

Teacher 371

Chapter 371: God Hands Was Really Amazing!

After the competition had ended, Jin Mujie had gone to see the doctor. She was told to rest for half a month and during this period, she mustn't fight. Otherwise, her injuries could worsen and she might even leave a hidden ailment in the future.

However, how could Jin Mujie do that?

She was An Xinhui's right-hand woman, confidant, and elder sister. She knew that An Xinhui had devoted too much effort to the Central Province Academy. Therefore, she wished to help An Xinhui.

If An Xinhui found out about this, she wouldn't let Jin Mujie participate in the next round of the tournament.

"Teacher Jin, I can guess what you're thinking, but it's important to take care of injuries and illnesses. Otherwise, you'll regret it for life."

Sun Mo said with a sincere tone.

When he watched soccer in his previous life, he had seen some players continuing to play before they fully recovered from their injuries, all just to ensure that they wouldn't lose their position as the main player of their team. This resulted in repeated relapses of their injuries and they ended up having a fragile physique.

Sequelae were definitely something that one shouldn't be negligent about.

"Since you can tell that I was hurt by the Sandpoison Palm, then are you able to cure it?"

Jin Mujie asked back.

"I can heal it a little!"

Sun Mo could use the Bone Setting Technique and Muscleforge Technique to remove the poison that had entered Jin Mujie's bones and muscles. This would remove the Sandpoison Palm's sequelae.

He could then use the Circulation Technique to provide additional support to patch up the energy channels.

"Then what are you waiting for?"

Jin Mujie wasn't expecting this surprise.

"..."

Sun Mo didn't move.

"What's the matter?"

Jin Mujie felt baffled but then came to a realization. The position of her injury was special. If Sun Mo were to provide treatment for it, she'd have to take off her clothes.

"..."

Jin Mujie frowned. Ever since her husband died in the Darkness Continent, she hadn't let other men see her body before.

"I'll go tell An Xinhui that you won't be able to continue participating in the league tournament!"

Sun Mo turned to leave.

"No!"

Jin Mujie quickly got up and grabbed Sun Mo's wrist. "This year, the Central Province Academy has a very high chance of advancing. You have no idea how long Xinhui has been waiting for this. I mustn't screw up."

"Do you not want your life anymore?"

Sun Mo's brows were furrowed so tightly that they could clamp a crab to death.

"You are able to treat it, right?"

Jin Mujie bit her red lips hard and tugged off her clothes.

Sun Mo immediately turned his head away, but his dynamic visual acuity was too good. He had seen everything.

Jin Mujie, who had been a little shy, laughed when she saw Sun Mo's reaction. This was an innocent and shy boy.

"Alright, don't waste any more time. Quickly come and give me treatment!"

Jin Mujie returned to the bed. "Or are you trying to drag out the time, wanting to take a few more looks?"

Since she had said this, what else could Sun Mo do?

"I'll be offending you then!"

After saying that, Sun Mo performed the Bone Setting Technique!

"En!"

Jin Mujie instantly felt so much pain that her brows furrowed tightly together. She bit onto her index finger and sweat soon broke out from the tip of her nose.

However, Sun Mo didn't notice this at all. He was fully focused on performing the ancient massaging technique.

After seeing Sun Mo in this state, Jin Mujie's nervousness and embarrassment lessened. With nothing to do, she started to observe Sun Mo.

His skin was so smooth. Although his complexion looked really good, his eyes were the most charming part of his face. They were black like the deep night sky, making one want to probe deeper into them.

His lips were a little straight, occasionally slanting and twitching a little, his brows furrowed lightly. He must have met with some trouble during the treatment. However, his expression remained restrained from the beginning to the end, very calm and steady.

Overall, this was a guy that made one feel at ease!

Jin Mujie suddenly realized that she wasn't against Sun Mo's treatment. Otherwise, she wouldn't have let him touch her.

Gradually, Jin Mujie failed to observe Sun Mo rationally. It was because Sun Mo's massage felt too good.

(Ah! Is this heaven?)

Jin Mujie seemed to have returned to her school days, experiencing her youth once again. She studied, fell in love, graduated together, got a job, until... that man died in the Darkness Continent.

All the beautiful memories suddenly came to a stop.

The crescent moon hung up above the tree, scattering the silvery-white moonlight.

Jin Mujie woke up and looked at the ceiling. Her memories from the afternoon gradually appeared.

"I actually slept for a day?"

Jin Mujie looked out of the window, feeling stunned. Her ears then twitched as she heard the sound of breathing. She subconsciously looked over.

Sun Mo was sitting by the table, reading.

(Even his side view looks good!)

Jin Mujie realized that Sun Mo looked quite perfect from this angle. Her hands grabbed onto the blanket tightly as she looked at him.

Her chest wasn't hurting anymore. Instead, there was a warm sensation inside that felt very comfortable!

(The curves of Sun Mo's skull, tsk, if his skin, flesh, and hair were removed, then it should look perfect. Sigh, I really want to add it to my collection!)

Jin Mujie gulped.

Sun Mo suddenly shuddered, feeling as if he had just been targeted by some kind of carnivorous animal. He then threw a glance toward the bed and realized that Jin Mujie was looking at him with her eyes wide open.

Uhh, to make things clearer, she was assessing his forehead or to be even more accurate, his skull!

"..."

Sun Mo was a little speechless. (Are you the man-eating Dr. Hannibal in The Silence of the Lambs? Or an influential American who likes to tear off the scalps of the Indians?)

“I wrote a prescription for you, but I suggest you look for a doctor to get a second prescription. The focus should be on promoting blood circulation and dispelling blood stasis.”

Sun Mo picked up a prescription, waved it, and then placed it back on the table.

“You know medical skills?”

Out of curiosity, Jin Mujie put on her clothes and walked over.

Her impression of Sun Mo was extremely good now because he was such a gentleman. If it was some other men, they’d definitely use the excuse of checking her injuries to look at her body!

Jin Mujie was very proud of her looks and figure.

Ding!

Favorable impression points from Jin Mujie +500. Reverence (1,360/10,000).

“No, I just happen to know of a few medicinal herbs that can help you with your injuries.”

Sun Mo explained, “But I feel that the prescription from a professional doctor should be more effective!”

“It’s okay, I’ll use this!”

Jin Mujie stood by Sun Mo’s side and looked straight into his eyes, sounding sincere. “Thank you.”

“It’s something I ought to do!” Sun Mo got up. “If there’s nothing else, I’ll leave you to rest first.”

“Hold on a moment!”

Jin Mujie turned over and opened up her clothes to check her chest. Her intention was to check if there was a need for another massage. However, when she lowered her head, she was stunned.

There had been a purple palm bruise on her chest, but now, not only had the mark disappeared, but even her skin had become pale and glowing. It was as if she had taken a milk bath.

“What the hell?”

Jin Mujie was astonished. As a woman, she understood her skin very well. It was now better than before she had gotten injured!

“I used the skin nurturing technique to help you take care of the scar.”

Sun Mo explained.

“Skin nurturing technique?”

Jin Mujie was curious.

“It’s ancient... uh, it’s a branch of the Ancient Dragon Capturing Hands. It’s primarily used to remove wrinkles and maintain the moisture of the skin. It’s pretty useless otherwise!”

Sun Mo shrugged. He was worried that Jin Mujie would think that he was a pervert since he had prolonged the treatment and given her an extra massage.

“Useless?”

Jin Mujie’s tone immediately shot up. “Are you kidding? In my opinion, this is much more useful than the Muscleforge and Bone Setting Technique!”

Jin Mujie’s eyes gleamed. “What restrictions does the skin nurturing technique have? Can it be used repeatedly?”

“There are no restrictions!”

Sun Mo thought about it a little. There really wasn’t any.

“Teacher Sun!”

Jin Mujie suddenly appeared a little bashful and blinked her eyes. “The league tournament is too tiring. I feel that I’ve become a lot haggard. Can you...”

In the beginning, Sun Mo didn’t understand. But when he saw Jin Mujie stroking her face, he suddenly realized that she wanted to have a beauty treatment!

“Sit down!”

(Sigh, women really pursue beauty right from their bones.)

“I’ll be troubling you!”

Jin Mujie immediately sat down. She couldn’t wait.

“Your skin is actually pretty good!”

Sun Mo looked and felt that Jin Mujie didn’t need such treatment.

“Stop with the crap! Be quick!”

Jin Mujie urged. (I want to go back to when I’m 18 years old!)

Sun Mo pressed his hand on Jin Mujie’s snow-white neck while pressing three fingers of the other hand on her forehead. He then started to perform the skin nurturing technique.

Even though his proficiency index was only at the expert-grade, the effect was still quite good.

Five minutes later, Jin Mujie stood in front of the mirror and noticed that her complexion had gotten a lot better, especially her skin. It was glowing, tender, and bouncy as if she had returned to her teenage days!

“It’s too amazing! As expected of the God Hands!”

Jin Mujie was full of praises.

Ding!

Favorable impression points from Jin Mujie +1,000. Reverence (2,360/10,000).

Hearing the notifications, Sun Mo was flabbergasted. (I gave you such a long massage that completely tired me out, curing you of the Sandpoison Palm, yet you only contributed 500 favorable impression

points. But after a five-minute beauty treatment, you're contributing 1,000 favorable impression points! Is something wrong in your brain?)

The reason for this was because Jin Mujie was filled with gratitude for Sun Mo. It was like stacking favorable impression points, doubling the amount!

"Teacher Sun, I'm not very satisfied with my nose. Can you help to make it a little perkier?"

Jin Mujie looked and looked. All women would feel that their face shape wasn't perfect enough.

"I feel that it's quite good!"

Sun Mo didn't wish to do it anymore.

"Huh?"

Jin Mujie was stunned and she looked at Sun Mo.

"What's the matter?"

Sun Mo was stunned.

"I was just mentioning this in passing. Are you really able to make my nose perkier?"

Jin Mujie was astonished.

"..."

Sun Mo was speechless, but it was true that it could be done with the Bone Setting Technique. Not just the nose, it was even possible to make one's cheekbone higher.

To make things clear, the ancient massaging technique's Bone Setting Technique and Muscleforge Technique were divine skills that were comparable to cosmetic surgery.

"My god, isn't your God Hands too amazing?"

After the exclamation, Jin Mujie looked downward and asked, feeling embarrassed, "This... can't you make it bigger?"

"I'm sorry!"

Sun Mo pursed his lips together. (Even if I can do it, I won't!)

"If there's nothing else, I'll be making a move first!"

"Oh!"

After Sun Mo left, Jin Mujie took off her clothes and admired her body in detail. Her chest had been nurtured and it was a lot fairer than other parts of her body.

Jin Mujie suddenly felt like calling Sun Mo back for another round. Moreover, she wanted a full-body treatment!

Chapter 372: Choose One of Three, Deathly Choice!

Everyone liked beauty!

In modern days, many women treated cosmetic surgeries as necessities for the sake of their beauty. The only thing that restricted them was the insufficient money in their pockets.

Hence, it was too miraculous to have a fairer, firmer, and more tender skin with just a massage.

After the surprise, Jin Mujie held back her impulse to ask Sun Mo for a beauty treatment.

After all, she was a 3-star great teacher and also his senior. She needed to show some restraints. Otherwise, it wouldn't be worth it if Sun Mo looked down on her.

Anyway, Sun Mo was in the Central Province Academy. He wouldn't be able to run!

She should learn to take things slowly.

Of course, friendship was something that needed to be carefully maintained. One mustn't take things one-sidedly and must learn to give as well. However, after a round of thinking, she still had no idea what she could give.

Given the talent Sun Mo was displaying, she believed that he'd become a 3-star great teacher in less than three years. He'd be able to stand on equal grounds with her then.

Jin Mujie was quite confident of her judgment.

Jin Mujie smiled in self-mockery. (Sigh, Sun Mo, why are you so strong? I can't even find a weakness when I wish to help you.)

"Wuuu, I'm really envious of Xinhui. Wouldn't she be able to enjoy the skin nurturing technique every night in the future?"

Jin Mujie stroked her face, feeling a bit down.

(What kind of reason should I prepare next time to make him treat me again? Stomachache? But wouldn't he just tell me that I'll get better after drinking more hot water?)

Just as Jin Mujie's mind was in chaos, Sun Mo received a notification again.

Ding!

"Congratulations, you've obtained a tremendous number of favorable impression points from a 3-star great teacher. Your prestige connection has risen. Rewarded with one gold treasure chest!"

Sun Mo whistled.

He gave it more thought. Although Yue Rongbo viewed him in high regard as well, the two of them didn't work together and his understanding of Sun Mo was limited. However, things were different for Jin Mujie. She knew every major thing that Sun Mo had done and how outstanding he was. Therefore, she gave him a great number of favorable impression points.

"Do you want to open it?"

The system asked.

“Are you making things difficult for me on purpose?”

Sun Mo rolled his eyes. (Why would an unlucky guy like me open a chest when the papaya girl isn't by my side? I probably wouldn't get any good spoils even after opening ten consecutive gold treasure chests.)

“Keep it for now!”

Sun Mo felt that if he couldn't continue to be a teacher in the future, he could open a beauty salon. His ability allowed him to make one more beautiful and fairer without any side effects. He was like a human-shaped mask!

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In the early morning, the Central Province Academy's students woke up in succession.

Zhu Ting stretched his back and took in deep breaths, feeling great all over.

“Teacher Sun's spirit gathering potted plant is amazing!”

Zhu Ting exclaimed and looked at the spirit gathering potted plant that was placed next to his bed.

As the leaves had been engraved with Spirit-Gathering Runes, even if the runes weren't activated, the plant could continue to absorb spirit qi and maintain a space with a high spirit qi density.

Sleeping in a space like this was like soaking in spirit qi spring water. There were plenty of benefits. At the very least, they'd be able to sleep soundly and feel mentally at ease.

“That's right!”

Xue Tianlei had gotten up as well. He didn't wear any clothes and jumped onto the ground. He picked up the watering pot and watered the potted plant. His actions were very careful.

“Do you guys think that Teacher Sun will take back this potted plant after the league tournament is over?”

Zhu Ting was a little worried. He was already used to the existence of the potted plant. He didn't wish to return it.

“Huh?”

Xue Tianlei was stunned. “I don't think so. Teacher Sun isn't petty!”

“Being petty or not depends on the item mentioned as well. If this potted plant were to be sold, it'd bring in at least 100,000 taels, right?”

