burst out just before the three-way martial soul fusion skill was about to end. They exhibited their own martial soul fusion skill, the Dragon Roar of Destiny

Using Wang Qiu'er's Golden Dragon Armor, they managed to resist the strength of the three-way martial soul fusion skill.

At this point, the Golden Dragon Armor was already covered with rusty stains, and there were even cracks in many parts of it. Golden fluid seeped out from these cracks.

Huo Yuhao didn't just use his own abilities at this point; he also possessed the great strength of the Golden Dragon! His soul power had increased until it was equivalent to Rank 70.

This frightening strength greatly enhanced his speed, too! As he pointed his toes toward the ground, he moved and arrived in front of a wolf-ape who had been struck by his Spiritual Shock.

These three wolf-apes had defeated many opponents before now, but they finally slipped up today. They were in a weakened state, and thus were controlled before they could recover. It was destined to be a tragedy for them.

Huo Yuhao's right hand reached out for the wolf-ape and grabbed its chest hair before flinging it away towards the next wolf-ape.

While these three wolf-apes were soul beasts, they had grown up together since they were born. With their highly compatible three-way martial soul fusion skill, it was easy to tell how close they were to one another.

Seeing that its brother was flung towards it, it subconsciously lifted its claws to grab hold of him.

However, it saw the look in its brother's eyes that warned him to escape!

But it was too late. The conclusion was already decided as a frightening boom sounded. As the two wolf-apes collided, a deafening and earth-shaking explosion erupted.

The Snowless Glacier had long since killed the second wolf-ape, while the ultimate chill enabled it to be converted into the sacrificial offering of Huo Yuhao's Ice Explosion Technique. Huo Yuhao unleashed both the Snowless Glacier and Ice Explosion Technique amidst the Dragon Roar of Destiny, which led to such a shocking situation.

It proved that Huo Yuhao's abilities would stun the entire continent when he reached a seven-ringed cultivation. All of his soul skills would be enhanced as his cultivation increased.

After completing this last strike, Huo Yuhao's legs turned to jelly, and he couldn't help but fall to his knees. He was exhausted. Although the Golden Dragon Armor helped him resist much of the attack from the three-way martial soul fusion skill, his soul power was also depleted in the process. The last few bursts had completely exhausted his soul and spiritual power. Even the ability to judge of the Dragon Roar of Destiny wasn't activated before the three wolf-apes were killed.

Golden light dripped from Huo Yuhao's body like fluid and slowly took form, reforming into Wang Qiu'er.

All this while, Huo Yuhao had always seen a tough Wang Qiu'er. However, her appearance had changed at this moment. Her clothes were torn, and her face was pale. Fresh blood also flowed out from her nose, and her eyes looked very dull. Her body turned soft, and she fell into Huo Yuhao's arms.

"Qiu'er." Huo Yuhao called and quickly grabbed hold of her. At this moment, he was no longer as furious as he was before. Huo Yuhao believed that Wang Qiu'er would have been capable of killing the three wolf-apes if he suffered from the three-way martial soul fusion skill alone. However, he would have most likely perished.

At that point, Wang Qiu'er didn't choose her own safety but rushed to the core position of their martial soul fusion skill. Using the Dragon Roar of Destiny, she resisted the attack by turning into armor. She must have absorbed almost seventy percent of the attacks made by the wolf-apes' attack!

Huo Yuhao was touched by her actions. She had saved his life. He finally addressed her less formally at this point.

Wang Qiu'er struggled to open her eyes and muttered, "You saved me once. I'm returning that favor. I don't owe you anymore."

"You don't owe me anything, you don't owe me anything. Don't talk. Rest." As they were able to unleash their martial soul fusion skill together, Huo Yuhao could sense that Wang Qiu'er's life power was depleting quickly at this point. Her body was also exuding a weird, dim golden glow. There was a wound on her body that was bleeding heavily. If this continued, she would die from blood loss!

He had to adapt, and couldn't watch as she died. He took in a deep breath and said softly, "Qiu'er, I might violate you. However, your injuries are too serious, and I need to treat you now. Otherwise, your life will be in danger. Forgive me."

After he finished speaking, he bit the tip of his tongue. The intense, prickling pain jolted him awake. He placed Wang Qiu'er on the ground. As she exclaimed softly, he tore her clothes around her waist, where the largest wound was.

Wang Qiu'er's body was already stained red with blood. Her blood was a little weird. There was a little dim gold mixed with the fresh-red blood.

Seeing that the wound that was almost an inch deep and four inches long, Huo Yuhao sealed her blood vessels before retrieving the emergency kit that the academy prepared for all of its students. He took out a needle and started to stitch up her wound.

Wang Qiu'er was indeed very tough. It was even slightly difficult to prick the needle into her skin. This resistance meant it was easy to make mistakes. If he were an ordinary doctor, this might have been very challenging. Fortunately, Huo Yuhao was a soul engineer. With the help of his Spiritual Detection, he poured his soul power into the needle before pouring some of the strength of his Ultimate Ice into her wound. This reduced her blood loss and the pain that she felt.

As he stitched her wounds up, Huo Yuhao also slightly activated the Domain of Perpetual Ice. He used its ultimate chill to delay Wang Qiu'er's blood loss. He was stitching up her wound very quickly, and soon it was closed completely.

After the wound was dealt with, Huo Yuhao quickly shifted to the other side. This time, it was Wang Qiu'er's right thigh. When Huo Yuhao was ready to tear her clothing, he stopped slightly. He lifted his head to look at her.

At this point, her eyes were already completely closed. It seemed as if she had completely handed herself over to be treated by Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao grit his teeth and tore her clothing apart forcefully. A shocking wound was revealed on her thigh.

Her white thighs were smooth, long, and very gentle to the touch. Huo Yuhao's heart quivered slightly, and he lifted his left arm before biting down onto it. The prickling pain enabled him to focus again.

He stitched her up again.

Using his Spiritual Detection as a guide, he kept dealing with the most serious wounds as he treated Wang Qiu'er. Wang Qiu'er's torn and tattered clothing was slowly turned into cloth fragments. Less and less of her body remained covered.

Her figure was perfect! When Huo Yuhao finished treating her last wound, he was dazed as he looked at her. Right now, she was almost completely naked. She was only covered in certain private areas. Her turquoise hair was messily swept to one side, and her pale-looking face made her look weak.

Something's not right!

Huo Yuhao's daze only lasted for an instant. He immediately realized something was amiss.

For a single young lady liker her, she should be feeling shy that her body was almost completely exposed to a guy that she barely knew. She shouldn't be immobile as she laid on the ground.

Huo Yuhao rushed to press Wang Qiu'er's pulse and slowly poured his soul power into her.

He soon discovered the problem. Wang Qiu'er had lost too much blood, and her life force was still dropping. She seemed to be very reliant on her blood. Even though her wounds had been stitched up and the blood loss had been stopped, her life force was still failing. Her condition even seemed to have been aggravated.

At this point, the sky had turned completely dark. The sky above the forest seemed to have been suppressed. Large patches of gloomy clouds drifted over. Bolts of lightning flashed, and thunder rumbled. It seemed like it was about to rain.

In the end, Huo Yuhao wasn't a professional doctor! He had done his best to stitch up whatever wounds there were, but he was now at a loss as to how to deal with Wang Qiu'er's injuries. He couldn't treat her blood loss with his soul power.

Blood, life force?

Suddenly, he thought of something. He focused slightly before retrieving a set of his clothing from his storage-type soul tool. After that, he quickly removed the cloth fragments and cleaned her body with a towel and clean water. After that, he dressed her up with his own clothing.

