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Chapter 211 - 211 Change of the situation

Looking at the purple forest in front of him, Shun Long was taken aback for a second.

Turning his head to the side to look at Liu Mei, he noticed the astounded expression on her face as well.

It was truly a forest that resembled a dreamland.

As soon as they reached the entrance of the forest, Shun Long placed the 'Silver-winged panther king' inside the 'Stone of Time' along with Little Black, before he and Liu Mei entered inside on foot.

After all, this was a tempering exercise for the 2 of them, and having a high-level magic beast with them like the black panther, would make any other beast in the vicinity afraid to even get out of their lairs.

Liu Mei wasn't surprised when she saw the black panther disappearing.

Since she had already seen Little Black appear and disappear yesterday, she understood that the 2 beasts were always near her and Shun Long.

After looking around him, Shun Long started walking towards the south-west.

From the mission that they had accepted, he knew the general location of the rank 3 'Fire-toothed hyenas' and the 'Meridian heating fruit'.

While they walked through the forest, Shun Long and Liu Mei encountered many magic beasts that attacked them on the way.

Thankfully, since they were still in the outskirts, even the strongest magic beast didn't exceed the early rank 3.

Walking through this forest was akin to a refreshing stroll for Liu Mei with her early rank 6 Heaven grade cultivation, since no magic beast could pose even the slightest danger to her.

She didn't even need to use a martial skill to deal with the magic beasts around them.

Waving around the 'Four seasons azure sword', she easily minced through the beasts, as the 2 of them walked deeper inside the forest.

An hour later, Shun Long and Liu Mei had arrived at the foot of a small mountain.

Shun Long activated the 'Monarch's Hourglass' along with his golden eyes, but he still allowed Liu Mei to take the lead.

He knew that with his cultivation that had reached the early rank 9 in Heaven grade, any magic beast below the early rank 4 couldn't pose a threat to him.

He estimated, that with his 'Monarch's Eternal body' that was in the middle of the third stage, even if he allowed a middle rank 3 beast to freely attack him, it would still do little to no harm to his body.

Shun Long and Liu Mei didn't meet with any magic beasts as they were ascending the mountain.

When they reached near the mountain's peak, in between the purple trees, Shun Long saw 2 brown-furred beasts guarding a large crimson-colored tree.

The crimson tree stood out among the other trees around it. Not only was it taller than the rest, but its bright red color was also extremely eye-catching.

A single red fruit was growing in one of the tree's branches, that Shun Long recognized immediately as the rank 4 'Meridian heating fruit'.

Once refined into a pill, the 'Meridian heating fruit' could enlarge the thickness of the meridians in a cultivator, allowing their qi to flow faster inside their body.

Looking at the 2 magic beasts that were guarding the crimson tree, Shun Long warned Liu Mei

"Mei'er, your Dao of Ice won't be very effective against the 'Fire-toothed hyenas'. Use your sword to fight against them, but be careful. Their teeth will also emit a fire poison in the air, and as soon as you breathe it, you will feel your senses being dulled."

Liu Mei nodded her head at Shun Long as she understood what he wanted to say.

Waving her hand, she took out a pill bottle filled with the rank 3 anti-toxin pills that Shun Long had refined before she swallowed one of them.

That way, even if she ended up inhaling the poison in the air, the pill would still protect her body.

Shun Long nodded his head as he took a step back, allowing Liu Mei to fight against the 2 middle-rank 3 'Fire-toothed hyenas'.

Normally, a middle rank 3 magic beast would be at least as strong, if not even stronger, than an average rank 6 Heaven grade cultivator.

However, since Liu Mei was cultivating in a Saint low-grade cultivation technique, Shun Long knew that her qi was purer than normal cultivators who were at the same level as her.

Additionally, with the 'Four seasons azure sword' as well as her proficiency in using the sword, Shun Long was confident, that Liu Mei would be able to win against the 2 middle-rank 3 'Fire-toothed hyenas'.

Liu Mei circulated the 'Moonlight Sigil', as a gust of wind suddenly appeared beneath her feet.

Shun Long had already taught her the Gale steps, and although Liu Mei had only reached the first rank, it still boosted her speed by quite a bit.