Zhu Ting felt that if he were in Sun Mo's shoes, he wouldn't bear to give someone a potted plant like this for nothing.

“Only a fool would sell it for money. This potted plant can be exchanged for spirit stones. At least 50 of them!”

Fang Yan, who had been squatting by the potted plant to study the Spirit-Gathering Runes on the leaves, spoke up. He learned the study of spirit runes and thus knew the level of skill needed to draw Spirit-Gathering Runes on a plant.

70% of the people wouldn't be able to do it even after training hard for a lifetime. At this stage, hard work couldn't cut it anymore. An extremely great aptitude was a must.

"50 spirit stones?"

Zhu Ting gasped. This was a tremendous sum.

"It should be able to sell for more, right? I have never seen a potted plant like this for sale in the market."

Xue Tianlei questioned.

"Not really. The value of this potted plant lies in its ability to form a space with dense spirit qi around it. However, it'd only be double as dense. It wouldn't matter for poor people, as it wouldn't affect their cultivation speed by too much anyway. Meanwhile, rich people might as well buy stronger equipment that has a stronger effect than this."

Fang Yan explained.

To make things clear, the effect of the spirit gathering potted plant was still too weak, and it wasn't enough to make people pursue it.

If the effect was like three, five, or even ten times stronger, its value would be sky-high.

"I heard that Teacher Sun drew this potted plant by himself. He's really amazing!"

Xue Tianlei praised.

Ding!

Favorable impression points from Xue Tianlei +100. Friendly (150/1,000).

"That's right. It's like holding onto a treasure bowl [1]!"

Zhu Ting felt very envious. If he had this skill, he'd draw spirit gathering potted plants every day and earn a lot of spirit stones.

"You're thinking too much. I'm sure some ancestor-grade spirit rune masters had thought of drawing Spirit Gathering Runes on plants in the past."

Fang Yan shook his head. "This thing is too difficult to draw, and the cost-performance ratio is not that great. If one had the time, they'd rather draw the runes on rune papers."

This potted plant was something Sun Mo suddenly came up with, and he wasn't continuing with it either because things were like what Fang Yan had said. The cost-performance ratio was too bad.

Rich people wouldn't put such potted plants on display!

It was like how things were like for Sun Mo. He'd go to the Wind King Hall to sleep. The spirit qi there was many times denser than it was in the nine provinces. Even a room filled with spirit gathering potted plants wouldn't be comparable to it.

This was what a treasured land was like. The spirit qi that Sun Mo and his students could absorb while sleeping was many times more than what an ordinary student could get from cultivating a whole day.

Sun Mo's drawing technique was only good for showing off in this case.

"However, there's no need to worry. Teacher Sun wouldn't take back these spirit gathering potted plants. It wasn't hard for him to make these!"

Fang Yan said this from the perspective of the human heart and value.

The plants that Sun Mo used to draw the runes on were too common. They weren't worth a lot of money. As Sun Mo wasn't lacking in spirit stones, he might as well give these plants away as a favor.

However, his skill was really amazing!

Fang Yan felt envious.

Ding!

Favorable impression points from Fang Yan +100. Friendly (470/1,000).

Hearing his roommates praising Sun Mo, Xu Xun felt displeased. "I'll be going off to eat first!"

"Xu Xun, hold on!"

Zhu Ting called out.

"What's the matter?"

Xu Xun stood at the door.

"Can you go ask Teacher Sun Mo for a spirit gathering potted plant?"

Zhu Ting suggested.

"No!"

Xu Xun refused outright.

"Old Xu, even if you're not considering yourself, can you do it out of consideration for us? Every four students sleep in a room, but our room is the only one with only three potted plants. We have less spirit qi compared to others!"

Zhu Ting felt that they were losing out, and the reason for that was Xu Xun.

"Can't you just go and ask Sun Mo for another one?"

Xu Xun's lips twitched. He was stronger than Zhu Ting, so he didn't care about him.

"Xu Xun, mind your address. It's Teacher Sun!"

Fang Yan reminded him. As the student leader, he had the responsibility to correct Xu Xun's attitude. Even if one didn't like Sun Mo and scold or curse him in private, it didn't matter. However, in front of others, the most basic respect must be ensured.

"Forget it, Sun Mo isn't here anyway. There's no use even if you were to flatter him!"

After Xu Xun said that, he slammed the door and left.

"Crazy. He thinks so well of himself just because he is An Xinhui's personal disciple."

Zhu Ting sneered.

Standing in the corridor, Xu Xun was a little perplexed. (Could it be that I was wrong?)

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Three days passed by. The third round of the competition for the new student group had officially started.

At the White Dew Building's auditorium.

"Jiang Leng? Why have you come?" Sun Mo frowned. "Where's Zhao Zhi?"

Jiang Leng looked at Li Ziqi. He didn't like to talk, so he tended not to speak up if there wasn't a need to.

"Teacher, it's my idea!"

Zhang Yanzong stood up. "Zhao Zhi's performance in the previous two rounds was too bad. He didn't have the drive to win at all. That's why I put Jiang Leng in as his substitute.

"What's Zhao Zhi's view on this?"

Sun Mo knew this situation.

Once the group encountered trouble, Zhao Zhi would always be the one to say despondent words. It was a great blow to the group's morale. Moreover, he was unable to bring any increment to the group's strength.

Sun Mo had had the intention of substituting him, but after some hesitation, he didn't speak up. It wasn't easy for the students to get a chance to take part in a competition like this.

Moreover, if Zhao Zhi were to suffer a blow as a result of this, it wouldn't be good either.

Sun Mo had planned to talk to Zhao Zhi to let him gradually gain confidence.

"He agreed to it after I just said it!"

Zhang Yanzong shrugged, his expression filled with disdain. Zhao Zhi was just a coward. He had the thought of not participating in the competition anymore from a long time ago, but he was just too embarrassed to say it himself.

"Since he has no objection, then we'll do that!"

After saying that, Sun Mo looked at Jiang Leng. "Can you do it?"

“No problem!” Jiang Leng’s meaning was simple.

“So many teachers and students are observing us!”

Qian Dun was a little nervous, but he also felt a strong sense of excitement. He and Wang Chao were the substitute teachers for Fan Yao and Song Ren.

“We’re now strong contenders for first place!” Wang Chao was prepared to go all out.

“Ziqi, you’re also involved in the change of members, right?”

Sun Mo asked in a soft voice.

“Hehe!”

The little sunny egg stuck out her little tongue. This was the first battle led by Sun Mo, and they had the chance for victory. Therefore, she wouldn’t allow any trash to drag them down.

Thankfully, Zhao Zhi himself was a coward to begin with. Otherwise, she would have to play some more tricks to get him to drop out.

With Tantai Yutang as her accomplice, it would be too simple to get Zhao Zhi to fall sick unknowingly and drop out.

Clank! Clank!

The bell rang twice and the main judge, Tong Yiming, walked up the platform.

“The third round of the competition will be starting officially, and I’m going to announce the rules and content. I’ll only say it once. If you can’t remember it, then count yourself unlucky!”

Tong Yiming’s sharp and solemn gaze swept through the entire scene.

“The theme for the third round is to search for secret treasures of darkness, and the time limit is ten days. The ranking will be judged based on the value of the secret treasures you found. The more precious the secret treasures, the higher the ranking.

“Of course, you can also choose not to search but snatch other student groups’ secret treasures instead. It’s allowed. But remember, teachers mustn’t raise a hand against students. However, if the students were to attack you, you are allowed to retaliate.

“Secret treasures can only be held by the students!”

Upon hearing this, the atmosphere in the auditorium became stiff. As expected, it was another round of killing. However, this was understandable. Whether a school was strong or not depended on actual combat capabilities.

“Of course, students and teachers alike are allowed to give up when their lives are in danger. No one is allowed to attack those who have given up. Violators will be seized of their rights to take part in the competition and will never be able to participate in all competitions held by the Saint Gate!”

Tong Yiming took the extra effort to warn them in case some participants were to kill intentionally!

“Haha, I like to battle!”

Qian Dun bumped his fists together but then furrowed his brows because a lot of people were staring at them.

From their uniforms, they looked like they were from Sky Orchid and Weima.

“F*ck, have we become the main target for all?”

Qian Dun was stunned.

“We got second place in the previous round. They won’t be able to accept this!”

Wang Chao smiled, but his smile was a little stiff. The difficulty level of this round would spike up if they were targeted by two strong schools.

“Although there are various mysterious and unknown places in the Darkness Continent, as well as many secret treasures with mysterious abilities, in order to save time and make it easy for surveillance, the judges have limited it to three secret realms. You guys can only explore these areas!”

Tong Yiming continued to introduce the rules.

Secret realms, as their names suggested, were places that were mysterious and unknown. They were basically virgin land that no humans had ever entered before, and the danger level was very high.

“The Category ‘A’ secret realm is a new secret realm that the Saint Gate’s exploring team has just discovered. Based on the current information, the chances of discovering peak-grade secret treasures are very high. But if one were a little careless, they’d get the entire group wiped out!

“The Category ‘B’ secret realm is at the mid-level for both the degree of exploration and danger level. You might lose some members, but the group won’t be wiped out.

“The Category ‘C’ secret realm has almost been explored fully, and the danger level is extremely low. It’s possible to get some low-grade secret treasures, but it’s almost impossible to get peak-grade secret treasures.”

Tong Yiming added, “The leaders of the various student groups, come up to the stage to collect the maps and information! The Saint Gate will give you all the information about the three secret realms. You guys can decide for yourself on what you pick!”

Zhang Yanzong went up the stage and the other students immediately started discussing amongst themselves.

“Is there a need to hesitate? Of course we should choose the Category ‘A’ secret realm!”

Xuanyuan Po, whose mind was filled with nothing but muscles, immediately cried out. He liked challenges.

The students were all raring to go as well, wanting to challenge the most difficult grade. However, Sun Mo and the other three teachers couldn’t be so impulsive. They needed to consider the current situation.

“Given our current results, we should go for the Category ‘B’ secret realm. As long as we find a mid-tier secret treasure, we’ll have a 90% chance of advancing. We can then preserve our battle prowess and wait to hunt down the other student groups who came back from the Category ‘A’ secret realm!”

Qian Dun suggested.

Li Ziqi threw a glance at him. Although this teacher had a sturdy body and was holding a great saber, looking like a brute, he had some brains.

“We can do that!”

Gu Xiuxun was in agreement.

The Category ‘A’ secret realm was too difficult. Even if they were to find the secret treasures successfully, they would probably lose some members, suffering great casualties. Therefore, they might as well wait to hunt the other student groups down.

This plan was the safest bet for them!

Chapter 373: Impromptu Lecture, All Hail the Great Central Province!

The Central Province Academy wasn’t the only academy that was caught in a stump. Half or more of the academies would face such a gamble.

The most relaxed ones were the 20 academies ranked at the bottom. It was because they had no other choice. They could only go to the Category ‘A’ secret realm. If they didn’t gamble on it, there was a high chance they would be downgraded.

Therefore, they set off immediately after receiving the information.

Mingshao set off at the same time as them. They didn’t hesitate at all. It was because they only had one goal in mind—to go to the Category ‘A’ secret realm and get first place!

“Hey, Central Province, don’t be scared and come with us to the Category ‘A’ secret realm!”

A voice suddenly called out and everyone looked over. It was a teacher from Mingshao.

“Xueli, don’t create trouble!”

Ming Xian frowned slightly. He didn’t like such a situation where everyone’s eyes were on them.

Mingshao’s student group had high morale. When they looked at the Central Province Academy’s students, their gaze was filled with pride, confidence, and a hint of disdain.

“Teacher, the first place is ours! No one will be able to snatch it away from us!”

Nangong Dao’s voice was calm but had powerful confidence. “I’ll be able to crush a group like this single-handedly.”

“It’s a pity that you won’t have a chance to do that!”

Wei Xueli’s lips twitched. “I feel that there’s a high chance that they’d choose Category ‘B’ and then wait at the goal to hunt down other student groups!”

Swoosh!

The surrounding gazes then turned toward the people from the Central Province Academy, eventually landing on Sun Mo. It was because all the teachers and students were looking at him.

This meant that this young teacher was the spine of the group.

“These guys’ gazes really give me the urge to beat them up!”

Xu Jialiang felt upset.

“The rules didn’t say that we can’t make a move now, right?”

Xuanyuan Po stared at Nangong Dao and then licked his lips. “Zhang Yanzong, Baiwu, should we do them in?”

The stubborn young girl took the longbow she was carrying on her back.

“Stop it!”

Li Ziqi persuaded them. If they were to fight now, wouldn’t they make things easier for the other schools?

Sky Orchid and Weima’s students quickly set off as well.

“Which secret realm do you think they are heading for?”

Li Fen felt curious.

“Category ‘A’ secret realm!”

Lu Zhiruo replied.

“Why?”

Shi Qiao asked.

“Huh?” The papaya girl scratched her head. “It’s my guess!”

“...”

Everyone was speechless. (Your reason is really different.)

“It is Category ‘A’.”

Li Ziqi interjected, “Humans have a sense of superiority. Look at those students’ expressions. They are looking so proud and bold. This means that they chose ‘A’.”

“Hmmm? That seems to be the case!”

Li Fen nodded. If she had chosen Category ‘A’ secret realm, she would feel proud as well. It was because it’d mean that she had greater courage to take risks when compared to the other student groups. However, if she were to choose Category ‘B’, the same effect wouldn’t apply.

Weima's people silently left the auditorium but when Sky Orchid's teacher Chunyu Kong left, he looked toward Sun Mo's side. He stuck out his thumb and drew a line in front of his throat, giving a throat-cutting greeting!

"Central Province, I'll be waiting for you guys at the Category 'A' secret realm!"

Hua!

A commotion broke out.

Wei Xueli's words earlier were clearly a taunt, but Sky Orchid's words, in addition to the throat-cutting greeting, could be considered a challenge!

"Are you still angry?"

Liang Pei chuckled.

"The minor conflict with Sun Mo the other day doesn't matter, but I can't stand the way Ten Thousand Maple Hotel's boss is currying up to the Central Province Academy. Damn it, even if Mingshao can't get first place, the Central Province Academy wouldn't be the one to get it either!"

Chunyu Kong was proud. He wanted to wipe out the Central Province Academy's student group and let Boss Lei realize how blind he was!

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"Teacher Sun, don't be impulsive!" Qian Dun quickly said, "And you guys, calm down as well!"