Wang Qiu'er's figure was extremely slender. His clothes seemed a little loose, but they still fit on her body.

After completing all this, Huo Yuhao discovered that he was perspiring profusely. He didn't know if it was because of his fatigue, or because of Wang Qiu'er's tempting figure.

He carried her to a spot at a higher elevation. He retrieved his portable tent before placing her inside. Only her head was left outside of the tent. He sat cross-legged in front of the tent and helped her head onto his thighs.

As he took in a deep breath, Huo Yuhao retrieved his White Tiger Dagger. As he looked at Wang Qiu'er's pale-looking face, he cut his left wrist.

Blood shone. Huo Yuhao used his right hand to open Wang Qiu'er's mouth and placed his left wrist over it. His blood started to drip into her mouth.

Huo Yuhao's life power was too strong. Ten seconds after he opened this wound, it started to heal by itself.

Yes, there was only one method he could think of that could save Wang Qiu'er. He wanted to use his blood, which contained the immense life power of the Life Gold, to restore her life power and blood formation abilities.

As his blood clotted, Huo Yuhao immediately cut his wrist again to release more. He continued to drip blood into her mouth.

Just like that, he fed her his blood and continued to cut his wrist every time the blood flow stopped. His surging life power slowly circulated through her body.

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Thunder continued to rumble through the sky. However, oddly, it wasn't raining at all.

Huo Yuhao continued to repeat his actions like a machine, despite his body being on the verge of collapse.

Even though he'd suffered less from the martial soul fusion skill, he'd still almost entirely exhausted his soul power when he used everything he had at the end. Furthermore, he'd treated Wang Qiu'er and used his blood as medicine for her; his body was truly about to burn out.

When he felt that Wang Qiu'er's life power had finally stopped depleting, and was beginning to recover, he finally relaxed. As soon as he did so, an intense wave of fatigue and weakness engulfed his body. Even though this was the Great Star Dou Forest, Huo Yuhao couldn't be bothered to care anymore. After holding on for so long, he finally collapsed. He was still holding his White Tiger Dagger tightly, his other wrist marred with countless cuts.

Once he passed out, they both maintained weird postures. Huo Yuhao lay flat on the ground, while Wang Qiu'er laid in the tent. However, her head was still resting on his legs, her mouth still stained with some of Huo Yuhao's blood.

The two of them fell into a deep sleep just like that. Perhaps they were blessed, but no soul beasts attacked them in their weakened states. Not far from them, the soul rings released from the wolf-apes' corpses slowly started to dissipate as time passed.

An hour later...

"It should've come from this direction. I'm very sensitive to sounds. I'm sure I'm right." Li Yongyue said confidently.

They quickly made their way through the forest. Li Yongyue led the team and waved his Moonblade continuously, carving a path forward for them.

Zhang Lexuan was right behind Li Yongyue. Behind her were Han Ruoruo, Wang Dong'er, Mo Xuan, and the pale-faced Dean Cai Mei'er.

Just like Huo Yuhao had expected, they'd fought with the male Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear. In order to protect everyone, Cai Mei'er hadn't dared to overuse her powers. Right when they'd been about to end

the fight, Zhong Litian and Zhong Liren had suddenly intervened. As such, Cai Mei'er had retracted her powers just before they killed the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear.

Another epic fight had ensued! Cai Mei'er had demonstrated great abilities, resulting in Zhong Litian and Zhong Lidi being unable to gain the upper hand as they were resisted by everyone from Shrek Academy. After all, some of their energy had been depleted earlier from using their beast spirits.

However, when Zhong Liren appeared, even Cai Mei'er's heart sank. She knew that it would be very difficult to completely retreat.

However, Zhong Liren said something to Zhong Litian that changed his expression. The three brothers attacked them for awhile, then fled. Their crisis had been averted in this way.

They roughly knew what Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er had gone to do; Zhong Liren's expression had changed when he returned. Evidently, it had something to do with the both of them.

Wang Qiu'er alone was fine. After all, she was a new student of the academy. However, Huo Yuhao was different! He wasn't just a part of the inner courtyard. He was also part of the Sea God's Pavilion! If something happened to him, Cai Mei'er couldn't imagine what kind of problems it would cause when they returned to the academy. Huo Yuhao was the Heir to the Sea God's Pavilion! He was definitely the future hope of the academy.

Right now, none of them dared to delay any further. They immediately started looking for Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er, but weren't able to find them. Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er were completely missing.

They couldn't even be bothered to rest. Cai Mei'er also joined the team and used her fastest speed to search for the two of them. They also left markings behind just in case.

However, right as they'd been about to rest for the night, a loud sound had surprised all of them from afar. The tremendous explosion had sounded extremely clear, even though it came from afar.

Wang Dong'er was extremely anxious; Huo Yuhao's disappearance made her feel as if her heart had left with him. After hearing the explosion, she couldn't help but rush towards it. Zhang Lexuan wanted to stop her, but Wang Dong nearly attacked her in retaliation. Left with no other option, Cai Mei'er could only try and trace the source of the explosion.

Wang Dong'er's expression was extremely pale at this point. Her big turquoise eyes were filled with anxiety, and she could even be seen tearing up from time to time.

She only sensed how strong her enemies were after fighting the evil soul masters. After Huo Yuhao left, she'd heard a few booms, but didn't know other news about him. Even though she was confident in him, she knew that he couldn't defeat an eight-ringed evil soul master with his current cultivation! How could she not be anxious?

However, Wang Dong'er confidently told everyone that Huo Yuhao wasn't in any danger. Due to their martial fusion soul skill, the two of them were already slightly connected. If something had really happened to Huo Yuhao, she'd definitely feel it. Even though she'd had a few scares along the way, the situation that she'd feared most hadn't occurred.



Her senses had naturally been aroused by the reverberating booms because Huo Yuhao had once fired cannon shells using the Lightning God's Fury.

They searched for close to two hours, but the geography of the forest was simply too complex, thus they had to walk around some small canyons. They only got close to their target because of Li Yongyue's memory.

Yuhao, is it you? Wang Dong'er thought in her heart, her tears starting to flow. She'd gone through a tough fight, and had been searching for him for an entire day. Furthermore, the sky was already completely dark now. Her feminine fragility left her unable to withstand any further disappointment.

Yuhao, nothing must happen to you!

After passing through a patch of forest, Li Yongyue was surprised and shouted, "There's a tent there!"

Before he could continue, a streak of golden light had already rushed forward from behind him. Wang Dong'er barrelled past him as she beat her Radiant Butterfly Goddess' wings and flew in the direction of the tent.

The golden light looked extremely bright in the pitch-dark night. Wang Dong'er burst forward with all her strength; at this point, she felt as if she'd expended all of her energy.

Tent, it's a tent. It's his tent!

Wang Dong'er was able to immediately recognize Huo Yuhao's tent. Since he could use his tent, that meant that he should fine. The surprise jolted her fatigued body. She flapped her wings with renewed vigor and reached above the tent within a few seconds.

"Yuhao!" Wang Dong'er shouted anxiously. She couldn't be bothered with the fact that this was the Great Star Dou Forest that was filled with soul beasts at the moment.

However, she stopped shouting after an instant. Since the golden-blue light from her wings was illuminating her surroundings, everything below her was visible for her to see. She saw him lying on the ground with a pale expression on his face, as well as Wang Qiu'er lying on his lap.

They're together? This was the first thought that flashed through Wang Dong'er's mind. However, she was instantly jolted from her daze. She retracted her wings and quickly descended, then came up to Huo Yuhao and pressed her hand to his chest.

Wang Dong'er felt dizzy when she felt his heart beating, and became less tense. She was panting.