The 2 'Fire-toothed hyenas' instantly felt the aura of an early rank 6 Heaven grade cultivator, as they turned their heads to look at Liu Mei's direction.

Looking at the white-veiled young woman who was running towards them, the 2 hyenas growled threateningly, before one of them jumped in the air towards her.

Liu Mei didn't back off once she saw the middle rank 3 'Fire-toothed hyena' bearing its fangs towards her.

Instead, she slashed forward with the 'Four seasons azure sword', bringing forth a gust of wind that was filled with ice shards.

The shards of ice were immediately disintegrated under the heat that the 'Fire-toothed hyena's' teeth were emitting.

However, Liu Mei didn't let up.

She had practiced the moves of her sword countless times alone in the past.

Her repeated sword slashes quickly sent the 'Fire-toothed hyena' on the defensive.

The other hyena that was watching over the 'Meridian heating fruit' looked at Liu Mei with cold eyes, and after surveying its surroundings a few times, it also went to attack the white-veiled woman.

Fighting against 2 middle rank 3 'Fire-toothed hyenas', Liu Mei soon found herself in a losing position, as she was quickly suppressed by the 2 magic beasts.

And yet, even though she was suppressed, still defended herself against the attacks from the 2 magic beasts.

As the fight continued, Liu Mei started to extricate herself from her losing position.

Although she wasn't winning, she could now hold her own against the hyenas' combined attacks.

More than an hour passed like this, as Liu Mei finally started to get the upper hand in her battle.

Beneath her white veil, there was a dazzling smile on her face, as she could feel her sword arts improving under the pressure from the hyenas.

Only under pressure could a person truly go past their limits.

Finally, 2 hours later, Liu Mei's 'Four seasons azure sword' stabbed through the eye of the first hyena, and continued all the way to its brain.

The middle-rank 3 magic beast instantly collapsed on the ground.

Less than 10 minutes passed since then, and soon, Liu Mei took care of the second magic beast as well.

This was the second time that Liu Mei had to fight by herself since she and Shun Long had come to the Night star continent, and yet, the pressure from the 2 middle-rank 3 magic beasts, was much higher than the pressure that the low-level guild members of the 'Dark Blade guild' had posed to her in the past.

This was a battle where she was truly pressured hard earlier, allowing herself to become even stronger this way.

Shun Long had a smile on his face as well, watching Liu Mei deal with the 2 middle-rank 3 magic beasts that had attacked her, all by herself.

However, just as Liu Mei started to move towards the 'Meridian heating fruit', Shun Long's eyes flashed with a blue light, while an ugly expression suddenly appeared on his face.

Chapter 212 - 212 Rank 5 Spellsinger bird

Without any hesitation, Shun Long immediately used blink and appeared in front of Liu Mei, before he summoned both the black panther as well as Little Black!

Turning his head to look at Liu Mei he then said anxiously

"Keep your eyes focused on my back! No matter what happens, don't stop looking at my back!"

Liu Mei was stunned when she heard Shun Long's words, when suddenly, a humming tone sounded from the depths of the mountain.

The small mountain started to tremble, and soon, it opened itself in 2, as a bird-like beast flew from the mountain's depths.

It was a 3m(10ft) tall bird, with a violet-colored beak and purple eyes, while its pink feathers gave it an indescribable beauty.

The moment that Shun Long had seen this magic beast through his golden eyes however, he knew that the situation was really bad.

"A rank 5 'Spellsinger bird'!"

Shun Long understood why Little Black had failed to detect the magic beast's presence inside the mountain. Once this magic beast was sleeping, it would emit no soul fluctuations, which would make it impossible even for a peak rank 9 Dao King to discover it in its hibernation state.

It would usually choose a place to sleep for a thousand years, and unless it was hungry, it wouldn't wake up no matter what.

And yet, Shun Long also knew, that the moment that the rank 5 'Spellsinger bird' detected humans in its hungry state, it would immediately wake up and try to devour them.

Liu Mei didn't understand why Shun Long had summoned both Little Black as well as the black panther in order to deal with this magic beast, but seeing the serious expression on his face she understood, that there must be more to this beast than what meets the eye.

Little Black was hovering in the air in front of Shun Long, while his body was exuding the regal majesty of a dragon.