"They have already done a throat-cutting gesture. I say we should go give them a bashing right now!"

Xuanyuan Po said fiercely.

"Shut up!"

Qian Dun reprimanded, "Is your mind filled with nothing but muscles? They are trying to agitate us to choose the Category 'A' secret realm."

There was a possibility that things might turn out bad for Sky Orchid, and that would allow the lower-ranked schools to surpass them. However, once the lower-ranked schools also went to the Category 'A' secret realm, then everyone would have the same amount of risks.

Li Ziqi's lips twitched, thinking to herself, (Teacher Qian, you've guessed it right. Xuanyuan Po's mind is filled with nothing but muscles.)

"Teacher Qian!"

Zhang Yanzong stared at the door, his tone icy cold. "I can't take this. I propose we choose the Category 'A' secret realm!"

"I choose Category 'A' as well!"

"Category 'A'!"

The Central Province Academy's students all spoke up.

“You guys are young and hot-blooded!”

Qian Dun felt helpless when he saw that his words carried no weight. He was unable to convince them. He could only turn to Sun Mo. “Teacher Sun, say something!”

“To speak the truth, although you guys didn’t perform badly in the first two rounds, what I’m most satisfied with is the battle will that you guys are showing now!”

Sun Mo spoke up.

“Huh?”

Both Qian Dun and Wang Chao were stunned. (Teacher Sun, did you say the wrong thing?)

Gu Xiuxun sighed. She had guessed that this would be the outcome. Given Sun Mo’s pride, how could he possibly go to the Category ‘B’ secret realm?

“So what if it’s the Category ‘A’ secret realm? The Sky Orchid, Weima, and Mingshao dare to go without any hesitation at all. Then why doesn’t our great Central Province dare to go?”

Sun Mo said in a clear voice.

In the White Dew Building, all the noises settled down into peace. All the students looked over and felt a domineering feeling when they heard Sun Mo’s words!

“Hmm? Interesting!”

Tong Yiming looked over.

“What’s the reason we’re here for? Is it to travel? To experience how the newbie competition is like? Don’t be joking! The reason why we’re here is to fight for first place!”

Sun Mo’s voice was very strong and powerful.

“Choosing the Category ‘B’ secret realm in itself is doubting your own abilities!

“You are all youngsters around 12 or 13 years old, and you still have a very long life ahead of you. If you were to give in right now, then what would happen if you were to face greater hurdles in the future?

“Would you weigh the pros and cons? Assess the gains and losses?

“Scram! I don’t care about it! I want first place!”

Toward the very end, Sun Mo was already bellowing!

This was his heartfelt feelings. In one’s lifetime, they should continue to encounter difficulty: study, graduate, look for a job, get into a relationship, and eventually get married...

In which phase wouldn’t they be competing with people?

A winner in life wasn’t someone who would just lie in bed and think about it. They needed to continue fighting, fighting, and fighting!

Boom!

An immense golden light erupted from Sun Mo's body, radiating out toward the surroundings and encompassing a large half of the White Dew Building.

"Priceless Advice?"

"F*ck! Its range is a little big!"

"Who is this guy?"

The teachers assessed Sun Mo, discussing amongst themselves.

"He is Central Province Academy's Sun Mo! This guy is really strong!"

Someone replied.

Sun Mo looked at the students, his tone impassionate!

"The more people you defeat, the higher you guys will climb up the mountain of your life!"

"When you've defeated everyone, you'll be standing at the peak of the mountain. You'll be able to look down on the other mountains that will look very small and insignificant. You'll be able to admire a majestic view that no one else will be able to see!"

The students' breathing became heavier, their emotions excited. This wasn't just the effect of Priceless Advice, but it was also what they were thinking!

Which youngster didn't have the craving to win?

"Everyone!"

Sun Mo's gaze swept out and he looked at the eyes of every single student. "What is the reason for us coming here?"

"First place!"

20 students bellowed out in unison. Even a calm young man like Tantai Yutang, who would usually only take action after developing a plan, wasn't willing to consider the most conservative battle tactic this time.

(I want the first place!)

"Set off!"

Sun Mo gave the order!

The Central Province Academy's student group set off for the Category 'A' secret realm!

"It's over!"

Qian Dun felt gloomy.

"F*ck his mom! I want first place!"

Wang Chao cursed. He was affected by the Priceless Advice halo.

“Teacher Gu, you aren’t going to persuade Teacher Sun either, right?”

Qian Dun smiled bitterly. As teachers, the great teacher halo’s effect on them wasn’t huge. This meant that Wang Chao was more ambitious than he was!

“Why persuade him?”

Gu Xiuxun asked back and smiled. “Actually, I also want to choose the Category ‘A’ secret realm!”

Qian Dun was stunned. He then shook his head, mocking himself a little.

“Could this be the mentality of a strong expert?”

Qian Dun suddenly came to a realization. This was the difference between himself and a genius like Sun Mo.

It was no wonder that the great teacher he admired didn’t take him in but had said, “You seek for stability too much!”

So it meant that he was lacking in adventurous spirit!

It was no wonder that Sun Mo could do big things. If he had been scared from the very beginning, he wouldn’t have gotten these elite students’ trust and admiration!

Ding!

Favorable impression points from Qian Dun +500. Friendly (610/1,000).

Sun Mo and the group left, but the several tens of student groups nearby were still in a state of excitement.

“Teacher, let’s go to the Category ‘A’ secret realm as well!”

“F*ck them! We want first place too!”

“We won’t give up until we die in battle! Let them see that they can’t beat us either!”

The students were making a ruckus, having astonishing disposition as if they could dethrone the Emperor.

“Calm down! Everyone, calm down!”

The teachers tried hard to console them, but it was useless. These students had been affected by Priceless Advice and were filled with battle spirit now.

“Damned Sun Mo!”

The teachers felt very helpless. Amidst their bitter smiles, they had complaints toward Sun Mo. (Sun Mo, you’ve done us in. It’s fine even if you were to encourage the students. But why do you have to use Priceless Advice?)

This was bad for the schools in the middle of the ranking. No matter how hard they tried, they wouldn’t be able to advance anyway, and if they were to make a mistake, they wouldn’t be downgraded either.

Therefore, they wanted to seek stability. However, after Sun Mo sent this great teacher halo erupting out, all the students had gone 'crazy'!

Nevertheless, they also admitted that what Sun Mo had said was not wrong.

The strong didn't just rely on their capabilities. They must also have a heart that would never give up. Look at Mingshao! That was the disposition of a champion!

"Hehe!"

Looking at those students acting as if they had taken stimulants, making a ruckus of wanting to explore the Category 'A' secret realm, Tong Yiming smiled.

(Youngsters should have such sharpness of 'if I can't do it, who can?'. That Sun Mo is really not someone ordinary!)

Ding!

Favorable impression points from Tong Yiming +50, prestige connection initiated. Neutral (50/100).

It was impossible to hide such a great commotion. Therefore, half an hour later, the headmasters found out about it.

"Is Sun Mo crazy?"

After Zhang Hanfu received his subordinates' report, he felt that Sun Mo was being too reckless. Why were they talking about getting first place at a time like this? Advancing was the primary mission!

"Headmaster Zhang, the Teacher Sun from your school is really astonishing!"

"Liu Mubai's limelight has been covered by him!"

"Headmaster Zhang, what is this Sun Mo's background?"

The headmasters came over to talk to Zhang Hanfu.

Zhang Hanfu was an experienced person by now. Judging by this situation, he knew that these headmasters were harboring ulterior motives. They were probing to see if they could headhunt Sun Mo!

Chapter 374: Do You Have to Show Off So Much?

Zhang Hanfu's current heart state was extremely complex.

The Central Province Academy was famous once again, causing others to view him with respect. However, this was because of Sun Mo that he loathed.

"Sun Mo, you should quickly get poached away!"

Zhang Hanfu sighed, feeling some regret about his clashes with Sun Mo back then. However, who could have guessed that a nameless graduate from Songyang Academy would be so outstanding?

(Tell me, are you crazy?)

(With such strength, why didn't you join the Nine Greats?)

If Sun Mo was a graduate from the Nine Greats, Zhang Hanfu would have never underestimated Sun Mo and would have treated him as his greatest, most formidable enemy.

Ding!

Favorable impression points from Zhang Hanfu +100. Friendly (410/1,000).

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In the category 'A' secret realm. If one took a carriage, the distance between it to White Dew City was about a day and a half. But to cultivators, this wasn't troublesome at all.

They could travel long distances by foot. This was their most basic ability.

Ding!

"Congratulations, you have obtained a total of +3,100 favorable impression points."

Some of the points were contributed by students of other schools. Although they didn't make up a big portion, their contribution still represented that Sun Mo's impromptu lecture had convinced them.

Ding!

"Congratulations, your prestige connection with Xue Tianlei has improved. Reward: 1x lucky treasure chest!"

Sun Mo's lips twitched.

Staring at the red-colored treasure chest with the word 'fortune' on it, Sun Mo directly opened it.

Ding!

"Congratulations on obtaining a bag of dark soil. Please continue to work hard!"

"F***!"

Sun Mo had once again proven his unluckiness.

"Sun Mo, what do you think?"

Qian Dun asked. After speaking, he discovered that Sun Mo was distracted.

"What do you mean?"

Sun Mo turned his head.

"I mean, do you have any thoughts about the ruins?"

Qian Dun repeated.

The 'A' secret realm was a castle that was located under an abandoned ruin. Because an earthquake happened half a year ago, it was accidentally discovered by someone.

"We should explore it cautiously."

What else could Sun Mo say?

Half a year ago, he was still a normal college teacher. Let alone exploring ruins, he had never even set up a camp in the wilderness before.

“...”

Qian Dun really wanted to ask ‘Are you sure you are reliable or not? Could your spirited lecture earlier be just you shooting your mouth off?’

However, seeing the absolute trust the students had toward Sun Mo, he still decided to maintain his silence.

“Where is the information? Let me take a look.”

Sun Mo took over the information from Li Ziqi. He snapped his finger and opened it up for a look.

Swish~

Golden light erupted forth, cladding the surrounding 100 meters in its glow.

The students, who were speaking in low voices discussing the ruin, immediately felt their spirits and minds stirring. They felt much more clear-headed and were in much better condition than before.

“I feel that I can achieve ‘photographic memory’ now!”

Li Fen was full of confidence.

“Encyclopedic Knowledge?”

Wang Chao stared at Sun Mo in astonishment. (Is there a mistake? You are only looking through some data yet you cast a halo?)

(Are you boasting? Definitely yes, right?)

“...”

Qian Dun wanted to curse in his heart. (Do you have to be so outstanding?) But then again, the range of this great teacher halo was so wide.

Even for great teachers in the same star rank, there would be differences in their strength. The easiest way to determine who was stronger was to check the range of their great teacher halo. The greater the ranger, the stronger they were.

Just from the look of this halo alone, Sun Mo absolutely had the strength of a 1-star great teacher.

Gu Xiuxun’s lips twitched. Because she was also proficient in Encyclopedic Knowledge and saw how casual Sun Mo looked when he cast it as well as the wide range of the halo, she knew that this wasn’t Sun Mo’s full strength.

“I can’t win against him!”

Gu Xiuxun sighed. She decided not to play with Sun Mo anymore in the future. Her morale would surely be crushed badly.

“A brush and paper!”

Sun Mo instructed.

Li Ziqi, who followed beside him, acted like a maid and passed the paper and brush to Sun Mo. She was extremely considerate in her actions.

This scene caused the other three teachers to become jealous. (We also want such an obedient and understanding personal disciple!)

Sun Mo drew a total of twenty ‘muli grass’ pictures and got Li Ziqi to pass it to everyone.

“Pay attention to the surroundings. Harvest this grass immediately if you discover it!”

Sun Mo instructed.

“What is this?”

Qian Dun frowned, not understanding what Sun Mo was doing.

“This is the muli grass!”

Sun Mo explained, “Didn’t the information state that there’s a type of darkness beast that roams the ruins? If we grind this grass into powder and cover our bodies with it, we will be able to avoid the attacks from those beasts.”

“You know which mysterious species of darkness that ferocious beast belongs to?”

Qian Dun was curious.

The information stated that this mysterious species of darkness could walk in a semi-upright manner. Their skin was black, and they were furry with long horns, resembling apes. However, the information didn’t state the name of the species.

Either the Saint Gate had no idea, or they were intentionally concealing this fact to increase the difficulty of the competition.

“It must be a type of ape species!”

Sun Mo explained.

He also didn’t know, but the information given was extremely detailed regarding the external appearances of these darkness apes. Using Divine Sight and looking at the information, he could infer some things.

The things he inferred weren’t very detailed, but he had discovered the living habits of this type of giant apes. This was already enough.

Sun Mo even had detailed information about 1,500 types of plants on the Darkness Continent. It wasn’t difficult for him to find a plant that eased the difficulty of their mission.

From his point of view, giant apes, gorillas, humans were all creatures with similar external appearances. Since the muli grass could make gorillas run away with disgust, it might be able to evoke the same effect against the giant apes.

In any case, it wasn't wrong to make more preparations.

"Are you also knowledgeable about the study of darkness creatures?"

Wang Chao was curious. This was a subject that specialized in researching animals who lived on the Darkness Continent.

"Nope!"

Sun Mo shook his head. He indeed didn't have any knowledge of this.

"..."

Qian Dun was speechless. (Why do you still get people to harvest the muli grass then?)

"However, I understand botany in the Darkness Continent!"

Sun Mo added.

"Haha, didn't I say that Teacher Sun would never speak without thinking?"

Wang Chao patted Qian Dun on his shoulder while silently saying, 'bro, you should stop worrying and do what Sun Mo says'.

In any case, Sun Mo would be the one responsible because he was the group leader.

"Teacher!"

Tantai Yutang came over.

"What's the matter?"

Sun Mo was surprised. It was very rare for the sickly invalid to take the initiative to talk to him.

"I wish to know the relevant information regarding the muli grass."

Tantai Yutang sincerely implored.

There was no need to conceal such things. Sun Mo directly told him everything.

As Tantai Yutang listened, his brows furrowed.

"Teacher, I have a question!"

After Tantai Yutang finished listening, he hesitated a little but still decided to seek Sun Mo's guidance.

When the other students heard this, they immediately pricked their ears and were prepared to secretly learn some knowledge.

"Speak!"

Sun Mo was very calm because he had guessed what the sickly invalid wanted to ask.