He's alright, he's alright. He's still alive! Tears started to flow down her face uncontrollably and she started to bawl as she leapt onto his body.

Her cries scared everyone who arrived after her. Cai Mei'er was naturally the most anxious. When she arrived beside Wang Qiu'er, it was almost as if she'd used an Instant Shift. She grabbed Huo Yuhao's hand and read his pulse. When she confirmed its presence, she heaved a sigh of relief.

Even though she normally had a good temper, she snapped, "Dong'er, why are you crying? You almost scared me to death." She was extremely relieved now that they'd found Huo Yuhao. Everything would be much easier so long as Huo Yuhao was alive.

After speaking, she quickly retrieved a bottle of medicine and poured out two white pills before stuffing one into both Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er's mouths.

Zhang Lexuan demonstrated her leadership skills at this point. She didn't crowd around Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er, but rather instructed everyone else to spread out to guard the tent against any potential soul beasts.

After a simple observation, everyone discovered the corpses on the ground and the bloodstained fragments of cloth that belonged to Wang Qiu'er's clothing.

Everyone was shocked to see the three wolf-ape corpses. They'd never seen such soul beasts before. When they looked at Wang Qiu'er's bloodstained clothing again, their expressions turned even weirder. Wang Qiu'er was in the tent, but her clothing was outside. What exactly was going on?

Wang Dong'er vented by crying before calming down. Once she'd calmed down, she hurriedly stood up and let Cai Mei'er treat Huo Yuhao.

Right now, she was more concerned about Wang Qiu'er's situation. Wang Qiu'er continued to look better and better as she laid on Huo Yuhao's legs; her face expression was very calm.

Wang Dong'er was in a daze, and felt bitter in her heart. From the looks of it, they've been together ever since they separated from the team. Why did Huo Yuhao choose to fight with her instead of me? Why didn't he bring me along?

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Girls were much more meticulous than guys, especially those that had just fallen in love. Wang Dong'er discriminated against Wang Qiu'er and her identical looks. Right now, this discrimination grew even deeper.

She lowered her head subconsciously, and her body turned slightly rigid. That was because she saw Wang Qiu'er's bloodstained clothing strewn all over her place.

Those fragments were once part of her clothing? Then she's...

As she thought till here, she couldn't take it anymore. She walked in front of the tent and took a peek.

As she peeked in, she bit her lower lip with her teeth and her face turned even paler.

Han Ruoruo was also beside the tent. She was a control-type soul master, so naturally she couldn't be guarding the perimeter. She clearly saw what Wang Dong'er did. She rushed up a few steps and whispered, "Dong'er, don't think blindly. The matter was critical, and he had to adapt. It seems that they've gone through more than one fight. I believe those fights were quite intense too. Wang Qiu'er must have suffered injuries. Look at how bloody her clothing is. A normal person would have died from such extreme blood loss."

Wang Dong'er shook her head slightly and glanced at Huo Yuhao before she replied, "Sister Ruoruo, I'm not thinking blindly. I believe in Yuhao. He's not that kind of person."

Han Ruoruo looked into her eyes and was stunned to realize that she wore a clear and serious expression as she said that. Her light blue eyes were extremely beautiful.

She couldn't help but caress the younger woman's head and smile, "Huo Yuhao is really lucky to have such a girlfriend like you. If I were a guy, I would've given up everything to challenge him for you. However, you need to watch your man at times. While Yuhao isn't some handsome bloke, his talents cannot be matched by most people. There are many girls that he'll attract."

Wang Dong'er shook her head and looked at Huo Yuhao. She said gently, "I trust him."

Han Ruoruo hugged her and didn't say anything else.

Wang Dong'er squatted down beside Huo Yuhao again and said to Cai Mei'er softly. "Dean Cai, how's Yuhao?"

Cai Mei'er was completely relaxed at this point, and replied, "He's fine. His body is just a little weak, and his soul power has almost been completely exhausted. However, there aren't really any injuries on him. There shouldn't be any problems. He just needs some time to rest before he'll recover."

Wang Dong'er twisted her head to look at Wang Qiu'er. She said, "Take a look at her too."

Cai Mei'er was stunned. Even though she wasn't with the team earlier, she knew about the conflict between Wang Dong'er and Wang Qiu'er. For Wang Dong'er to spout such words revealed her kindness.

"Alright."

Cai Mei'er came to Wang Qiu'er and shifted her further into the tent, away from Huo Yuhao's legs. After that, she crawled into the tent and lifted Wang Qiu'er's body.

Wang Dong'er retrieved her own portable tent and moved Huo Yuhao inside so that he could sleep more comfortably. After finishing this, she also felt a wave of fatigue.

"Ah!" Cai Mei'er's exclamation shocked everyone.

Wang Dong'er rushed into the tent to find out what was going on.

She only heard Cai Mei'er shouting, "Her injuries are serious. These wounds were all fatal! But they were stitched up well, and the blood loss was stopped in time. Her body signs are normal. Fortunately, the wounds are no longer fatal, even though her injuries are still serious."

After some time, Cai Mei'er exited the tent. She said, "They indeed met strong enemies. However, I don't know if that was the work of those evil soul masters. This place is quite far from where we were. I'm guessing that these dead soul beasts should have fought them. Wang Qiu'er suffered several deadly wounds. Fortunately, her blood loss was stopped in time, and she managed to preserve her life. Furthermore, there seems to be a strong life power in her body that's supporting her recovery, and she's very tough physically. With sufficient rest, she can recover. She's been changed into Huo Yuhao's clothing. I guess he helped stitch up her wounds. This kid is really meticulous. He's indeed a soul engineer, the wounds were bound nicely. Dong'er, he had to adapt given the situation. Don't think too much into it."

Wang Dong'er shook her head slightly and smiled, "I overthought things when I saw them before, but I'm fine now. I trust Yuhao. He's not that kind of person."

Cai Mei'er smiled before she said, "Alright. Guys, take this opportunity to rest. I'll guard this place tonight. Today has really been taxing on all of us."

Zhang Lexuan smiled and replied, "Fortunately, you're around, and everyone's safe."

Cai Mei'er answered, "The most important thing is that everyone's safe. Lexuan, you're tired, too. Go and rest."

Zhang Lexuan acknowledged her words and replied, "Alright. I'll take over for you in two hours."

Everyone surrounded the two tents and sat down before entering their cultivation states. Wang Dong'er guarded Huo Yuhao's tent. She didn't look at Wang Qiu'er's tent anymore. In her heart, she was really not bothered by what she had seen earlier.

Wang Dong'er was a clever lady. The greatest strength of an intelligent woman was that she wouldn't find problems for herself. She knew that many things must have happened between Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er throughout the day, and they must have gone through many intense fights. However, she was just delighted that he had managed to survive. Furthermore, she had spoken from the bottom of her heart just now. Since she understood Huo Yuhao, she trusted him completely. With this trust, she naturally didn't need to think too much. She also didn't want to know what had happened between Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er earlier. As long as he was fine, she was satisfied.

It was inevitable for women to feel jealous. However, the smart and confident ones were more resistant in this aspect.

For some reason, Wang Dong'er felt more open-minded following a temporary heartache after she saw Wang Qiu'er in Huo Yuhao's clothes.

She knew that she had been very mindful of Wang Qiu'er earlier because they looked identical. She had the appearance of the Goddess of Light that Huo Yuhao had fallen in love with at first sight.

However, there could only be one Goddess of Light, which was the one developed from her martial soul fusion skill with Huo Yuhao. Was appearance really so important? If that was the case, the equally ravishing Ju Zi would have captured Huo Yuhao's heart before he knew about her identity as the Goddess of Light. However, he still remained very prim and proper with her.