He originally had an uncaring look in his eyes, but the moment that he saw the peak rank 5 'Spellsinger bird', the black dragon turned to look at Shun Long first, before his body exploded with the aura of a peak rank 5 magic beast.

The black panther instead had already spread its silver wings that were shining with a bright light, while it waited for Shun Long's command.

As long as Shun Long told Little Black and the black panther to attack the magic beast in front of them, they would destroy it without any hesitation.

And yet, Shun Long had a serious look in his eyes but he didn't give any orders.

After all, the 'Spellsinger bird' was different than most other magic beasts.

It always attacked by singing, and once it started, everyone around it would be affected, while its singing would directly attack its target's soul.

Shun Long didn't think for a moment that Little Black would have a problem fighting and killing off the 'Spellsinger bird'. He had absolute confidence in the black dragon's power.

What he was afraid of, was the bird choosing to actually fight in its hungry state.

After all, once the singing started, Little Black had no way to protect Shun Long and Liu Mei's souls.

"Let's hope that the bird gets scared off by Little Black and the black panther. Otherwise..."

Shun Long thought to himself as he observed the pink bird's actions.

The rank 5 'Spellsinger bird' felt a hint of fear creep inside it, once it sensed the terrifying aura of the black dragon.

After all, dragons were kings among other magic beasts, and their aura brought a certain degree of suppression as well as fear to the other beasts.

At the same time, the black panther had also released its own aura as well, pressuring the bird even further.

The 'Spellsinger bird' looked at the 2 peak rank 5 magic beasts in front of it, with an unconcealed sense of fear, but the moment that its eyes swept over Shun Long and Liu Mei's bodies, its natural instincts of hunger resurfaced.

It was hunger versus fear.

The 'Spellsinger bird' was afraid, and didn't want to fight against the black dragon and the 'Silver-winged panther king', but it was also hungry.

After all, hunting and killing humans or magic beasts around it once it woke up, was something that was carved deep in its soul.

This was part of its pride as a peak rank 5 magic beast as well.

The bird also believed, that in terms of its own soul, neither the black panther nor the terrifying dragon were its match.

As long as they were dazed for even a second, it could definitely snatch the 2 humans that were behind them and leave.

Shun Long had a serious look on his face when he saw the excitement in the 'Spellsinger bird's' purple eyes, and looking at Little Black as well as the black panther he then said seriously

"Kill it!"

Little Black immediately flapped his majestic black wings once, quickly closing two-thirds of the distance between himself and the 'Spellsinger bird' in a single instant.

The black panther's silver wings that were shining with a bright light cut through the air, as he also flew towards the pink bird.

The peak rank 5 'Spellsinger bird's' eyes were filled with both fear as well as excitement, as it suddenly opened its violet-colored beak.

Before Little Black had enough time to close the distance between them, a melodious sound was heard from the 'Spellsinger bird'.

It sounded like a gentle humming tone that was soothing someone's heart, and yet, at the same time, it also sounded like a bewitching melody that would encapture someone's soul.

The sound instantly spread, from the 'Spellsinger bird' to Little Black, then to the black panther, and in the end, it reached Shun Long and Liu Mei's souls.

For the first time in countless years, Little Black felt fear, as he turned his head to look at his master who now had an absentminded look in his eyes.

Under the black dragon's terrified eyes, Shun Long's body who was hugging Liu Mei's, instantly collapsed on the ground!

Chapter 213 - 213 Shun Long's and Liu Mei's situation

The black dragon's body started trembling, while a horrifying aura that suppressed everything erupted from his body.

Little Black's cold blue eyes turned to look at the peak rank 5 'Spellsinger bird' which immediately fell on the ground under the pressure of this terrifying aura.

The black panther had been dazed for less than a second, before it shook off the effects of the 'Spellsinger bird'.

The panther hurriedly turned his head to look at Shun Long and Liu Mei, and as soon as it saw that they had fallen on the ground, terror and anger flashed through its eyes.

The black panther was extremely loyal to both Shun Long and Liu Mei.

Shun Long was its master, and had also helped the panther advance to the peak of rank 5, by solving its internal problem.

Liu Mei instead was its master's wife, and she would often practice her sword skills in the courtyard, while the black panther kept her company.

However, the black panther could feel a terrifying aura from behind him, as he turned to look at the black dragon.