“Teacher, for a plant species like muli grass, their medical value is extremely low, so it’s very rare for herbalists to research it. Hence, the information available about it is extremely limited as well. From which ancient records or books did you see this information?”

Tantai Yutang was curious.

Because of his clan, Tantai Yutang had been in close contact with herbs ever since he was young. Since he was sickly, the number of medical books he had read before were countless.

This naturally included a large number of books with regard to herbs.

Tantai Yutang felt that his knowledge on these subjects was extensive enough to the point where he wouldn’t be inferior even if he was compared to some great teachers. But why had he never seen the muli grass’s detailed introduction before?

“I saw it in the [Darkness Continent Great Plants Encyclopedia]!”

Sun Mo bluntly spoke.

“There’s such a book?”

Tantai Yutang frowned. He tried to recall but couldn’t seem to remember anything about this. “Which grandmaster herbalist compiled this?”

“I have no idea. I found this book randomly in an old bookstore.”

Sun Mo casually found an excuse. He couldn’t possibly say that this was given to him by the system, right?

“I see!”

Tantai Yutang didn’t suspect anything. Because when Sun Mo introduced the muli grass, he seemed very familiar with it and his words were clear and logical. All this knowledge must have been compiled by the ancients.

“If you wish to learn, I will teach you when we return!”

Sun Mo knew that Tantai Yutang wasn’t very respectful when facing him, but when it came to learning, Sun Mo would never be stingy with his students.

“Thank you, teacher!”

Tantai Yutang bowed.

Ding!

Favorable impression points from Tantai Yutang +50. Friendly (870/1,000).

“Teacher Sun knows so many things!”

“Yup, he’s like an encyclopedia!”

“With Teacher Sun leading the group, it’s so good. We will definitely be able to get the championship this year!”

The students were extremely confident and contributed even more favorable impression points.

Qian Dun felt a lingering fear, but he also heaved a sigh of relief. (Luckily, my attitude was proper and I didn’t think about snatching the group leader’s position. If not, I would have lost all my face.)

Given Sun Mo’s level of talent, who could win against him?

It was better just to be his subordinate!

Because they had to harvest muli grass while journeying, when Sun Mo’s group reached the ruins, quite a few student groups were already waiting here.

These student groups were gathering outside the ruins’ entrance and had heavy expressions on their faces.

“They are the Central Province Academy’s student group!”

“Why did they only arrive now?”

“It’s great. We can follow behind them and sneak our way in!”

The few student groups here were currently discussing in low voices.

“Why are these student groups not going in?”

Li Fen didn’t understand.

“They definitely tried and failed to enter!”

Li Ziqi picked up a rock and passed it to Xuanyuan Po. The combat addict understood and immediately tossed it inside.

Pak!

After the stone landed and made a sound, it immediately caused a few roars of rage to echo out!

“Teacher Wang, can I trouble you to do some scouting first?”

Sun Mo lowered his voice, “Do things according to our plan!”

“Understood!”

Wang Chao nodded. After that, he entered the ruins. His movement arts weren’t bad and he specialized in agility. He was chosen by An Xinhui precisely for his scouting ability.

As for Qian Dun, he complemented Wang Chao because he specialized in attack.

“Teacher Sun, I’m a teacher from Iron Cliff Academy!”

A male teacher walked over. “There are ferocious beasts that look like a giant ape. Moving alone is too dangerous. How about forming an alliance with us?”

“Teacher Sun, I’ve long since been impressed with your name. I wonder if you are keen to group up with us?”

Another female teacher came over. She had a smile on her face even before she said anything.

“Why don’t you two form an alliance instead?”

Gu Xiuxun mocked, feeling disdain in her heart. They were actually using a honey trap. (You guys are looking down on Teacher Sun too much!)

“Hehe!”

The two teachers exchanged a mutual glance and didn’t say anything. However, the meaning was clear without words. Even if they wanted an ally, they would look for a stronger school. What was the point of allying with a burden?

“Teacher Sun, I really admire you very much...”

Even before the female teacher could finish, she was interrupted.

“Alright, enough. We won’t be forming a team with you!”

Gu Xiuxun grew impatient. “If I didn’t remember wrongly, your school is ranked at the bottom few, right?”

Chapter 375: Matchless Archery Skill!

Gu Xiuxun’s words were like a gigantic hammer smashing heavily into Qin Su’s mouth.

“I...”

Qin Su wanted to tell Gu Xiuxun that she remembered wrongly. (We are not bottom feeders, we are ranked in the eighties!) However, saying this would invite humiliation.

The Central Province Academy’s new student group had gotten #5 in the first round and #2 in the second. Hence, even if Qin Su’s school were ranked #50, in the eyes of the Central Province Academy, it was the same as bottom feeders.

“I’ve been too presumptuous.”

After Qin Su spoke, she turned and left.

“Hehe!”

The male teacher Ren Yong from Iron Cliff smiled confidently when he saw this scene. “We are #35...”

“Sorry, not keen!”

Gu Xiuxun frowned. “Please step aside. You are affecting my observation of the ruins!”

“Eh!”

Ren Yong’s expression stiffened. He then flicked his sleeves and left. Clearly, there was no hope of cooperation.

The volume of their conversations wasn't loud, but to the other teachers who were not far away, as long as they paid attention, they would be able to hear it.

They had also planned to come and ask for an alliance, but now, all of them had astonished looks on their faces.

"Isn't the Central Province Academy thinking too highly of themselves?"

"They have the possibility of getting the championship. It's understandable that they are arrogant!"

"Che, those giant apes wouldn't care about which school they are from!"

Some teachers mumbled, wanting nothing more than for the student group of the Central Province Academy to be torn apart by those giant apes.

"Teacher Ren, don't be so angry. It's good too that they don't want to form an alliance. We will follow behind them and pick up the scraps!"

Du Fengming sneered. "We, the Iron Cliff Academy, are ranked #35. If our luck is slightly good, we might be able to ascend to the next grade!"

...

"There's a total of five student groups. Among them, Iron Cliff Academy ranks the highest and poses the greatest threat to us!"

Qian Dun analyzed. After speaking, he discovered that Sun Mo and Gu Xiuxun had calm expressions. It was as though they didn't think this was important at all.

"What's with your reactions? Are you guys not fearful at all?"

Qian Dun didn't understand.

"Why must we be afraid?"

Gu Xiuxun counter-asked. After that, she looked at Sun Mo. "I have a battle strategy, do you want to finish them?"

"It isn't too good, right?"

Sun Mo frowned.

"Oioi, are you sure you are so kind-hearted?"

Gu Xiuxun rolled her eyes. They were in the middle of a competition now, and they could do anything to reduce the number of opponents.

"Alright then!"

Although Sun Mo had killed before, he had never tried taking the initiative to swindle people.

"Let's do this then!"

Gu Xiuxun then explained her plan in a low voice.

“...”

Qian Dun was speechless. (Can you guys be more serious? They are ranked #35 but why are they like a plate of food in your eyes?)

“This battle strategy isn’t bad. But let me be the one to execute it!”

Sun Mo suggested.

“I will naturally be the one!”

Gu Xiuxun glanced at the students. “Your strength is higher than mine. You will be responsible for their safety!”

“Your movement art isn’t as fast as mine. You might not be able to shake the giant apes off!”

Sun Mo rejected, “Also, I can confirm that the muli grass definitely has a repellent effect on the giant apes. Hence, I won’t be in danger.”

“Am I being completely disregarded?”

Qian Dun sighed. Without strength, there would be no authority. (Why didn’t I discover this before? This male-and-female pair is so two-faced!)

Half an hour later, Wang Chao returned.

“How is it?”

Qian Dun asked.

“Teacher Sun is truly extremely impressive!”

Wang Chao had a look of excitement on his face. After smearing the muli grass juice on his body, those giant apes who had chased him left as expected.

To them, humans were considered a sumptuous meal. However, after being smeared with the juice of the muli grass, it was like a piece of delicious cake smeared with shit. Besides, the shit was from diarrhea. Other than a pervert, who would have the appetite for it?

Ding!

Favorable impression points from Wang Chao +30. Friendly (180/1000).

“In that case, it’s time to announce our battle plan!”

“Teacher Gu, Teacher Qian. The two of you have to follow the student group and ensure that before the students are attacked, you have to kill the giant apes.

“Teacher Wang, your mission is something I cannot control. Do your best to draw away the giant apes that are heading toward our student group.”

After arranging the missions for the three teachers, Sun Mo started to assign other missions to the students.

“All of you must stick closely. Without the instruction of a teacher, you must not take any excess actions!

“All of you will be split into teams of five people. Remember, you all have to stick closely!

“Xuanyuan, Yanzong, Baiwu, Chu Jian. You guys have the strongest combat strength, so each of you will be in one of the small teams. Once the defense line of a teacher is broken through, you guys can attack the giant apes!”

“Teacher Sun, you are too cautious.”

Qian Dun felt that Sun Mo’s arrangement was simply not trusting him.

“There’s no mistake to be cautious!”

Sun Mo didn’t look down on Qian Dun. He understood that this was because of a difference in personality. If Sun Mo wanted to participate in a battle, he would always prepare a backup plan.

“Alright, let’s rest here to re-adjust our conditions. We will move out in five minutes!”

Sun Mo took out his pocket watch and glanced at it.

The other student groups saw the actions of the Central Province Academy’s student group and felt a little astonished.

“It can’t be, right? They are preparing to take action now?”

Ren Yong was stunned!

“Their ego is too inflated. This must definitely be the case!”

“Just wait and see, those terrifying giant apes will definitely show them who’s the boss!”

The teachers of the other schools were relatively fine, at most a little shocked. However, the teachers from Iron Cliff and Fenghua were humiliated before. They wanted nothing more than to watch the Central Province Academy’s student group being annihilated.

But after that, they started to ask their students to prepare, planning on following behind the Central Province Academy’s student group.

Five minutes later, the students of the Central Province Academy’s group gathered before the ruins’ gate.

Their movements immediately caused the other schools to take action as well. Clearly, everyone agreed without prior consultation with each other. They were planning to get some benefits after the Central Province Academy drew the attention of the giant apes.

Sun Mo swept his gaze across the surroundings.

None of the teachers dared to match his eyes. After all, doing something like this was somewhat shameless.

In the end, Sun Mo glanced at Ren Yong.

Ren Yong wasn't willing to admit that he was weaker, hence, he stared back at Sun Mo. He hesitated awhile but eventually still walked over. He persuaded in a low voice, "The two of us can work together and force the other student groups to enter the ruins first. They will become the cannon fodder to draw the attention of the apes!"

"This suggestion isn't bad!"

Gu Xiuxun snapped her fingers.

"Right?!"

Ren Yong smiled complacently. (You guys couldn't understand my intelligence back then. How about it? You guys want to fawn on me while kneeling now, right?)

"But we don't care about it!"

Gu Xiuxun's lips curled.

Ren Yong's expression sank. He involuntarily roared, "What do you mean?"

"Making the other schools become the cannon fodder? This isn't our Central Province Academy's style!"

Gu Xiuxun spoke righteously.

When the teachers of the other schools heard this, their expressions were filled with bewilderment. They felt shocked when they heard this. Hence, when they looked at Ren Yong, their gazes were filled with wariness and hostility.

(F*** you. It's fine if you don't agree, but why must you say it out loud? Are you trying to find trouble for me?)

Ren Yong glared at Gu Xiuxun, feeling extremely angry.

"I've said it before, we won't cooperate with salted fish!"

Gu Xiuxun shrugged.

Sun Mo smiled secretly. He knew that Gu Xiuxun was saying this because she wanted to infuriate Ren Yong. Otherwise, if those fellows were too cautious and didn't follow them in, Gu Xiuxun's battle strategy would be wasted.

Ren Yong left angrily. He would definitely remember this grudge.

"Baiwu, lend me the Wind King Divine Bow for a while!"

Sun Mo took the bow and tugged on the bowstring lightly.

"Teacher Sun, you know archery as well?"

Wang Chao was surprised.

"I don't really train much in it!" Sun Mo honestly replied.

"Alright, let's move out. Everyone, stick closely together and follow me!"

Sun Mo broke into a jog. After that, he exerted force with his legs and leaped onto the top of the seven meter-tall dilapidated-looking gate. He then jumped down while holding the bow with his left hand and pulling on the bowstring with his right.

Spirit qi swirled from his fingers and caused a semi-transparent arrow to materialize!

Wind King's Roar!

Swish~

The arrow whistled through the air as it shot out.

Boom!

An abandoned room fifty meters away was struck by the arrow and exploded into smithereens.

Ah!

A giant ape howled and flew out from within. Many stones smashed onto the ground from its sudden movements.

"My heavens!"

Qian Dun was stunned.

(I thought you said you didn't train much in archery?)

Wang Chao was speechless. (Also, what is this archery skill? Why is it so powerful?)

"Everyone, follow him!"

Gu Xiuxun instructed.

Sun Mo pulled on his bow again!

Swish~ Swish~ Swish~

The spirit qi arrows that were shot out using the Wind King Divine Art exploded in the ruins.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

For a time, dust flew everywhere as shattered stones blasted in all directions.

Roar! Roar! Roar!

Those wandering giant apes in the ruins were completely angered. They immediately rushed over from the surroundings, moving toward Sun Mo.

Sun Mo didn't feel fear at all. He answered with a storm of arrows!

Puchi~ Puchi~

The chests of the giant apes were penetrated!

"Wow, Teacher Sun is so impressive!"

The students were dumbfounded as they watched.

Xu Dingjiang looked at the longbow in his hands and had a dejected look on his face. He really felt like tossing his bow onto the ground. (I've trained ten years in archery, but I don't even have 30% of Teacher Sun's standard.)

(Sigh, what's the point of me having you?)

Although Sun Mo had never really come in contact with bows before, the Wind King Divine Art was a saint-tier archery cultivation art and he had spammed many time emblems on it, directly upgrading it to the grandmaster-grade.

Counting like this, Sun Mo had actually spent 'quite a few decades' training in it!

"Sun Mo, don't forget about our strategy!"

Gu Xiuxun was speechless. (If you continue to slaughter them, all these giant apes would flee.) However, Sun Mo's archery skill was very strong!

Ding!

"Congratulations, you have obtained 1,890 favorable impression points."

Outside the ruins, the five student groups were stunned when they saw this scene.

"The Central Province Academy is truly impressive. Are they really planning on soloing the ruins?!"