He didn't start anything with her. After two and a half years, his heart was still with Wang Dong'er. What did she have to worry about?

It had to be the intense jealousy, or perhaps even the discomfort that enabled her to resolve her dilemma. She didn't suspect anything, and even accepted Wang Qiu'er now. At least, she didn't feel the same hostility towards Qiu'er that she had before.

Wang Dong'er also slowly entered deep meditation with her newfound acceptance. A slight undulation of the aura of light surrounded the tent and made the temperature inside it warmer.

They were finally rid of troubles. This night was especially peaceful.

In the meantime, Cai Mei'er, Zhang Lexuan and Han Ruoruo took turns standing guard. They didn't wake anyone else up.

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When Huo Yuhao woke up from his deep sleep, he felt extremely sore, and had a splitting headache. His soul power had only recovered by thirty percent, but he was no longer as weak as before.

As he opened his eyes, he was a little lost as he looked at the dim blue ceiling of the tent. Where, where am I?

He didn't want to move because of his aches, but the scent in the tent reminded him of someone, because it was too familiar.

"Dong'er, Dong'er!" Huo Yuhao shouted almost immediately, and struggled to sit up.

Even though he didn't have any injuries, he was still very dizzy as he sat up. He almost fell back down.

The curtains to the tent opened, and a surprised face peeked in. "Yuhao, you're finally awake!"

Wang Dong'er bent her waist and entered the tent. She was secretly delighted. Yuhao called my name first after he awoke.

After seeing Wang Dong'er, Huo Yuhao didn't even think, and reached out for her. He pulled her into his arms and hugged her tightly.

Wang Dong'er was also stunned by his passion. However, she hugged him back with even more force after she froze momentarily.

"Dong'er, do you know something? I'm really scared." Huo Yuhao muttered softly.

Wang Dong'er was stunned. She felt a little weird. I should be the one who's scared, right?

"I was scared that I wouldn't see you again. I was almost on the verge of death twice, but I managed to survive in the end. Dong'er, I really missed you." As he spoke, he hugged her even tighter.

No matter what strong enemies he faced, he had always managed to maintain his composure. However, he was filled with an indescribable sense of happiness and bliss when he saw Wang Dong'er again after narrowly avoiding death. He also recited his deepest feelings to her.

Wang Dong'er smacked his shoulder, "Idiot, why did you take that risk? Why didn't you stay with the rest of us? Why didn't you bring me along?"

Huo Yuhao didn't answer her questions. That was because he knew that she knew the answer.

The two of them hugged tightly just like that and felt each other's heartbeat. Their hearts were finally together after they reunited and established their relationship. In Huo Yuhao's heart, the figure that belonged to Goddess of Light now finally and completely belonged to her.

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Some time later...

"It's been some time. How's Yuhao's body?" Cai Mei'er's voice sounded outside after a cough.

Wang Dong'er recalled that there were others outside, and her face started to blush, while her ears turned red, too. She quickly let go of him and glanced at Huo Yuhao with a displeased look on her face.

Huo Yuhao reached forward subconsciously and poked her.

Her skin was soft and delicate, like almond beancurd. Her fresh scent was calming, and Huo Yuhao felt intoxicated at this moment. If not for the fact that there were many people waiting for him outside, he would have kissed her countless times...

When the two of them exited the tent, everyone else was amused as they surrounded the two of them.

They were both blushing at this point.

Wang Dong'er turned around and leaned on Huo Yuhao's shoulder. She pounded him lightly a few times.

A guy was more thick-skinned. Although Huo Yuhao's face was red, he soon recovered from the embarrassment and said, "Dean Cai, eldest senior sister, sister Ruoruo, Yongyue, Mo Xuan. It's great that all of you are fine."

Cai Mei'er smiled and asked, "How's your body?"

Huo Yuhao replied, "I'm still a little weak. Yesterday's fight was too intense. If not for Qiu'er's help, we would've died. Yes, how is she? Is she alright?"

Cai Mei'er replied, "She's still sleeping. Fortunately, her life wasn't in danger after you treated her. She's indeed the possessor of the Golden Dragon. She is recovering quickly even though she's suffered critical injuries. There have been no relapses, either. What happened to the both of you yesterday?"

Huo Yuhao was still a little afraid as he thought of yesterday's experience.

They had been extremely unlucky. Firstly, they had met the three evil soul masters. After that, they met the three mutant soul beasts. Their misfortune wasn't normal.

He recounted how he had acted alone after he realized something was wrong using his Spiritual Detection, and how he and Wang Qiu'er had contended with and trapped Zhong Liren. He also repeated what had happened to them after that. He told them almost everything that had happened, but concealed two things. First, he didn't talk about his Light of Purification. He wove a lie and said he used his Spiritual Shock twice consecutively, managing to destroy Zhong Liren's beast spirits.

When he talked about how he teamed up with Wang Qiu'er, he also hid the fact that he had unleashed a martial soul fusion skill with her. This martial soul fusion skill wasn't really anything worth concealing. However, he decided to conceal it as he recalled what he and Wang Qiu'er had experienced yesterday, and when he saw the worried and even terrified Wang Dong'er.

For the same reason, he also hid how he had used his own blood to save Wang Qiu'er's life. The former two lies could still be exposed by Wang Qiu'er, but he was afraid of the last lie. After all, only he knew about it. The cuts on his wrist had also been healed by the immense life power of his Life Gold after one night of rest.

After hearing Huo Yuhao's explanation, everyone was shocked even though they hadn't experienced it themselves. A three-way martial soul fusion skill was too dangerous.

Wang Dong'er was slightly dazed after hearing his words. After Huo Yuhao recounted how Wang Qiu'er had saved him, and how it had led to her grave injuries, the look Wang Dong'er's eyes changed. Her eyes were moving, as if she was thinking of something. However, she subconsciously clenched Huo Yuhao's arm tightly.

After listening to Huo Yuhao, Cai Mei'er was stunned. "The two of you were too brazen. Even with your exceptional talents, he was an eight-ringed evil soul master! Even in a duel, I wasn't able to capture him! However, the two of you thwarted his plans. What about the two Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear cubs that you talked about? Let them out! Don't freeze them to death."

Huo Yuhao acknowledged her words and released the two cubs from his storage-type soul tool.

They were still frozen, but Huo Yuhao could sense their thriving life through his Spiritual Detection. His Ultimate Ice wasn't just used to hurt. It had a preservation effect which was rather strong, too.

Huo Yuhao pressed both hands on the two cubs and slowly retracted his ultimate ice-type aura. He also slightly activated his soul power and used his Mysterious Heaven Technique to increase their blood flow circulation.

The two cubs stood there in a daze, but they remained immobile. Since Huo Yuhao dared to freeze them, it meant that he had considered this aspect. In the Ultimate Soldier Plan, he had taken a special lesson on cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Thump and exert pressure before agitating with soul power. With the control of his Spiritual Detection, Huo Yuhao restored the two cubs perfectly. Finally, they started to breathe after ten minutes. Their chests could also be seen rising and falling.

These two cubs looked very cute. They had just been born, and hadn't even opened their eyes yet.

Cai Mei'er said, "Yuhao, what do you plan to do with them?"

Huo Yuhao said, "If the academy needs them, we can bring them back. I believe the Beast Dueling Area should need them. After all, Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear cubs are very difficult to capture."

Cai Mei'er didn't stand on ceremony either. She nodded and replied, "Let's bring them back to the academy first. However, I don't think the Beast Dueling Area is suitable for them. With the current situation in the academy's Beast Dueling Area, the two of them might frighten the rest of the ordinary soul beasts when they develop after a few months."