The 'Spellsinger bird' was terrified when it noticed that Little Black's eyes were staring at it like a piece of dead meat.

Little Black's aura started rising, and soon, it reached the absolute peak of rank 5.

And yet, it didn't seem to stop, while Little Black's azure eyes were still staring at the 'Spellsinger bird' that was now quivering on the ground.

It had failed!

It had failed to affect the black dragon's soul, and the dragon was now furious!

The black panther stared at Little Black with horrified eyes, as the dragon's aura kept rising at an alarming rate.

Barely 100 breaths of time later, Little Black raised his head to the sky as he let out a furious roar!

ROAR!!

The entire Dreamland forest started to tremble from the black dragon's roar, when a black wave of darkness was now expanding outwards from Little Black's body.

Both humans as well as magic beasts that were inside the forest, were terrified once they heard the furious roar.

Suddenly, be it humans or the magic beasts, everyone who was still inside the Dreamland forest found their vision turning completely black!

Darkness!

Absolute darkness seemed to have enveloped the Dreamland forest in an instant, when a horrifying aura erupted from the forest's outskirts.

Everyone started to tremble when they sensed the strength of this aura.

Rank 6!

A rank 6 magic beast had appeared!

As a magic beast, and even more so a dragon, Little Black didn't need to try and comprehend a Dao.

He didn't even need to absorb the qi in the air in order to cultivate.

He could simply advance, by consuming the flesh of other powerful magic beasts.

However, the moment that he saw Shun Long's body collapsing on the ground, Little Black felt disbelief, anger, and fear overcoming him, all at the same time!

It was as if an invisible seal had broken inside him, as a terrifying darkness then spread from the Little Black's body and covered the entire Dreamland forest!

Invisible streams of qi from all over the forest were guided through the pitch-black darkness, as they were all absorbed inside Little Black's body.

The moment that the black dragon broke through to rank 6, both the black panther as well as the 'Spellsinger bird' felt an innate sense of fear.

The moment that the darkness returned back inside Little Black's body, the peak rank 5 'Spellsinger bird' immediately tried to suppress its fear, as it stood up on its 2 legs and flapped its wings, trying to escape.

Unlike the black panther, the bird knew that it wasn't an ally of the black dragon.

Instead, Little Black seemed to be feeling extreme hate towards it.

But the moment that it tried to flap its wings, the 'Spellsinger bird' saw a gigantic shadow hovering in the air above it.

Little Black pressed down with his black claw, immediately grabbing the bird by its neck!

The black dragon had a look that was filled with anger and cruelty, and without any hesitation, he snapped the bird's neck!

A cracking sound was heard as the bird's body fell on the ground, before a white wisp of smoke tried to stealthily escape in the air.

Little Black looked at the white wisp of smoke with a cold look, as he then waved his claw once.

The white wisp was cut into pieces, before it dissipated in the air, under the black dragon's and the 'Silver-winged panther king's' eyes.

Little Black then flapped his majestic black wings, appearing in front of Shun Long's and Liu Mei's bodies in an instant.

The black dragon as well as the silver-winged panther king were both connected to Shun Long with their souls, and knew, that their master was still alive, but his soul was in an extremely weak state.

And yet, neither of the 2 magic beasts could do anything, but wait and hope for Shun Long and Liu Mei to overcome this obstacle.

However, this was still an attack from a peak rank 5 magic beast.

Even if it wasn't directed towards the 2 of them, neither Shun Long's or Liu Mei's cultivation and souls, were strong enough to endure such an attack.

Time passed as Shun Long and Liu Mei were still unconscious.

Their eyes were closed, but both Little Black and the black panther could feel Shun Long's situation, through his emotions.

Inside his mind, Shun Long could feel as if his soul was being hammered repeatedly over and over again.

The pain was extremely intense, but surprisingly, after a while, Shun Long had started to get used to it and wasn't as affected anymore.

After all, although the 'Spellsinger bird's' attack was akin to torture to the soul, the level and intensity of the pain didn't even come close to what Shun Long had felt from the golden book in the past.

A little more than an incense stick of time had passed when Shun Long finally opened his eyes.

After taking a few breaths to rid himself of the residue pain, he quickly sat up and took a look around him.