Their attitude was simply too tyrannical.

"What are we waiting for? Let's follow them!"

Ren Yong urged. "Quick! Quick! Quick!"

Out of the five student groups here, one of the student groups rushed in.

Actually, the teachers from the other schools had thought about the strategy the Central Province Academy was using. However, by doing so, the frontmost group would suffer a great pressure.

Their perceptions had to be extremely sharp and they must discover the giant apes before they could be discovered. Since they were drawing the attention of the giant apes, their own firepower mustn't be too weak either.

Naturally, the most crucial point was how they should shake these giant apes off their tails after attracting their attention.

Animals could have vengeful hearts as well. For example, bears and wolves. These giant apes were no exception. After being injured by Sun Mo, they chased him down in rage, wanting to tear him into pieces.

However, as the student group proceeded further, more troubles appeared.

The number of startled giant apes grew and they were all gathering here. A small portion of them rushed the students. After all, even with their low intelligence, they could tell that these younglings were easier to hunt!

“Hehe, the Central Province Academy is going to be unlucky!”

Ren Yong was joyful. They were about to reach the territory of that large fellow.

Chapter 376: Two-Faced Male-and-Female Pair

The attacking prowess of these giant apes was ordinary. However, there were too many of them and their speed was very fast.

Hence, the giant apes were still dangerous for the students.

If the students couldn’t enter the ancient castle, they wouldn’t have a chance to find valuable secret treasures of darkness. In that case, there would be no hope for this round then.

The judging group gave them three secret realms with far distances from each other on purpose. If they changed to another secret realm now, it would already be too late.

Ren Yong had entered this place to investigate and had seen a giant ape king. If not because of it, he would have long since led his students into the ancient castle.

“Sun Mo, since you guys are unwilling to cooperate, go to hell then!”

Ren Yong coldly laughed. He really wanted to see the scene of them wailing miserably.

From Ren Yong’s perspective, given the strength of Sun Mo and the others, their group most probably wouldn’t be annihilated. However, they would suffer some casualties.

At this moment, if one looked down from above, they would be able to see Sun Mo taking the lead, continuously firing arrows to draw the attention of the giant apes.

Qian Dun realized that no matter how Sun Mo moved about, he would always maintain a distance of 35 meters from the group. This meant that he was handling the current situation with ease.

“Isn’t Teacher Sun’s perception a little too terrifying?”

Chu Jian sighed.

Each of Sun Mo’s arrows would cause a wall to explode, startling giant apes and causing them to expose themselves.

“I feel that Teacher Sun is very gusty!”

Zhang Yanzong sighed ruefully.

In order to attract the giant apes effectively, Sun Mo didn’t slow down and continued attacking frenziedly. Hence, about just a minute later, over thirty apes rushed within 10 meters of Sun Mo. The seven fastest apes lunged over to attack him.

Roar!

The apes brandished their claws, and their arms were like heavy metal boards. If these arms came in contact with something, that thing would surely be squashed into mush.

Sadly, when these giant apes neared Sun Mo, he suddenly lifted his arm and pulled the bowstring back, firing.

Peng~

The bowstring trembled as arrows were launched.

Wind King Chaotic Shots!

Swish~ Swish~ Swish~

Several semi-transparent arrows blasted out in all directions with Sun Mo as the center. At that moment, Sun Mo was like a sea urchin that had just bloomed.

In such a close distance, there was no chance of the arrows missing. Hence, the giant apes were extremely unlucky!

Pu! Pu! Pu!

The arrows directly penetrated their bodies. Fresh blood flew everywhere as howls and wails of agony could be heard.

Bang! Bang!

The gigantic bodies of the apes that weighed over 100 kg slammed onto the ground, causing the surrounding dust and soil to fly about.

“Damn, so strong?”

“This archery skill is so impressive!”

“Boohoo, I want to learn it!”

The students sighed in admiration. Even people who had no interest in archery felt like learning a little from Sun Mo at this moment.

“Everyone, pay attention! More giant apes are coming!”

As the vice group leader, Gu Xiuxun directed the battle. “Wang Chao, charge over and lure those apes away!”

Wang Chao’s lips trembled as he rushed out. He felt that the pressure was exceedingly great. There was no problem if he wanted to draw the giant apes away. However, if he was to compare himself with Sun Mo, he would surely not be able to do it so gracefully.

It was really embarrassing if they were compared.

Wang Chao sighed. Since this situation was like this, something like an irresistible process, he should just ‘enjoy’ it then!

(However, this archery skill of Sun Mo is truly gorgeous. I even feel like changing my profession into an archer!)

Ding!

Favorable impression points from Wang Chao +100. Friendly (280/1,000).

“Teacher Gu, plan A!”

Sun Mo called out. He no longer killed the giant apes and started to use his movement art to evade them.

Giant apes were like monkeys and they lived together in a large group. In that case, there would definitely be a giant ape king.

Sun Mo was worried that if they killed too many giant apes, the giant ape king would nurse a grudge and even if they smeared muli grass juice on themselves, it would be ineffective.

“Understood!”

Gu Xiuxun turned her head back and glanced. While she was monitoring the situation, she silently counted the time. Given her current speed, she needed three minutes to rush to the ruins’ entrance.

Since Wang Chao couldn’t draw all the giant apes away, the battle erupted. Gu Xiuxun and Qian Dun started to fight.

Xuanyuan Po’s eyes burned with heat. He couldn’t control his urge to fight and sincerely asked, “Teacher, can you let one ape come over?”

“Shut up!”

Gu Xiuxun berated.

After that, the other student groups, who saw the Central Province Academy’s performance, were involuntarily stunned. No wonder the Central Province Academy was ranked so highly.

There was no need to mention anything about the four teachers. Even their students were very calm, maintaining a good formation.

“It’s because they haven’t encountered an attack. I don’t believe they won’t screw up!”

Ren Yong’s lips twitched.

At this moment, the Central Province Academy’s students were running past the region where Sun Mo had run amok earlier. All of a sudden, one of the ‘corpses’ stood up and rushed toward Ying Baiwu who was very close to it.

“Ah!”

When the other students saw this, they couldn’t help but cry out in shock.

However, Ying Baiwu didn’t even frown. She directly took out her short blade and prepared to engage in close combat.

“Let me do it!”

Zhang Yanzong and Xuanyuan Po both shouted out in unison. However, it was a pity that when they rushed over, a semi-transparent arrow had shot through the air.

Swish~

Bang!

The arrow penetrated the gigantic ape’s brain.

Ying Baiwu went with the flow and launched a spinning kick at the ape’s body.

Bang!

The giant ape flew through the air, deader than dead.

Everyone turned their heads and saw that Sun Mo was currently about 70+ meters away. There were over 50 giant apes following him, yet in such a situation, he could still fire an arrow to save the students. Just thinking about it caused the scalps of everyone to feel numb.

“...”

The people behind them were all dumbstruck as they watched this. Were these students from the Central Province Academy crazy? They actually wanted to take the initiative to fight the giant apes?

Moreover, they all had a look of disappointment on their faces because they didn’t get a chance to fight!

A feeling of ‘not wanting to encounter them’ started to rise in the hearts of the other student groups.

“It’s over, our morale just dipped!”

Ren Yong noticed this scene and immediately roared, “Believe me, you guys can do better than them!”

Swish~

Priceless Advice was activated, its glow illuminating the surroundings.

The students were filled with a sense of confidence as their battle will surged.

“Hmph. They will soon reach the nest of the giant ape king. I want to see what they will do then.”

Ren Yong coldly laughed. He then reminded his students in a low voice, “Everyone, pay attention. When the Central Province Academy attracts the giant ape king’s attention, we will immediately rush over!”

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Sun Mo’s leg came in contact with a giant ape’s head and sent it flying over seven meters away. After that, his ears pricked as a sense of danger rose in his heart.

The grandmaster-grade Wind King Divine Art not only gave Sun Mo powerful arrows, but it also heightened his six senses. Hence, he discovered the giant ape king’s presence immediately.

“It’s here!”

Sun Mo knew that the time had arrived and he immediately changed his direction, rushing toward the Iron Cliff Academy's student group instead.

ROAR!

A roar of anger echoed out, resounding through the clouds. The powerful sound waves were like metal bristles poking through the eardrums of everyone.

"They are coming!" Ren Yong roared in a low voice, "Prepare yourself!"

"Teacher Ren, we are in trouble!" Du Feng was badly shocked. "Sun Mo is rushing toward us!"

"What?"

Ren Yong was astonished. He turned his head and saw Sun Mo madly rushing over. Behind him, over 70 giant apes were chasing his tail.

"Damn, Sun Mo, what do you want to do?"

Ren Yong roared.

Sun Mo ignored him.

The other student groups were panicking too. They didn't know whether they should stop and turn to flee or increase their speed and rush ahead.

The nest of the giant apes was underground. At this moment, a rumbling sound could be heard as stones and soil flew around. The giant ape king, which was more than five meters tall, leaped into the air. When it landed on the ground, it waved its arms randomly and smashed a building nearby.

Bang!

The building crumbled. The shattered stones were like cannonballs blasting toward the Central Province Academy's student group. After that, the giant ape king charged over.

Sun Mo fired his arrows.

Swish~ Swish~ Swish~

The arrows were akin to shooting stars, blasting toward the giant ape king. However, the giant ape king easily blocked the arrows by punching them. After that, it rushed toward Gu Xiuxun's group.

"Qian Dun, bring the group away!"

Gu Xiuxun shouted as she rushed toward the giant ape king.

"You guys should flee too. Quickly!"

Ren Yong was very decisive. He turned and lunged toward Sun Mo, blocking him from getting near. Otherwise, Ren Yong's student group would be finished.

"Wanting to play tricks on me? Stop dreaming!"

There were 12 meters between them. Ren Yong brandished his weapon and slashed out.

Swish!

A golden-colored spirit blade penetrated the ground as it slashed out, leaving behind a gorge with a thumb-size depth.

Sun Mo somersaulted to evade the slash.

Increasing his speed, Ren Yong appeared before Sun Mo just in time and slashed his blade out again.

“Go to hell!”

Swish!

The blade slashed through Sun Mo’s body but no blood appeared. This caused Ren Yong’s expression to change.

“Oh no!”

(Could it be a clone?)

Just when this thought appeared in Ren Yong’s mind, someone kicked him at his back, causing him to stumble a few steps forward.

The giant apes rushed over and blocked Ren Yong’s vision. It was already too late for him to continue finding trouble for Sun Mo.

“It’s over.”

Staring at Sun Mo leading the giant apes toward the student group of his school, Ren Yong had a look of despair on his face. After that, he began howling in rage.

“Sun Mo, don’t think that your student group will be able to barge through!”

Since Gu Xiuxun and Wang Chao had broken away from the formation, there was only one teacher left to guard the Central Province Academy’s student group. At this moment, another batch of over twenty giant apes appeared, attacking them. Although these apes weren’t that many, they could cause huge trouble for the students.

“I don’t believe you guys won’t have any casualties!”

Ren Yong thirsted for the Central Province Academy’s student group to be unlucky. However, the scene that happened next almost caused his eyeballs to explode from widening too much.

After these giant apes got very close to the new student group, they suddenly halted and moved away. A look of disdain could be seen on their faces.

That feeling was like when they were about to have a sumptuous meal, they looked down and discovered that rotten salted fish were on their plates!

The apes took a detour around these ‘salted fish’ and started rushing toward the new student group from Iron Cliff Academy!

At this moment, Sun Mo executed the Wind King Divine Step and used his wondrous footwork to rush past the students from Iron Cliff, succeeding in fully drawing the giant apes over.

“F***!”

The teachers of Iron Cliff Academy could only do their utmost to fight the apes.

“Why didn’t the giant apes attack them?”

“Who knows?”

“Damn, no wonder they don’t want to form an alliance. So it turns out that they have a method to evade the giant apes!” Those teachers directly cursed.

The Central Province Academy was so toxic. Luckily, they hadn’t joined the battle yet, so they immediately chose to retreat when they saw the situation.

“Retreat! Retreat! Retreat!”

“Leave here quickly!”

Qin Su shouted, urging the students to leave quickly. This time, they should forget about finding valuable secret treasures of darkness to turn their fates around. They should just do their best to maintain their ranking!

Sun Mo was very satisfied. Over half of his battle strategy was completed. Now, the only problem left was how he should throw the giant ape king off his trail.

Chapter 377: Hidden Wealthy Person

Swish~ Swish~

Two arrows shot into the giant ape king’s body.

ROAR!

The giant ape king roared in anger. Its arms that were akin to huge stone pillars swung around even more violently.

“Don’t need to care about me, you leave first!”

Gu Xiuxun saw Sun Mo coming over and told him to protect the students.

“This fellow isn’t easy to deal with!”

Sun Mo didn’t leave. He saw that the new student group was almost by the ancient castle’s entrance. Hence, he got Gu Xiuxun to use the muli grass juice.

Gu Xiuxun followed his instructions, but after spraying the juice on her body, not only did it not repel the giant ape king, but it seemed to make the giant ape king even angrier instead.

ROAR!

The giant ape king howled and smashed its fist into the ground.

BOOM!

Cracks appeared on the ground's surface as soil flew up.

Sun Mo flashed and knocked Gu Xiuxun away. "You leave first!"

Eighteen Words Order!

Pak! Pak! Pak!

He waved his wooden blade repeatedly, smashing it into the giant ape king's body.

"Alright then!"

Gu Xiuxun also knew that Sun Mo was saying this for her sake. Hence, she no longer argued. "You must be careful!"

Sun Mo waited for Gu Xiuxun to run over ten meters away before stopping. After he saw the giant ape king not chasing her, he no longer attacked it. Instead, he executed his movement art and focused on dodging.

The giant ape king felt that Sun Mo was like an annoying fly. It wanted to crush him but was unable to catch up. Hence, it could only spin around anxiously.

"Sun Mo, are you mad?"

Ren Yong saw Sun Mo leading the giant ape king his way and was so frightened that he almost pissed his pants. There was no solution to it, he could only get the new student group to retreat quickly. "I still have many students at my side!"

"So, for their safety, you should come and block the giant ape king's attacks!"

Sun Mo was precisely threatening Ren Yong.

Truthfully, if Ren Yong had been selfish and had chosen to flee and abandon the students, Sun Mo would also not allow the giant ape king to attack them.

As a teacher, this was the most basic moral integrity.