After hearing Cai Mei'er's words, Huo Yuhao and Wang Dong'er looked at each other. They were reminded of the time when Huo Yuhao released the aura of a hundred-thousand year soul beast and frightened the entire Beast Dueling Area. They were both amused at this point.

Zhang Lexuan interrupted, "Let's raise them in the inner courtyard first. Everyone will take care of them if they're in the inner courtyard."

Cai Mei'er nodded and said, "We can only do it this way."

The two cubs slowly recovered, and even started to cry. Their cries sounded rather pathetic, just like infants that were bawling.

Everyone present was the best in Shrek Academy, but none of them had helped raise Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears before! They looked at each other and didn't know what to do.

Huo Yuhao had a bright idea and said, "The two of them must be hungry. Ah, it's a pity that their mother has been killed. Her corpse must have been taken by those vicious evil soul masters too. Dean Cai, do you know what Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears eat?"

Cai Mei'er was stumped by this question.

She didn't know whether to laugh or cry, "Mature Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears eat meat, but such young cubs should feed on milk, right?"

Milk...

A few guys lowered their heads, as they were afraid of causing misunderstandings if they looked at the ladies. There were many more guys than ladies on their team! Besides Dean Cai, they couldn't offend Zhang Lexuan and Han Ruoruo either! There was also Wang Qiu'er, whose fighting abilities had been witnessed by everyone before.

At this moment, a weak voice sounded, "No, they don't feed on milk. They consume meat from the moment they're born. Their first meal should be their mother's placenta and umbilical cord. For such strong soul beasts, they are born with teeth."

They ate meat from the moment they were born! They were indeed very strong!

Everyone turned to the direction where the voice came from. They saw Wang Qiu'er struggling as she exited her tent.

Her face was very pale, and she looked dismal. However, that was understandable, given that she had suffered such grave injuries! She was able to stand up after just one night, which demonstrated how tough she was.

Meat? If they consumed meat, then it was much easier.

Li Yongyue and Mo Xuan volunteered to go get meat. The three wolf-apes were extremely large, and packed with meat.

Wang Qiu'er walked slowly over to the rest of them. Zhang Lexuan walked up to support her.

Wang Qiu'er took a look at her and said softly, "Thanks."

Zhang Lexuan shook her head and replied, "We should be the ones thanking you. If you and Yuhao hadn't drawn the evil soul masters away, we would have been in trouble. Can you walk? If you can't, don't force yourself."

Wang Qiu'er shook her head and replied, "I'm fine. Just a little weak."

As she spoke, she turned her attention to Huo Yuhao. Huo Yuhao was also looking at her with a concerned expression.



Yesterday's fight had dispelled any conflict between the two of them. When Wang Qiu'er awoke, she discovered that her clothing had been changed. Undoubtedly, it belonged to Huo Yuhao. His aura was even on it. After that, she recalled what had happened yesterday.

Huo Yuhao thought that no one would know about him feeding blood to her, but it still surfaced in Wang Qiu'er's mind. She hadn't revealed the last ability of the three innate abilities bestowed upon her by her Golden Dragon. It was that she could record everything that happened after she was unconscious in her mind. Right now, the cold look in her eyes had become much less prevalent.

Wang Dong'er let go of Huo Yuhao's arm and walked towards Wang Qiu'er.

Huo Yuhao was frightened and hurriedly said, "Dong'er, you..."

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Wang Dong'er turned around and rolled her eyes at him. That sassiness was so enchanting it was suffocating. "Are you that unconfident in me? I have absolute faith in you, though. If you don't believe me, you can ask everyone." She smiled faintly after she spoke, and continued walking towards Wang Qiu'er.

Wang Dong'er stopped walking in before Wang Qiu'er.

Wang Qiu'er's eyes seemed like they had melted before this, but they were instantly sealed in ice once more as she stared coldly at Wang Dong'er and remained silent.

Wang Dong'er was also staring back at her. She gradually bent down and bowed like that at Wang Qiu'er in front of everyone's watchful eyes.

"I'm sorry, Qiu'er. I am apologizing to you sincerely for how unreasonable I was before this and how I've antagonized you. Everything was my fault, and I hope you can forgive me."

"Tsk..." Huo Yuhao drew in a cold breath as he thought to himself, Dong'er, Dong'er, what game are you trying to play?

Huo Yuhao had known how arrogant and prideful Wang Dong'er was ever since the first day they had met. Even though this pride was rarely displayed as they grew older, it was still deeply imprinted into her bones. Yet, she was willing to bow toward Wang Qiu'er for forgiveness at this moment, willing to bow to a girl that she had perceived with so much hostility before. What was happening?

Huo Yuhao wasn't the only one who was astounded. Everyone in Shrek Academy shared the same surprise, but only Cai Mei'er gave Wang Dong'er her silent approval. This girl is indeed smart!

Wang Qiu'er stared at the bowing Wang Dong'er and was equally shocked. She was momentarily stunned before she said, "You've never done anything to me, and you don't need to ask me for forgiveness. If you are doing this because I saved his life, then it's even more unnecessary. He saved me before, and I was just returning the favor."

Wang Dong'er said sincerely, "No. I've always been rejecting you in my heart, and I'm apologizing to you because of that. This has nothing to do with Huo Yuhao. Of course, you saved his life, and I am extremely thankful for what you did, as his girlfriend. If there's anything you need us to do in the future, we will help you out to the best of our ability, no matter what."

Wang Qiu'er waved her hand and said, "It's alright, let bygones be bygones. I've said this already, he doesn't owe me anything."

Wang Dong'er came up beside her and touched her arm as she said softly, "If you're willing to listen, I can tell you our story, and then you will understand why I harbored that hostility against you before this. Let me escort you back to rest."

Wang Qiu'er hesitated for a moment before nodding softly.

Huo Yuhao looked on with slack jaw and stunned eyes as Wang Dong'er helped Wang Qiu'er back into his tent, and even sealed the tent's entrance.

"Uh..." Huo Yuhao didn't know what to do.

Han Ruoruo came up beside him and giggled. "So? Are you nervous? Does it feel exciting?"

Huo Yuhao forced a laugh and said, "I'm absolutely nervous, but excitement... maybe a little too overwhelming. The two of them..."

Han Ruoruo laughed and said, "That's what you get for flirting with girls everywhere. You're not satisfied with Dong'er, and you end up flirting with Qiu'er as well! Dong'er really has a big heart! When we were searching for the two of you yesterday, you were lying on the ground so unglamorously, while Wang Qiu'er was lying on your thighs. Her clothes had been torn to pieces, and she was wearing your clothes. If Dong'er had been someone else, that person would probably have been infuriated. Do you know what she said?"

Huo Yuhao's curiosity was immediately piqued. "What did she say?"

Han Ruoruo said, "Dong'er said she trusts you. The truth is that I could tell that she was extremely sad because you were hurt, and because you were with Wang Qiu'er. I could read the look in her eyes, she would rather she herself be the one that was heinously wounded rather than see you with another woman in your most difficult of times. She must be feeling very dejected inside. This isn't about envy or jealousy, this is about her not being able to help you."

Huo Yuhao's eyes grew solemn. Dong'er, Dong'er! How can I love you to return the affection you have for me?

Han Ruoruo whispered, "Hey! You haven't actually done anything to betray Dong'er, have you?"

Huo Yuhao immediately tossed his head from side to side without hesitation. "Absolutely not! She's the only girl in my heart. No matter how much Wang Qiu'er looks like her, Dong'er will always be Dong'er in my heart, and Qiu'er will always be Qiu'er."

Han Ruoruo laughed and said, "Heh, righteous words! It seems like Dong'er's decision to trust you isn't wrong. In the end, you have to treat Dong'er as nicely as you can, and even I won't let this go if you don't. Dong'er is such a good girl!"

"Yes," Huo Yuhao nodded in vigorous agreement.

An exclamation could be heard not far from where they were.

This was the Great Star Dou Forest, and danger could arrive at any moment. Han Ruoruo was still talking to Huo Yuhao in the previous moment, but a golden beam of light stretched out in the next and immediately wrapped around Li Yongyue and Mo Xuan, who were not too far away.

“It’s alright, it’s alright. It’s good news!” Li Yongyue shouted.

Mo Xuan turned around with a look of excitement. “We’ve discovered soul bones! Real soul bones! It’s a left thigh bone.”

He raised a shiny purple thigh bone into the air as he spoke and waved it in the sky. A dark purple color released brilliant shadows as it sparkled.

Mo Xuan and Li Yongyue had been going through the wolf-apes’ corpses for the two little Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears when they discovered intense soul power undulations. They were both elites from Shrek Academy’s inner courtyard, and they immediately realized what was going on. They followed the soul power undulations and quickly discovered this wolf-ape’s left thigh bone.

Soul bones were extremely rare treasures, much more valuable compared to soul rings. The three wolf-apes were mutants, but they were still soul beasts with at least ten thousand years of cultivation. Every soul bone had a single soul skill, except for hundred thousand year soul bones, but soul beasts would always produce stronger soul bones the more powerful they were. Even a single soul bone like that had immeasurable value.

Li Yongyue handed the soul bone to Cai Mei’er after returning to the company, and everyone’s eyes glazed over.

This left thigh bone was emanating a faint purplish-black light, and there were hints of silver light flickering within.

Huo Yuhao was the most surprised when he saw it. He realized, to his intense surprise, that this left thigh bone wasn’t a darkness-type. The soul bone was releasing purplish-black colors, but there was a stronger aura on top of that, and it belonged to spatial undulations. This meant that the left thigh bone’s element was in line with the three wolf-ape’s spatial element. He thought about their Instant Teleportation ability, and Huo Yuhao’s heart began to palpitate. If this soul bone contained that ability... a thought crossed his mind when he thought about this, and he said, “What about the other two? Have you checked them out, seniors?” Huo Yuhao and Wang Dong’er were the youngest in the company, so everyone else was a senior to them.

Li Yongyue and Mo Xuan immediately understood what he was trying to say. They exchanged a look and said, “We can’t be that lucky, can we?”

Huo Yuhao replied meaningfully, “Three-way martial soul fusion skill!”

They didn’t need Cai Mei’er to instruct them, and they exclaimed at almost the same time as they separately pounced on the other two carcasses. Huo Yuhao had already blown one of them into smithereens before this.

“Yes! There’s actually another one!” Li Yongyue was the first to declare the good news. He didn’t have to check the other carcass, but instead found the second soul bone among the bloody parts in the vegetation. Furthermore, it was another left thigh bone, identical to the previous one.

It didn't take long before Mo Xuan exclaimed excitedly, "I also have one. This is just great, it's a left thigh bone too!"

After another moment, three identical soul bones that released purplish-black auras and flickering with silver light appeared before Cai Mei'er.

Cai Mei'er was full of awe as she stared at these three identical soul bones. Even though she wasn't like Huo Yuhao, and hadn't guessed the soul skills that these soul bones contained, she knew that these identical soul bones could be fused together to forge an entirely new soul bone. Three together would be a lot more valuable than they were alone, and even she couldn't value these three bones. Furthermore, there was no need to give that estimate.

"Yuhao!" Cai Mei'er called out.

"I'm here!" Huo Yuhao hurriedly acknowledged. He was starting to feel waves of weakness once more, especially about what Wang Dong'er and Wang Qiu'er were whispering in the tent on the other side. That gave him a lot of psychological pressure, and the distraction made him even weaker.

Cai Mei'er passed the three soul bones to him and said, "Keep them."

"Ah?" Huo Yuhao was taken aback. "What are you doing, Dean Cai? These soul bones belong to everyone. How can you give them all to me?"

Cai Mei'er shook her head and said, "This is not a group prize. They belong to you and Wang Qiu'er. You two were the ones that killed those wolf-apes. We didn't do a single thing."

Huo Yuhao hurriedly tried to dispute her words. "But if not for your protection and the help of the company, we wouldn't have been able to venture so deep into the Great Star Dou Forest! Naturally--"

Cai Mei'er stuffed the three soul bones into his hands. "Stop talking about all that. If not for you and Qiu'er, I'm not even sure what the final outcome would have been like. The two of you are the academy's prized students, so these three soul bones belong to you in the first place."

Huo Yuhao thought for a moment, then said, "How about this. I'll keep one soul bone, and I'll give one to Wang Qiu'er. We will donate the remaining one to the academy."

It could be said that Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er had risked their lives to kill the three wolf-apes to obtain these soul bones, but Huo Yuhao knew better than to be selfish and take everything for himself. It was better with Zhang Lexuan and Han Ruoruo, but Li Yongyue and Mo Xuan had a look of envy on their faces.

Cai Mei'er hesitated for a while before she nodded and said, "Alright. You can keep them for now, and you can donate the last one directly to the Martial Soul Department after we return to the academy. You don't have to give it to me."

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"Alright." Huo Yuhao acknowledged her words before he put the three soul bones away. He had something to eat before he drank a few gulps of water and returned to the tent.

Cai Mei'er had already made her decision – everyone was to stay here for an entire day so that everyone could adjust themselves and rest up, and everyone was to wait for Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er to recover before continuing on their journey. There was nothing more important than her students' safety.

Cai Mei'er was a little hasty to return to the academy after what had just happened so that she could report this issue with the three brothers to Shrek's Guardians. The three brothers' existence was an unimaginable threat to the world of soul masters, and they would definitely ascend to become Titled Douluo in the future. In addition to their abilities to manipulate and imprison beast souls, they were likely to become a great calamity for the world of soul masters.

This was the reason Cai Mei'er had decided to join the operation initially. She was going to try her best to help Huo Yuhao and Li Yongyue obtain soul rings suitable for them before they returned to Shrek Academy as quickly as possible. Her students had been tested too many times on this expedition.

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Huo Yuhao was sitting cross-legged in his tent. He would have long gone into meditation by now if it had just been a normal day, but he was a little unsettled because Wang Dong'er still hadn't returned. He kept thinking to himself – what will Wang Dong'er say to Wang Qiu'er? What will Wang Qiu'er say to Wang Dong'er?

He had avoided relaying some key facts when he had recounted his experience the previous day. What if Wang Qiu'er spills the beans? What will Dong'er think?

There so many complicated and intertwined emotions. How could he enter meditation like that?

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On the other side, inside Huo Yuhao's tent...

"...during the Sea God's Fate on Sea God's Lake. It was so beautiful! Did you know? I was so nervous back then." Wang Dong'er vividly described her experiences with Huo Yuhao and what the two of them had gone through.

Wang Qiu'er was lying on her side and listening to Wang Dong'er. She didn't talk much, but she was listening very intently.

"What were you nervous about?" Wang Qiu'er suddenly asked.

Wang Dong'er answered, "How could I not be nervous? That fool had been with me for so many years, but he never knew that I was a girl. If he had known that I was a girl, who knows what he would have thought back then? What if, what if he felt that I had been lying to him this whole time? What if he didn't like me? There were so many people back then, so how could I not be nervous? However, it was still quite exciting."

"What happened next?"

"And then..."

Wang Dong'er recounted the events on the Sea God's Lake in detail, and Wang Qiu'er's expressions would change at crucial parts.