Ren Yong was so angry that he almost coughed up blood. Just when he wanted to block the giant ape king, he discovered that the ape king's intellect wasn't low at all. It seemed to hate Sun Mo a lot, hence, it completely ignored others and kept aiming for Sun Mo.

"Haha, is this what's called 'karma strikes back'?"

Ren Yong was joyful.

Sun Mo ruled his eyes. (Have you forgotten how I played you previously?)

Sun Mo's steps suddenly slowed.

The giant ape king rushed over and punched out heavily.

BOOM!

Sun Mo's head directly exploded.

The giant ape king froze. (Why is there no blood? Forget it, it's good enough since the human died.) It joyfully roared at the sky and beat its chest with its fists.

"Damn, it's another clone!"

Ren Yong's scalp turned numb. (What exactly is his cultivation art? Isn't this clone a bit too real?) However, he couldn't be bothered to ponder anymore because the giant ape king had lunged toward his group, preparing to hunt them.

(These young humans would definitely have tender meat. Delicious!)

"Block it!"

Ren Yong roared.

The teachers of Iron Cliff Academy still had their personal integrity. They took the initiative to block the giant ape king, allowing the students to retreat first.

"Iron Cliff is finished!"

Qin Su, who has already retreated far away, suddenly didn't feel as disappointed as before when he saw this scene.

Even the Iron Cliff Academy ranked in the #30+ has suffered and was fooled, losing their chance to ascend. In that case, there was no need for his side to complain too much.

"We will just work harder next year!"

Qin Su gave up.

"Teacher Sun, you are very impressive!"

Gu Xiuxun lifted her right hand.

Sun Mo did the same.

Pak!

The two of them high-fived to celebrate their victory.

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The information indicated that because of earthquakes, three crevices appeared within the ruins. One of them would lead people to the altar. If one jumped into the correct crevice, they would be able to see a set of dilapidated-looking stairs leading downwards.

That was the entrance to the 'A' secret realm.

Sun Mo's group reached this area by following the map. However, they weren't in a hurry to go down.

"There are no giant apes nearby!"

Lu Zhiruo glanced in the surroundings.

“The spirit qi below seems to be so concentrated!”

Zhang Yanzong sniffed and perceived the spiritual qi below.

“Many animals have territorial behavior. Those giant apes attacked us only because we have entered their territory.”

Wang Chao explained.

“The place below should be even more dangerous!”

Gu Xiuxun had a solemn look on her face.

This location was very near to the giant ape king’s nest, and with such a dense spirit qi, the giant ape king should have monopolized this area by right. However, there were no giant apes in sight.

Hence, this indicated that this location must be monopolized by other ferocious beasts. The danger was so high that even the giant apes didn’t dare to go near.

“Regardless if it’s dangerous or not, we have to go down!”

Qian Dun urged, “Let’s light a torch. Follow behind me closely!”

Qian Dun was someone who wanted face. Earlier in the fight, he didn’t really contribute much. Hence, he took the initiative to take the lead now. After all, the front position was the most dangerous.

The student group lit some torches. As for Li Ziqi and the others, they took out a fist-size spirit diamond.

A faint blue light instantly radiated forth, illuminating an area of about 30 meters wide.

“Ar...are these spirit diamonds?”

Wang Chao was shocked. He glanced to the left and right and involuntarily gulped down a mouthful of saliva.

Spirit diamonds were even more precious when compared to spirit crystals. Also, they were an extremely rare ore. The spirit qi contained within was 1,000x more compared to a similar-sized spirit stone.

Only spirit stone mines of exceptionally high quality would be able to produce spirit diamonds. Also, the number of spirit diamonds were limited. Hence, their value was extremely high.

“What are you all doing?”

Zhang Yanzong subconsciously asked, “Don’t tell me you are using these as torches?”

“Yeah!”

Li Ziqi spoke as though it was proper and to be expected, “The flames from the torches are too big. Besides, they might become a source of danger.”

In order to lengthen the time the torches could burn, humans would use oil cloth and grease as well as some other burnable materials. After lighting the torch, smoke would be emitted.

In spacious locations, it was fine. However, in narrow places like underground, although the smoke wouldn't poison anyone to death, it would still cause people to feel very uncomfortable.

Moreover, they were currently exploring the underground palace. If they lit an open fire, it was easy for an explosion to occur. Hence, the scout had to be 20 meters away from the main group.

The people of the Nine Provinces didn't know why explosions might occur if one lit a fire underground. However, through several thousand years of experience, there shouldn't be a mistake.

As someone of the modern era, Sun Mo naturally knew the answer. Since the air underground couldn't circulate well, some easily flammable gas might gather, and once the density was enough, things would be dangerous.

Nevertheless, the most important point was that the glow from spirit diamonds was brighter than from torches. The group would then be able to see further.

"Is there a need to be so extravagant?"

Zhang Yanzong was speechless.

"How much heartache would it cause if you drop it?"

Li Fen gulped down a mouthful of saliva. She then added, "I've never seen a spirit diamond before. Can you lend it to me so I can touch it?"

Li Ziqi directly threw the spirit diamond to Li Fen.

"Ah!"

Li Fen screamed and panicked. She was extremely afraid that the spirit diamond might be damaged. After all, she wouldn't be able to afford it.

"If we drop it, just forget about it!"

Li Ziqi mentally mused that the Wind King Divine Hall was full of spirit stones. Although spirit diamonds weren't a lot, there should at least be over 10,000 pieces.

They really had to thank the Wind King for this.

It was an ancient elemental king, the pure condensed essence of the wind element. After it was imprisoned, its elemental radiation caused the entire Wind King Hall to crystallize through the tens of thousands of years, filling it up with spirit stones.

One must know that the reason why the spirit qi in the Spiritwind Canyon was so dense and unstable was because of the elemental radiation, which generated chaotic currents.

"How beautiful!"

When Li Fen was about to return the spirit diamond to Li Ziqi, she discovered that the latter had taken out another spirit diamond from her bag.

The little sunny egg wanted Zhang Yanzong to hold one as well. After all, using this item instead of holding a torch would allow one to enter their combat state quicker.

“You gave the spirit diamonds to them?”

Gu Xiuxun glanced at Sun Mo and asked in a low voice.

There was no solution to it. The six students who took out spirit diamonds were all Sun Mo’s. If someone told her that these spirit diamonds had no connection with Sun Mo, the masochist would surely not believe it.

“Nope!”

Sun Mo shook his head. These spirit diamonds were dug out by the students themselves.

Strictly speaking, the Wind King Hall was Sun Mo’s private property. Because of the eight-gate cloud, Sun Mo could casually enter it to take spirit stones.

Others wouldn’t be able to do so because the laws of the Nine Provinces and Darkness Continent were different. For items like spirit stones, once they were brought into the Nine Provinces, the spirit qi contained within would rapidly fade away.

“Che, miser!”

Gu Xiuxun’s lips twitched and she hammered gently at Sun Mo with her hand.

“Teacher Gu, for you!”

Li Ziqi was extremely considerate when it came to such matters. She directly took out a spirit diamond and passed it to Gu Xiuxun. This could be considered as her helping her teacher gain a favorable impression from Gu Xiuxun.

“Thanks, but there’s no need to do so.”

Gu Xiuxun didn’t take it. As a teacher, she wouldn’t want things that belonged to a student.

“Just take it, it’s just a spirit diamond!”

Sun Mo didn’t want to argue for such a small matter.

“Che, just hear what you’re saying. What big words!”

Gu Xiuxun snorted after hearing Sun Mo say the words, ‘just a spirit diamond’.

“Do you want it or not?”

Sun Mo furrowed his brows.

“Yes!”

Gu Xiuxun took the spirit diamond. “Hitting wealthy people, sharing spirit stones. This is something right and proper. Why not?”

Honestly speaking, Gu Xiuxun had never seen a spirit diamond before. Even when she was at her wealthiest state, she only had 12 spirit crystals. The more she looked at the diamond, the more jealous she felt.

“Hmph, you actually lied and told me it wasn’t yours!”

Gu Xiuxun felt that Sun Mo treated her like an outsider. If the spirit diamonds weren’t his, he wouldn’t distribute them so casually.

Li Ziqi could hear a hint of depression in Gu Xiuxun’s voice. Then, glancing at Sun Mo, she discovered that her teacher had no idea what was going on. In other words, he basically didn’t realize that Gu Xiuxun was angry.

(Sigh, the most terrifying thing is still an inflexible and unsophisticated guy. Teacher, it isn’t without reason that you are single until now!)

As a student of her teacher, Li Ziqi felt that she had the obligation to support Sun Mo’s interpersonal relationships. Hence, she went over to Gu Xiuxun and said, “Teacher Gu, my teacher doesn’t mean anything by it.”

“You are still the obedient one!”

Gu Xiuxun patted the little sunny egg’s head. “How about it? Why don’t you trample on Sun Mo and take me as your teacher instead? I will surely treat and nurture you like my own daughter!”

“That will really be my honor.”

Li Ziqi flattered.

“Hehe!”

Gu Xiuxun laughed. (Li Ziqi’s EQ is truly very high. Look, She clearly knows that I was jesting and had intentions of doing so, merely speaking pleasantries)

After the student group went down the stairs, they saw a fork ahead.

“Which path should we take?”

Qian Dun asked.

The Saint Gate had explored this ancient castle, but the radius of their exploration wasn’t large. After that, they drew a map and passed it to the various student groups. They also had no idea where the good treasures were hidden.

“Zhiruo?” Sun Mo glanced at the papaya girl. “You choose a path!”

“Wait a minute!”

Lu Zhiruo brought out a wooden rod. She placed it vertically on the ground and let it fall.

Pak!

When the wooden rod fell onto the ground, it pointed at the 10 o’clock direction.

“Over there!” The papaya girl reported.

“Ok, we will take the path on the left,” Sun Mo instructed.

“...”

Qian Dun's lips twitched. In the end, he didn't say anything and simply followed the instructions!

After traveling for over forty minutes, Qian Dun started to feel a little impatient, thinking that the other path should be the right one. However, he suddenly heard some voices.

Chapter 378: Once I Subdued the White Tiger Guard, All of You Will Die for Sure!

Sun Mo's group quickened their steps without prior consultation with each other. After that, they heard the voices growing louder and louder.

“Someone is coming, should we be on our guard?”

“There are so many people here, what do you mean by being on guard?”

“Damn, I wonder which school it is?”

“No matter which school it is, those who could barge through the territory of the giant apes to arrive here wouldn't be simple!”

The sounds of discussion rang out.

When Sun Mo's group ran out of the tunnel and arrived at the small public square, they saw that several people were already there.

Gu Xiuxun rapidly counted the number of people. “There are four student groups, and one of them has some casualties.”

Sun Mo's gaze directly landed on Chunyu Kong. He didn't expect that the path of mutual enemies was narrow indeed. They actually met with the Sky Orchid's student group here.

“They are from the Central Province Academy!”

“There are a total of 24 people. They have no casualties and none of their members are injured. How impressive!”

“Damn, the competitive pressure grows more intense again!”

A few groups revealed expressions of wariness and depression. No one dared to underestimate the Central Province Academy anymore.

The school had declined and was about to be delisted?

Stop joking. The Central Province Academy would be able to ascend to 'C' grade this year. If things went well, they might even seize back their glory of the past.

When the teachers and students of the other student groups were guarding against Sun Mo's group, they suddenly discovered that the Central Province Academy and Sky Orchid Academy seemed about to clash.

They were staring at each other with hatred, wanting nothing more than to crush their opponents.

“Teacher, go and finish them off!”

Xuanyuan Po brimmed with the will to fight.

“Sun Mo. Cool down, think of the big picture!”

Qian Dun hurriedly persuaded Sun Mo, praying that Sun Mo could maintain his rationality because Qian Dun truly had no authority to speak much in the group.

Once Sun Mo announced to attack, the students would definitely listen to him.

Sigh, Qian Dun suddenly felt that he was very small and powerless. (Could it be that I’m naturally born to be a sidekick?)

Qian Dun mocked himself.

“Teacher Sun, we meet again!”

Chunyu Kong jeered.

Sun Mo ignored Chunyu Kong. Instead, he looked at the center area of the public square. There was a jadestone white tiger statue erected there.

“Wow, so beautiful!”

The students exclaimed.

This jadestone white tiger statue shone with a pure white light. It was like moonlight was cascading down on it, causing it to illuminate the public square.

“Si~ This item is definitely made by a famous grandmaster sculptor!”

Wang Chao praised it greatly.

The jadestone white statue was extremely vivid and lifelike. Its posture was like a ferocious tiger descending the mountain. Its fur seemed to move as the wind blew, rippling gently. Its eyes were filled with intelligence. No matter from which angle you looked at it, you would feel like the white tiger was staring back at you.

“We should dig it up and put it at our house’s entrance as a showpiece!”

Qian Dun felt that this item would be worth a lot of money.

“Teacher, this item is alive!”

Lu Zhiruo reminded them in a low voice.

“Alive?”

Everyone was astonished.

“Everyone, be careful!”

Sun Mo reminded. After that, he surveyed his surroundings. In the small public square, there were four gates at the north, east, south, and west. His group entered from the east gate.

Given architectural norms, west was the most important direction. Hence, any buildings in the west area would usually be vital buildings. That could explain why the west gate was the most magnificent-looking one.

Sun Mo activated Divine Sight and surveyed the jadestone white tiger statue. Various pieces of information immediately appeared around it.

Jadeite White Tiger Guard.

“During ancient times, statues were placed in public squares or used to guard residences. After a residence was invaded, the statue would immediately transform and attack the invaders.

“For guard statues like this, only grandmaster spiritual controllers could make them. One has to graft the soul of a living ferocious beast to the statue!

“However, this spiritual controlling technique is too brutal, harming heaven’s peace. It is classified as a forbidden technique by the Saint Gate, forbidden to be taught, spread, and learned. Those who disobey would be exiled as a punishment.”

Sun Mo continued reading.

“The White Tiger Guard. It is proficient in fighting and has extremely quick speed. It’s even claimed to be like wind and lightning and belongs to the close-combat spiritual beast type. After it’s ‘killed’, as long as the core is undamaged, it would be able to revive itself rapidly.”

“Ze, impressive!”

Sun Mo clicked his tongue. This item was so powerful, belonging to the type of spiritual beast that ‘even if I can’t kill you, I can exhaust you to death’.

Its flaw was that it lacked long-range attacks.

“Those fellows seemed to be waiting for us to make a fool out of ourselves!”

Ying Baiwu’s lips twitched.

“Teacher Sun, what should we do now? We can’t simply continue waiting here, right?”

Wang Chao asked.

“Everyone, if you guys don’t want to take action, we won’t be polite and will act first then!”

Sun Mo turned to the other student groups and clasped his fists.

For adventurers and risk-takers, there was this unwritten rule: first-come first-serve.

The Central Province Academy’s student group had arrived last. In that case, even if they knew how to break through this White Tiger Guard, they had to wait for the other student groups to attempt it before they could act.

Naturally, if the Central Province Academy felt that they had overwhelming strength, they could crush and suppress everyone. They could also ignore the rules and directly do it.

However, if they did so, their reputation would be damaged.

“Teacher Sun, please!”

“Please feel free!”

“Let’s see Teacher Sun’s performance!”

Other than the teachers from Sky Orchid, the other leaders of the three academies spoke out.

It wasn’t that they were modest and wanted to allow Sun Mo to try it. But rather, they had already tried and all of them failed. Hence, before they knew the secret of this statue, they didn’t plan to go all out.

Besides, probing the secret would surely be accompanied by risk. The one acting first might very well become cannon fodder. Their efforts would only serve to benefit others.

Sun Mo looked at Chunyu Kong. “Oh, do you want to go first? Please feel free!”

Chunyu Kong glanced at the White Tiger Guard and took two steps forward, preparing to act. However, he was stopped by Liang Pei.

“What are you doing?”

Liang Pei frowned.

“Subduing the White Tiger Guard!”

Chunyu Kong was astonished. (You even needed to ask me this?)

“Let those from the Central Province Academy do it first.”

Liang Pei suggested.

“Teacher Chunyu, you tried it earlier. How do you feel about this White Tiger Guard?”

Guo Zihao asked.

“It’s quite powerful, but as long as we find the flaw, we will be able to settle it!”

Chunyu Kong was very confident because he had startling talent in the spiritual beast control art.

“Do you think Sun Mo can do it?”

Guo Zihao glanced at Sun Mo.

“Hehe!”

Chunyu Kong’s tone was filled with disdain. His gaze swept through the crowd as he spoke, “Other spiritual controllers have to try at least four or five times before they can see through a tiny bit of the secrets within the White Tiger Guard!”

“In that case, why are you so anxious about it? Just let the Central Province Academy take the lead. If they are killed by the White Tiger Guard, things would be interesting!”

Gao Zihao believed in Chunyu Kong’s judgment.

“Che, I have never treated them as my opponents. I will subdue the White Tiger Guard in front of them and won’t even give them a chance!”

Chunyu Kong’s lips twitched. “Besides, what’s the point if we let the White Tiger Guard kill them? This daddy will personally take their lives later.”

The conversation was also heard by students of Sky Orchid. They immediately cast gazes of worship toward Chunyu Kong.

Chunyu Kong then walked toward Sun Mo and revealed a smile on his face. “Sun Mo, you will definitely regret making me act first!”

“Hehe!”

Sun Mo stretched out his hand and made an inviting gesture. “Just try your best. If you can subdue this spiritual beast, it can be considered as my loss!”

“Spiritual beast? Most probably, you don’t even know how to activate it, right?”

Chunyu Kong mocked. At the same time, he walked toward the north gate and just when he was nearing the ten-meter range, the jadestone white tiger statue suddenly began to shine. After that, a beam of white light blasted out like a bolt of lightning, shooting toward Chunyu Kong.

Chunyu Kong agilely evaded.

The white light blasted into the ground. It then transformed into a white tiger that threw its head back at the sky as it roared.

Roar!

King of the hundred beasts, its roar of anger echoed through the mountains and forest.

The immense soundwave immediately engulfed the public square, causing the area to vibrate so much that the dust was flying all around.

Everyone felt that their eardrums were about to be broken.

Chunyu Kong then snapped his fingers.

Pak!

A bracelet on his right hand immediately shone with a flash of red light. Huge amount of fog billowed and when the light vanished, a giant ape appeared in that location.

“Eh? This fellow actually caught a giant ape and made it into his spiritual beast?”

Everyone was shocked.

The white tiger lunged over while the giant ape blocked its attack!

Bang!

The two ferocious beasts clashed together.

Hu!

The white tiger waved its claws, swiping at the giant ape's body.

Bang!

The giant ape rolled back. However, it soon climbed to its feet and continued fighting.

This spiritual beast was formed after Chunyu Kong killed a powerful giant ape. Chunyu Kong used the ape's soul and fresh blood to 'form' it. Hence, it didn't know what fear was. It only had a single reason to live on and it was to fight for Chunyu Kong until it died completely.

The intelligence of the White Tiger Guard was very high. It wanted to circle around the giant ape and directly attack Chunyu Kong. However, the giant ape was extremely intrepid and kept blocking the white tiger despite suffering injuries.

Chunyu Kong wanted to subdue the White Tiger Guard as fast as possible, displaying his talent. Hence, he decided to use a secret art. He bit the skin of his finger and after chugging on a mouthful of blood, he spat it on his bracelet.

Pu!

The bracelet shone with a malevolent red light. At the same time, the giant ape howled in anger and its body began to glow red as well. It became larger and its combat prowess swelled.

Using a secret technique like this would harm the spiritual beast, resulting in its combat prowess to be reduced by a tier forever. However, Chunyu Kong didn't mind it. In any case, there were so many giant apes here. At most, he would just abandon this one and capture a new one.

"The giant ape king would be a nice collection."

Chunyu Kong was slightly distracted.

"Teacher Sun, this fellow is quite powerful!"

Gu Xiuxun felt a bit of worry.

"What if he captured the White Tiger Guard successfully before us?"

Wang Chao frowned.

"Don't overthink too much. He won't be able to do it!"

Sun Mo's lips curled. Even if Chunyu Kong managed to subdue the statue, Sun Mo could always kill Chunyu Kong to seize it!

(God praise the Darkness Continent!)

Over here, strength was everything. As long as you were strong enough, you could do whatever you wanted to. You didn't need to worry that you would be jailed after killing someone.

When the White Tiger Guard was injured by the giant ape, chips of jadestone would fall from it and wounds could be seen. Finally, after struggling for a minute, the White Tiger Guard managed to kill the giant ape by smacking its head with explosive force. It then lunged toward Chunyu Kong.

However, just when it got near, a thick tail swept over and blasted it back.

Si~

A five-meter long monitor lizard guarded the area before Chunyu Kong.

“Haha, that giant ape is merely the opening dish!”

Chunyu Kong laughed loudly. After that, he stared at Sun Mo with a look of provocation. (Do you see it? This daddy is simply so strong. Everything is within my control.)

(Wanting to snatch my White Tiger Guard? Go back and dream, everything exists in a dream!)

“I can’t bear it anymore. This fellow is asking for a beating. I really want to smack his face!”

Gu Xiuxun was very angry. She rolled up her sleeves and was preparing to fight.

“Don’t be so anxious!”

Sun Mo dissuaded her. “The good show is still yet to come!”

When the giant monitor lizard and white tiger clashed, no result could be determined even after three minutes. This caused Chunyu Kong’s expression to turn somewhat unsightly.

This was a spiritual beast that his father had left for him, his main combat strength. This was why he was reluctant to use a secret technique to increase its attacking prowess.

“Oi, how long do you want this to drag on? If you can’t settle it, just come back quickly!”

Sun Mo urged.

“F***!”

Chunyu Kong wasn’t able to stand for such taunting. He hesitated a little but eventually chose to bite his finger and draw a mouthful of blood. “Damn. After I subdue the White Tiger Guard, all of you will die!”

Chapter 379: Dharma Skyshock Fist, Amazing Display of Might

As Chunyu Kong’s blood splattered on the bracelet, the spiritual monitor lizard’s battle prowess immediately surged tremendously.

It bellowed away, and its entire body was enveloped by a red glow. It entered a berserk state and its tail was sweeping out like a steel whip, its sharp teeth tearing out.

The White Tiger Guard was latched onto, unable to break free. It could only bite at the monitor lizard’s neck. However, as a spiritual beast, spots like these were no longer considered vital ones.

“Sun Mo, did you see that? You’re unable to understand how strong I am!”

Chunyu Kong sneered.

“Yes, yes, yes, you’re the strongest!”

Sun Mo’s lips twitched. To speak the truth, he looked down on Chunyu Kong’s battle tactic.

After Sun Mo’s art of spiritual beast control reached the grandmaster-grade, he focused on studying this subject.

Whether beast tamers or spirit controllers were powerful or not depended on their beasts. The stronger their beasts, the more terrifying they were!

As the era developed, some spiritual controllers started to reflect that they couldn’t solely rely on their spiritual beasts.

Once the enemies bypassed the spiritual beasts and killed the spirit controllers, the spiritual beasts would stop attacking.

Some spirit controllers started to temper their own battle techniques, but the others viewed such acts as vices. They said that people who didn’t put their full focus on cultivating spiritual beasts weren’t fit to be called spirit controllers.

These traditional spirit controllers then tried hard to temper their mental energy to catch even more spiritual beasts to take on different responsibilities.

Main attacker, main defender, and even one to coordinate both attack and defense!

If spirit controllers wanted to catch even more spiritual beasts, they’d need powerful mental energy as their support. However, in normal battles, mental energy was useless.

Chunyu Kong was a traditional spirit controller who relied on his spiritual beast for battle. However, he was a little different at the same time because he treated spiritual beasts as tools that he could easily deplete, not a companion.

To use such a self-detrimental battle technique just to prove yourself was too merit-driven.

Screech!

An eagle’s sharp screech suddenly rang out. Then, a black shadow flashed and pinned down the White Tiger Guard’s head.

Everyone discovered that it was a majestic eagle the size of a herding dog. Taking the opportunity when the White Tiger Guard was being latched on by the monitor lizard, it used its sharp claws to crush the White Tiger Guard’s head.

Before other people reacted, Chunyu Kong had already darted over.

Pa!

The White Tiger Guard was shattered, becoming light spots like fireflies, scattering on the small square.

Chunyu Kong immediately focused his mind and tried to sense the White Tiger Guard’s core. As long as he got it, he’d be able to obtain this guard. However, he was immediately stunned.

He couldn’t sense the White Tiger Guard’s core!

“Why is that so?”

Chunyu Kong couldn't understand. Without a core, how would a spiritual beast be propelled? Could it be on that jade statue?

Chunyu Kong didn't have much time left.

After ten breaths' worth of time, the scattered light spots shot out at the white tiger statue.

Left with no choice, Chunyu Kong could only randomly grab a few times at the light spots. It was a pity that he wasn't right on those attempts.

Thereafter, great light burst from the statue. A new White Tiger Guard was born.

Roar!

It still had its majestic roar.

Chunyu Kong's countenance changed and called out.

“Return!”

If he didn't find out where the White Tiger Guard's core was, then it'd be useless even if he were to rush it 1,000 times.

The spectators retreated from the small square at the fastest speed possible. The White Tiger Guard didn't chase after them and just disappeared.

“Oh, so this is what you mean by being strong?”

Sun Mo turned his head slightly, revealing an admiring expression. He looked at Chunyu Kong. “Of course, I can't understand it!”

Swoosh!

Chunyu Kong's entire face had turned red like a monkey's butt.

Awkward! Indescribably awkward!

Sky Orchid student group's atmosphere was also very gloomy. After all, they had boasted so much but ended up failing. This was too embarrassing.

A few other student groups were in no mood to mock Chunyu Kong. Right now, there were both excitements and worries on their faces.

They were excited because this White Tiger Guard was considered a secret treasure of darkness. If they were to bring it back, they'd get quite a good ranking. The worrying thing was that Chunyu Kong, who worked in the Sky Orchid, was an outstanding graduate from the Nine Greats. He was also a spirit controller. If he couldn't handle it, then the possibility of them being able to handle that wouldn't be high either.

“Then spirit controller master, should it be my turn now?”

Sun Mo asked.

Pffft!

Both Li Ziqi and Gu Xiuxun couldn't hold back their laughter. Was Sun Mo trying to drive the other guy to death with his sharp tongue?

"Please go ahead!"

It was just a simple reply, but Chunyu Kong said it while gritting his teeth.

"Teacher Sun, can you do it?"

Qian Dun was worried.

"Don't worry, I have never seen a problem that Teacher Sun can't resolve!"

Lu Zhiruo looked very confident and put up a thumb. "It's all good! Just get prepared to cheer!"

"What is it? Aren't you going to make a move? Be quick!" Chunyu Kong urged, "You can't be scared, right?"

"Hey, you're a teacher of a famous school after all. Can you not be such a schemer?"

Sun Mo asked. "Aren't you just trying to agitate me, not wanting me to be prepared before I make a move?"

"Schemer?"

"Tsk, this term is a little interesting!"

"But it's true that this teacher is scheming and isn't open and aboveboard."

The surrounding students mumbled.

Chunyu Kong heard that and he was so angry that he almost coughed up blood. What was the most important thing that a teacher should have? It was character and teaching ethics. If students were to think that he was a schemer, it wouldn't be a good thing.

But very soon, the students ignored Chunyu Kong because Sun Mo had walked out.

"Teacher Chunyu, could he subdue this White Tiger Guard?"

Liang Pei was worried.

"Don't worry, if I can't do it, then it'd be even more impossible for him."

Chunyu Kong was very confident. He then let out a stifled laugh. "Don't worry, he's dead!"

"Huh?"

Guo Zihao was baffled.

"The White Tiger Guard's responsibility is to guard this place. Therefore, if an invader were to walk toward the city gate, it'd charge over to block them. However, Sun Mo is walking toward that statue. Tell me, isn't it like a sheep walking into a tiger's mouth?"

Chunyu Kong sneered.

However, after a while, he realized that the statue didn't show any reaction at all.

"Huh?"

Chunyu Kong was stunned. What was going on?

Sun Mo released his mental energy, wanting to call a truce with the White Tiger Guard. As a spirit controller master, this was the fundamentals.

There were many strange species in the Darkness Continent such as ghosts, astral world's lifeforms, and undying lifeforms. They couldn't speak the same language as humans and it was impossible for them to communicate.

However, spirit controllers could perform simple communication. It was because mental energy was their 'language'.

Sun Mo's guess was right. As the work of an ancestor-grade spirit controller, the White Tiger Guard's level was extremely high and it had simple spirit intelligence.

"Leave here, human! Otherwise, die!"