"So, now you know. Our Raiment of Light was originally meant to be how I looked when I grew up, and he calls it the Goddess of Light. You look so much like me, and I was afraid that he only remembered this look, and not the person. This was the reason why I developed such intense hostility when I first met you... in the end, you look more like the Goddess of Light than I do.

"I only thought it out yesterday. If he only liked me because of my looks, then what meaning is there in his affection? Furthermore, I have faith in him, I should have faith in him. Will it not look like I'm insecure and I don't have any self-confidence otherwise? Therefore, I am truly sorry, and I am apologizing sincerely for all my childishness before this."

Wang Qiu'er's eyes changed a little as she stared at Wang Dong'er. Her eyebrows knitted, and emotions began to shift in her eyes. Only she knew what she was thinking.

Wang Dong'er stared at her solemnly and said, "Are you willing to forgive me, Qiu'er? Even though I have no clue why we look so alike, this is a form of fate in the end. I am sure that I don't have a sister that's living outside. However, we look so alike, and our names are so similar... why don't we address each other as sister from now on?"

Wang Qiu'er muttered coldly, "That's not necessary. There's nothing for me to forgive, and neither are we sisters. If you have nothing else to tell me, I want to rest."

Wang Dong'er was slightly taken aback. She hadn't expected Wang Qiu'er to be so cold, she had apologized sincerely with all her heart, but Wang Qiu'er didn't seem like she wanted to accept it at all. However, she no longer harbored any hostility against Wang Qiu'er, and so she stood up and said, "Alright. Even if we're not sisters, we're still schoolmates, and that's a fact that you can't change. You should have a good rest and take care of your body. I will take good care of Huo Yuhao, and thank you once more for saving him."

She didn't wait for Wang Qiu'er to rebutt her, but pulled open the tent and slipped out before she closed it from the outside.

Wang Qiu'er's eyes suddenly became a little lost as she stared at the closed veil. She mumbled to herself, "Did she come to show her dominance? Does she really think that he belongs to her already?"

"One hundred and seventeen cuts." She suddenly blurted out a number. When she said this number, this girl that was always so tough and cold suddenly softened, and her eyes turned red as tears welled up in her eyes. Her tears finally trickled down her pale but incredibly beautiful face.

"I have his blood in my veins now. Huo Yuhao, you..."

Wang Dong'er came out of the tent and greeted her companions with a faint smile on her face before she arrived at Huo Yuhao's tent. When she lifted the veil and climbed in, she was met with Huo Yuhao's suspicious and doubtful eyes.

Wang Dong'er smiled and said, "Why are you looking at me like that?"

Huo Yuhao coughed awkwardly and said, "I am just wondering why you went to look for Wang Qiu'er."

Wang Dong'er answered, "I was apologizing to her! I've thought it through. I don't have enough confidence in myself, and that's why I subconsciously developed this hostility towards her. However, I finally understood after you guys came back. I am so pretty... how can I be insecure, and how can I not have confidence in myself? You should be the one that should be insecure. Wang Qiu'er also doesn't have anything for you at all."

"Uh... you don't have to make it sound so hurtful." Huo Yuhao muttered as he pulled a long face. The truth was that he didn't have much confidence in his looks, at least in comparison to Wang Dong'er and Wang Qiu'er.

Wang Dong'er spoke matter-of-factly, "Am I wrong? Stop trying to dispute it, this is the truth. You should hurry up and cultivate. I'll help you, so that you can recover as quickly as possible. Truth be told, I don't want to stay in this Great Star Dou Forest for a second longer."

Her eyes suddenly turned red as she said this. She stared at Huo Yuhao's feeble face, and she couldn't resist anymore as she slid gently into his embrace.

Her soft body fell into his arms, and that faint fragrance that belonged to a young girl filled every corner of Huo Yuhao's heart and soul. It's so nice to have someone be concerned about you!

Huo Yuhao hugged her tightly and whispered, "I'm sorry, Dong'er. I will never make you so worried in the future."

Wang Dong'er replied softly, "You may not find yourself in such a dire situation anymore with your talent and your abilities. Your abilities determine your responsibility, and I know I can't stop you from doing some things that you must. However, I'm not a fragile porcelain vase! My only wish is that you will bring me along when you have to face danger and peril, and we will face them together. Okay?"

"Yes." Huo Yuhao acknowledged softly. He knew that it was unlikely that he would do so, but he still chose white lies and kind words during this heartwarming moment, as he couldn't bear to see her sad, not even a little bit.

They rested for the entire day. Huo Yuhao recovered completely, and besides his spirit that still needed nurturing and repairing, everything else was back to normal.

Wang Qiu'er's recovery speed was equally impressive, possibly even more impressive than Huo Yuhao's. It was as if they were in a competition to see who could recover the fastest.

When Wang Qiu'er grasped her Golden Dragon Spear and stood in front of the company, everyone was under the illusion that this girl had not been injured before. Whether or not she had recovered from her injuries, they couldn't tell from the outside anymore.

They cleaned the campsite and packed up. It was time to move out again, and only Huo Yuhao and Li Yongyue needed more soul rings.

Huo Yuhao's gaze met Wang Qiu'er's when they saw each other again, and he nodded in her direction with a faint smile on his face. Wang Qiu'er was expressionless, but she wasn't as cold as she had been before this, and she responded with a nod before she walked up to the vanguard.

"Stay in the center, Qiu'er. Your injuries..." Zhang Lexuan spoke up concernedly.

Wang Qiu'er shook her head and said, "I'm fine. You need me to lead the way. I will stick closer to everyone." She still insisted that she had to lead the way, but one could tell from her tone that she hadn't fully recovered from her injuries.

The formation didn't change, except Cai Mei'er was now openly anchoring the company at the back, so the group's overall strength had become a lot stronger.

Wang Qiu'er still took the lead as they resumed their journey. However, she was conspicuously slower than the past few days, and nobody urged her to go faster. They ventured deeper into the Hybrid Region, and were moving closer and closer to the Core Region, so slowing down wasn't a bad idea.

Huo Yuhao activated his Spiritual Detection once more, and he continued with his responsibilities as the main control soul master.

They had encountered many perils and dangers during this expedition into the Great Star Dou Forest, but this adventure had sufficiently tested the students' abilities.

It was needless to discuss Zhang Lexuan and Han Ruoruo. They were the oldest here, and they were no longer in the same age group as their juniors. Huo Yuhao and Wang Qiu'er were undoubtedly the most outstanding ones among the others.

Wang Qiu'er's abilities seemed to be stronger, but everyone knew that they would have died without Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection. For example, when they were faced with the three brothers, the situation would have been drastically different if Huo Yuhao hadn't risked his life to steal the two baby Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears.

Those two little fellows were also part of the company at this moment. However, they were treated very nicely. Huo Yuhao was carrying them both, one in each arm.

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It was a strange story. These two little bears ate enough meat and began to sleep, and they only woke up the next morning. They went to look for Huo Yuhao when they woke up, and climbed all over him as each one hugged one of his legs and just wouldn't let go. Their eyes that were like yellow beans rolling around in their sockets, and they were as stubborn as could be.

Everybody thought that these two little bears treated Huo Yuhao like their father. Huo Yuhao had no choice but to take responsibility for taking care of them, and he became the temporary "bear nanny". He carried a bear in each arm, but it was a little inconvenient even though it wasn't tiring. How could carrying two little bears compare to holding Wang Dong'er's hand?

The little bears had black fur at the start, but their fur was already tinged with dark golden colors. They were extremely strong, but they didn't do anything at all when they were in Huo Yuhao's embrace. They were meaty and pudgy, and it didn't feel that bad to carry them around.

Their luck finally turned for the better as they ventured deeper into the Great Star Dou Forest. They met the occasional soul beast on their journey in, some relatively powerful. However, most of them weren't aggressive, and Huo Yuhao directed everyone to deliberately evade those soul beasts with Spiritual Detection. They didn't encounter much trouble along the way.



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They travelled for six hours, and it was almost midday before everyone stopped to rest.

Wang Qiu'er was still at the front, and her face had become a little pale. She was still quite a ways away from her peak condition.

Wang Dong'er took the initiative to pass her the rations that Huo Yuhao and she had brought. Wang Qiu'er didn't reject it, and she had a few bites before she began to rest on the ground with her legs crossed.

Huo Yuhao remained on the spot and scanned the vegetation around him as a contemplative look appeared in his eyes.

"What can you see?" Cai Mei'er came beside him with a smile on her face.

Huo Yuhao answered, "The vegetation here is denser than before. Furthermore, I can tell that it is quite old, far more primitive than the vegetation outside. This place is truly uninhabited and untainted by humans! If I'm not wrong, we should be extremely close to the Great Star Dou Forest's Core Region. Am I right?"

Cai Mei'er nodded approvingly and said, "Yes, we are nearing the Core Region's outer areas. We will be heading inside the Core Region if we move forward, the Great Star Dou Forest's most dangerous region. The fearsome beasts residing within the Slaughtering Grounds will occasionally roam the Core Region, and that's why everyone has to be as careful as you guys can be. Qiu'er is doing a good job leading the way, and we are moving faster than I thought. We will reach the Core Region within two hours. Look at this Snakedragon Orchid, it's at least a few thousand years old, and it definitely won't appear in the relatively deeper areas. The reason for that is because low-tier soul beasts are very drawn to the Snakedragon Orchid, and they will all definitely be eaten. The fact that they're still around in these parts proves that nobody here needs them, while the soul beasts that need them don't dare to come into this region."

Everyone except for Wang Qiu'er took turns resting and standing guard after they finished their meals. They rested for an especially long time, as their subsequent journey would be even harder than before. Everyone took about an hour to return to their peak condition before Cai Mei'er gave the order to continue.

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The vegetation became denser and more obvious the deeper they went. Because of the towering ancient trees, some of the canopies were so compact that it felt like nighttime, while the life energy in the air became conspicuously thicker. Huo Yuhao could clearly feel that the energy of Heaven and Earth was vaster here; any soul master would boost their cultivation to the best possible state if they could cultivate in this place for a sufficient period of time. It was a pity that nobody chose this area to cultivate, as it was simply too dangerous.

Wang Qiu'er began to slow down even more than before. She scanned the plants and vegetation around her from time to time, as if she were looking for something.

Huo Yuhao hugged the two little bears as he raised Spiritual Detection to the largest possible area without using his Eye of Destiny.

“Woo, woo!” One of the small bears rubbed itself against his chest and moaned as if it were trying to be sassy. It was sleeping extremely soundly.

Huo Yuhao was a little exasperated with these two fellows. He was almost convinced that they shouldn't be Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears, but pigs.

During their midday rest, the two bears finished the same amount of food as everyone else combined. Fortunately, the company had brought along the Wolf-Ape's meat that had been processed properly for the bears. The two bears climbed unglamorously all over Huo Yuhao once they finished their meal, and started drooling as they fell sound asleep again. It felt as if they were trying to rely on Huo Yuhao as much as they could. It was fortunate that their saliva didn't smell strange, or not even Wang Dong'er would want to come near him.

Huo Yuhao had been observing their transformations this whole time. He had to admit that it wasn't just luck that Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears reached the apex of the soul beast hierarchy.

These two bears were born not too long ago, but their rate of growth outstripped that of humans. They began to take longer and more drawn-out breaths after just one day, and managed to open their eyes, while their strength increased continuously. Furthermore, the immense life energy in their bodies nourished their bodies like a spouting geyser.

According to Shrek Academy's records, Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears grew up the fastest during their first year. They would grow to about two meters tall after their first year, and would possess fearsome fighting strength. They would enter a plateau in growth afterwards, and their growth speed would be normal. However, they were complete carnivores, and their abilities would be boosted in tandem with the strength of the soul beasts they consumed.

A Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear with three thousand years of cultivation was often not even a thousand years old, because it relied on consuming other soul beasts to boost its own strength. Naturally, the prerequisite was that they didn't meet any soul beasts more powerful than they were, as there were hardly any mighty soul beasts that would just let them grow up.

Huo Yuhao hadn't thought about how he was going to settle these two fellows. He was probably going to let them live in Shrek Academy, and perhaps they could even become Shrek Academy's secret weapons. Of course, that meant they had to be obedient enough.

The two bears slept even better and more deeply than before once they officially entered the Core Region. If their parents had been alive, this would have been the place where they should have resided. They were definitely more comfortable in this place, and these fellow's life energies were greatly boosted as they were baptized by the Great Star Dou Forest's Core Region and the ample life energy contained within.

There were far fewer soul beasts in the Core Region, compared to the Hybrid Region. The soul beasts that could inhabit the Core Region were almost all top-tier ones, and most of these soul beasts either lived alone or with a small family. These soul beasts were typically formidable and arrogant at the same time, and hardly any would choose to live in a group.

Several relatively powerful soul beasts would mark their own territories within the Core Region, and both humans and soul beasts that dared to enter their territory would be deemed enemies and assaulted instantly.

This was the reason why most soul beasts rarely entered the Core Region unless they believed they were powerful enough, as they could easily find themselves in fatal trouble.

Wang Qiu'er continued in for roughly an hour before she switched directions. She didn't move deeper into the Core Region anymore, and started moving horizontally.

The area of the Core Region was far smaller than the Hybrid Region. With this company's abilities, they wouldn't even need half a day to reach the Slaughtering Grounds if they ran with all they had.

This was naturally just a hypothetical situation, and would only happen in theory. The humans that dared to try this all became part of the forest's nutrients.

A deep and angry roar rang out in the distance. Wang Qiu'er immediately halted in her tracks and listened intently.

Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection had yet to reach where this roar came from, so nobody could see anything through it.

A bright chirp followed immediately afterward. This chirp was a lot sharper and shriller than the previous roar.

Huo Yuhao did a quick calculation and said, "Fifteen degrees to the left in front of us. They're about four to five kilometers away."

The two soul beasts' roaring and chirping became more frequent and frustrated as he spoke.

A look of delight came over Wang Qiu'er's face. "We're lucky! I think we've found what we're looking for. The soul beast making those shrill chirping sounds is our target. I am confident that my ears haven't failed me, and I also believe that it's in conflict with another extremely formidable soul beast. This opportunity is just too advantageous for us."

Zhang Lexuan turned around and looked at Cai Mei'er. The team's leadership naturally shifted to her with a Title Duoluo around in the company.

Cai Mei'er said, "Let's not be hasty, we will keep our distance for now. Their battle has yet to begin. We will wait for a while longer so that we don't get caught in the fray."

She walked in front of the company as she spoke while her eyes closed into a squint in the direction of those sounds, and she began to listen intently.

Boom... The battle had finally begun, and the vigorous explosion could still be clearly heard even though it came from over four kilometers away. What was strange was that this sound didn't trigger any hysteria or panic in the area around them. The soul beasts that could live within the Core Region were not the kind to scurry away in fright.

Boom, boom, boom... A series of deep rumbles could be heard.

Huo Yuhao glanced at Wang Qiu'er, who wasn't far from his position. Huo Yuhao knew that he could reach that distance with his Spiritual Detection if he fused his martial soul with Wang Qiu'er's martial soul, and if he also used his Eye of Destiny.