The White Tiger Guard bellowed.

Sun Mo tried to calm it down. However, the White Tiger Guard kept on repeating this.

"This guy seems to be a spirit controller?"

Guo Zihao looked toward Chunyu Kong, wanting to get an answer. He then noticed that all his colleagues looked very envious.

"Communicating with the White Tiger Guard? Isn't this something that only grandmaster-grade spirit controllers can do? No, how old is this guy? No way!"

Chunyu Kong's mind was in chaos.

Boom!

White light flashed on the jade statue and the guard appeared. However, it didn't attack Sun Mo outright. It just roared at him in an attempt to drive him out.

Sun Mo wanted to persuade him, but the White Tiger Guard's patience ran out. It charged toward him, pouncing to kill him.

"Is fighting the only way?"

Sun Mo was helpless.

If he could get this White Tiger Guard to submit through peaceful communications, then it would still retain its memories, capable of acting as a guide to help Sun Mo. However, once it was killed and forced into submission, then that would wipe out its previous memories. This was to prevent it from rebelling.

A battle erupted.

Since there was no cultivation art for Sun Mo to obtain from the fight, he went all out from the very beginning.

Zha!

Sun Mo let out a furious bellow!

Buddha's Mouth Serpent Heart!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Golden waves suddenly appeared in the air and entangled onto the White Tiger Guard, binding it tightly.

"Ahh!"

Some students couldn't stand the furious buddhic chants. It made them feel giddy. It was as if they had been hit in the head by a big hammer and it was extremely painful.

Sun Mo looked very dignified as he swung his fists heavily.

Eternalism, Great Mercy!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

His heavy punches landed on the White Tiger Guard. With each strike, a large area on the white tiger's body would sink in.

Swoosh!

The White Tiger Guard backed off, planning to break free from the golden snakes on it first.

That was right. On a closer look, those golden waves were actually slithering golden snakes.

Sun Mo gave chase and glared over.

Buddha Look!

Swoosh!

Two streams of golden light shot out of Sun Mo's eyes, hitting the White Tiger Guard's head and smashing off a chunk of it.

"My god, what cultivation art is this?"

Qian Dun was so astonished that his mouth was agape. One could see his thick throat.

No one replied. It was because everyone was shaken from astonishment.

Everyone saw how strong the White Tiger Guard was. Chunyu Kong had used three spiritual beasts to barely be able to kill it. However, Sun Mo was able to steadily suppress it.

"With this attacking prowess, it's at least a heaven-tier cultivation art!"

Wang Chao guessed.

“Sun Mo, is the reason you’re alive so that you can deal blows to others’ morale?”

Gu Xiuxun was completely astonished. The prowess of this fist technique looked like a saint-tier one. This gave her a strong sense of defeat.

There was probably no way she’d be able to catch up to him in her lifetime.

“Teacher has kept things so well-hidden. He hasn’t displayed such an amazing cultivation art before!”

Tantai Yutang exclaimed. Sun Mo was really a schemer.

The sickly guy knew that Sun Mo treated Li Ziqi and the other two extremely well. As long as it was something they wanted to learn, he would teach it to them. However, given their expressions, they had never seen this cultivation art either.

Although the sickly guy had no idea what this cultivation art was called, Sun Mo must have put in a lot of effort to train it to this stage!

Chapter 380: I’m Sorry, The Spoils-of-War Belong to Me Now!

Sun Mo caught up to the White Tiger Guard, his fists striking out like whirlwinds.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Loud colliding sounds rang out.

The White Tiger Guard couldn’t retaliate at all. It was just one-sided torture.

When the teachers and students from other schools saw this scene, their eyelids twitched non-stop. Other than astonishment, they also felt baffled.

Where did the majestic spiritual beast from earlier go? Why did it feel like a cat from the side of the road?

Other than having a louder cry, it looked extremely weak!

Howl!

The White Tiger Guard’s voice changed, sounding like a wild dog whose leg had been broken. It cried out in agony.

Alright!

Now even its domineering voice was gone.

Sun Mo looked neither sad nor happy. The disposition he emitted with his every action was like the Buddha had appeared in the world, looking dignified, magnanimous, and solemn!

Ancient Buddha Oil Lamp [1]!

Boom!

The entire square had been illuminated completely by the white tiger statue earlier. But after Sun Mo struck out his battle technique, all the light rays suddenly turned dim as if they were entering a dark night where one couldn't see their own hands.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Only the sound of Sun Mo beating up the White Tiger Guard was clear.

Gradually, faint yellow light lit up from Sun Mo's body. It was like a small light in front of Buddha but was also like the light tower by the shores.

This light was like hope, attracting people like moths flying into the flame!

It was the same for the White Tiger Guard. Its gaze was completely attracted by Sun Mo. It yearned to enter his wings and listen to his teachings.

Thereafter, its head was hit by Sun Mo's Buddhist punch. It shattered again.

Bang!

Light spots splattered.

Swoosh!

Light returned to the small square.

Everyone, who felt lost, suddenly shuddered and returned to their senses. They felt a strong sense of lingering fear.

If they were the one to face Sun Mo's attack head-on, they'd be crushed by now.

"What cultivation art is this?"

Guo Zihao gasped in surprise, his gaze filled with curiosity!

"Saint-tier! It's definitely at the saint-tier!"

Liang Pei stared at Sun Mo and gulped. It was no wonder Sun Mo was so arrogant. It turned out that he had saint-tier cultivation art. Then, Liang Pei's countenance became distorted!

Jealousy caused humans to become ugly!

The students there didn't share the same thoughts. It was because their mind had been completely filled up by astonishment. There was only one thought left.

(This fist technique is so amazing! I want to learn it so much!)

Swoosh!

Sun Mo appeared in front of the White Tiger Guard. He clenched his right fist tightly and sent it smashing out!

The Unrivaled absolute technique, Dharma Skyshock!

Spirit qi gushed out from Sun Mo's body and the illusion of Buddha appeared. A golden arm hammered down on the White Tiger Guard's body.

Boom!

The fierce and dominating White Tiger Guard was crushed, shattering into light spots.

"Amazing!"

Xuanyuan Po's eyes opened wide. He clutched onto his silver spear tightly, having a strong urge to spar against Sun Mo.

Right now, the other students from the Central Province Academy were also deeply astonished.

Teacher Sun was really powerful!

Ding!

Congratulations, you've received a total of 3,120 favorable impression points.

"This guy's cultivation realm should at least be at the fifth level of the blood-ignition realm, right?"

Guo Zihao guessed.

"I don't know!"

Liang Pei shook his head. It was because saint-tier cultivation arts were too powerful and it could allow one to engage in a battle against a stronger opponent. Therefore, he couldn't be sure of this. He only knew that Sun Mo was very strong.

"Don't panic, the crucial moment is just starting!"

Chunyu Kong stared at Sun Mo while smirking. "If he can't grab the core, then it'd be useless even if he were to kill the White Tiger Guard 1,000 times."

When Sun Mo crushed the White Tiger Guard, he activated his Divine Sight and observed those light spots. Various data appeared in front of him.

With the great experience brought by the grandmaster-grade spiritual control technique, Sun Mo only needed three seconds to lock onto the seven core light spots.

Sun Mo reached out his hand.

Pa pa pa!

He grabbed onto the light spots and immediately chanted. Mental energy gushed out from him and formed a connection with the core light spots.

There was no negotiation nor exchange, it was the simplest and most brutal enslaving contract.

As the White Tiger Guard was crushed, its ability to retaliate was extremely low right now. It only struggled for a few seconds before it was enslaved by Sun Mo.

Its ferocious and violent aura disappeared. Lu Zhiruo's eyes lit up and couldn't help but clap. "Teacher has succeeded!"

The other teachers and students knew that Sun Mo had subdued this White Tiger Guard even though they didn't know the spiritual control technique. It was because those shattered light spots didn't return to the white tiger jade statue but were all shooting out toward Sun Mo's right hand.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

When Sun Mo opened up his hand, everyone could see a translucent pearl the size of a walnut. It was emitting a clear white light.

There was a shrunken little white tiger in the pearl, looking very life-like.

"How is that possible?"

Chunyu Kong was astonished. This guy had managed to do something he couldn't do. (No, it must be luck. There's no way that I'm worse off than him.)

The countenances of the teachers and students from the other schools became extremely grim.

This was also considered a type of secret treasure of darkness. It was probably not an issue for the Central Province Academy to be ranked in the top ten after having gotten it.

"Are we going to lose again this round?"

Liang Pei frowned and suggested in a soft voice, "We have to think of a way to wipe out this student group, snatching the secret treasure of darkness!"

"That's right!"

Chunyu Kong stared at the spiritual pearl in Sun Mo's hand, wearing an expression that seemed as if he wanted to take it for himself.

A treasured pearl like this that hosted a ferocious beast's soul was known as a spiritual pearl. It was very valuable.

"Ziqi, take it!"

Sun Mo tossed the spiritual pearl to the little sunny egg.

"Congratulations!"

Zhang Yanzong immediately came forth to offer his congratulations. There was inevitably some envy in his gaze. The other students also had similar expressions.

The schools' rankings were based on the treasures of darkness they obtained in the competition. However, after the competition ended, the schools didn't have to hand over all the treasures of darkness they had. Then, these hidden treasures would belong to the school.

The White Tiger Guard might not be considered too powerful, but it was a little amazing that it could revive endlessly. At the very least, it would be very useful as a reinforcement.

“No, I can’t take it. This is too precious!”

Li Ziqi immediately refused.

“Is this considered precious?” Sun Mo chuckled, “You’re a spirit controller. You can use it!”

Li Ziqi’s chest was filled with bliss because her teacher was doting on her. However, after a moment of hesitation, she still refused.

“Teacher, why not give it to Martial Junior Zhiruo?”

She was the eldest martial sister and should learn to give way to her juniors.

“Eldest Martial Sister, I won’t take it!”

Lu Zhiruo refused. “Your motor skills aren’t good and with this white tiger as your ride, it can make up for your weakness.”

After the papaya girl said that, she suddenly realized that the way she said things could hurt Li Ziqi. Therefore, she quickly changed her words.

“Eldest Martial Sister, I’m not saying that your motor skills are horrible, it’s... it’s...”

Lu Zhiruo didn’t know how to lie and was stumped.

“I understand what you mean!”

Li Ziqi pat Lu Zhiruo’s head.

“Zhiruo is right. The reason I gave it to you is for you to use it as a ride.”

Sun Mo had long since thought of catching a battle pet with strong attacking prowess for Lu Zhiruo. However, he was very satisfied to see the great relationship between the two martial sisters.

When Sun Mo played games in the past, he had seen cases whereby a single weapon had led to the entire guild being disbanded. Take the Greatsword of the Brotherhood for example, it was said that it was a sword of guild disbandment as there’d be no brothers when this sword appeared.

Many top-notch guilds went through great difficulty to defeat the final boss, but they ended up disbanding over the distribution of this high-quality weapon.

Chu Jian looked at this scene and suddenly felt a little regretful. (Back then, if I agreed to enter under Sun Mo’s wings during the student recruitment meet, I’d be his eldest disciple now!)

Ding!

+100 favorable impression points from Chu Jian. Friendly (410/1,000).

“Sigh, why won’t Teacher take me in?”

Lu Qi felt regretful.

Shi Qiao opened his mouth and almost wanted to ask Sun Mo to accept him as his disciple. However, he still held it back in. He didn't wish to let other people think that he only wanted to acknowledge Sun Mo as his teacher due to Sun Mo's generosity.

"Then I'll be accepting this!"

Li Ziqi bowed at Sun Mo then released her mental energy to communicate with the White Tiger Guard in the spiritual pearl.

"Don't use a contract of equals. Just enslave it!"

Sun Mo had wiped out the enslavement contract between him and the White Tiger Guard. Otherwise, there was no way the little sunny egg would be able to enslave it.

"En!"

Li Ziqi looked at the spiritual pearl and started to do as Sun Mo instructed.

"I recall that Ziqi is a spirit rune master, right? She seems to know some herbology as well." Zhang Yanzong said with great emotion. "However, I didn't expect that she's also a spirit controller."

Zhang Yanzong self-proclaimed to be a genius and was the top person amongst this batch of new students. However, he was feeling a little inferior at this moment.

Li Ziqi's battle prowess was bad, but she won against him in other areas. For example, her ability to take command and lead, her mentality, and most importantly, her knowledge.

"Ziqi is so amazing!"

Li Fen was envious.

"I'd say Teacher Sun is the amazing one. Don't forget that these are all things that Teacher Sun had taught her."

Lu Qi was filled with admiration for Sun Mo.

Look at Sun Mo. Not only was he knowledgeable, but his battle prowess was also on an explosive level. How on earth did he learn all that?

Ordinary people would be considered amazing to be able to accomplish one thing. But he was good in all aspects.

"There's no way to compare! There's no way to compare!"

Qian Dun sighed.

"Hehe!"

Sun Mo secretly felt pleased as he had gained another wave of favorable impression points.

"What should we do?"

"What else can we do? We can only give up! We can't possibly try to snatch it, right?"

“Don’t be kidding. Who’d be able to win against that Sun Mo?”

The teachers decided to give up, but their gazes landed on Chunyu Kong’s group. (The reason we’re cowardly is because we are weak. You Sky Orchid can’t be cowardly as well, right?)

Guo Zihao saw that Chunyu Kong and Liang Pei’s gazes weren’t right and quickly tried to persuade them.

“Just give up, it’s too risky!”

“I can’t accept this!” Chunyu Kong lowered his voice, “Let’s hold Sun Mo back, then let the students make a move to wipe them out and snatch the secret treasure of darkness!”

As the competition was primarily testing on the students’ capabilities, the rule stated that the students must be the ones holding onto the secret treasures of darkness. Moreover, if the students didn’t attack the teachers, the teachers mustn’t be the first to raise their hands.

“How could the elites carefully selected from our great Sky Orchid Academy not be able to win against them?”

Chunyu Kong didn’t believe it. Right now, he just wanted to see Sun Mo suffering.

Swoosh!

White light flashed on the spiritual pearl and a translucent white tiger appeared, releasing a furious roar. Its stripes were a light blue color and it looked extremely beautiful.

“Teacher, I’ve succeeded!”

Li Ziqi beamed.

The white tiger walked over. Like a big cat, it used its neck and back to rub against Li Ziqi’s leg.

“Good!”

Li Ziqi squatted down and rubbed the big cat’s neck.