He saw Little Black and the black panther, who were staring at him with excitement in their eyes, relieved that their master had woken up.

Shun Long's eyes however constricted, once he saw Liu Mei's condition who was lying down next to him.

Lifting up her veil he noticed, that not only had her breathing become extremely weak, but her face had already been drained from all of its color.

Chapter 214 - 214 Liu Mei's death ?

Shun Long's heart started beating erratically when he saw Liu Mei's condition.

From her weakened breathing, he understood, that Liu Mei was most likely not going to survive.

After all, Shun Long had already experienced a soul tearing pain from the Golden Book in the past when his soul had been forcibly expanded, but what Liu Mei was suffering right now, was a direct attack to her soul.

Additionally, unlike Shun Long, she wasn't an alchemist, and her soul wasn't much stronger than normal cultivators.

Shun Long gritted his teeth, before he gently propped up Liu Mei's back, and placed her in a sitting position.

Parting her lips open with his hand, he let her swallow a top-grade rank 4 'Sun-healing pill'.

Although the 'Sun-healing pill' would have no effect on her soul, the energy inside it would at least nourish her body.

Little Black and the silver-winged panther watched their anxious master, who placed Liu Mei's body in a lying down position once again, before his eyes looked around him.

Shun Long's attention was instantly focused on the corpse of the 'Spellsinger bird' that was lying on the ground with its neck broken, before he had Little Black bring it in front of him.

Neither the dragon nor the black panther made any noise, as they allowed Shun Long to ponder over what he wanted to do.

Countless thoughts flashed through his mind, before Shun Long finally decided to dissect the peak rank 5 'Spellsinger bird'.

Soon, with Little Black's help, the peak rank 5 bird was cut into many pieces.

Shun Long then stayed silent for a moment, as he tried to think of the sequence in which he should add everything.

He planned to refine a new pill for Liu Mei, by using the medicinal herbs in the 'Stone of Time', as well as the most important parts from the 'Spellsinger bird'.

"First, I should add the 'Spellsinger bird's' heart and refine it along with its beast core as the main medicinal ingredients. After all, the heart and beast core are the 2 things in its body that are the most beneficial to a cultivator's soul. They should be able to nourish your soul and ease your pain. Mei'er... you can't die!"

Shun Long then took out his medicinal cauldron, as well as more than 20 medicinal herbs from the 'Stone of Time'.

His hands conjured a qi flame, as he started to warm the alchemy cauldron, but every moment felt like an eternity.

With every second passing, Shun Long could see that Liu Mei's situation was worsening even further.

At this rate, he wouldn't be able to make it in time.

"Right! Time!

Although I can't use the 'Monarch's Domain' on Mei'er and slow down the deterioration of her condition, I can still use the second 'Monarch's Domain' on myself!"

As this thought flashed through Shun Long's mind, a bright blue light covered his body, as well as his medicinal cauldron, while the flow of time around him became many times faster than the outside world.

The cauldron was quickly warmed up as Shun Long started adding inside the medicinal herbs.

He first placed the 'Spellsinger bird's' heart inside, along with a dozen rank 3 and rank 4 herbs, refining their essences at the same time.

The purple blood from the bird's heart was quickly fused with the essence of the medicinal herbs, creating a deep purple liquid.

After he had added in all of the medicinal herbs, Shun Long placed the peak rank 5 beast core inside the cauldron, while at the same time, he increased the temperature of his qi flames by more than double.

However, as the magic core of a peak rank 5 magic beast, it took a lot of effort and time for Shun Long to grind it down to its purest form.

The beast core of the 'Spellsinger bird' had finally turned into a ball of pink liquid, before it slowly started to merge with the purple liquid inside the cauldron.

Shun Long heaved a sigh of relief when he saw that the 2 liquids had successfully fused into one.

More than 60 percent of his spiritual strength had been exhausted, as he refined the 'Spellsinger bird's' beast core into the pink liquid.

And yet, the most important part had just come, as Shun Long used his spiritual strength and started guiding the newly formed light-purple liquid to rotate inside the cauldron.

Beads of sweat had formed on Shun Long's forehead, but his attention was completely focused on forming the pill.

He knew that if he failed the pill refinement this time, there would be no second chances.

A quarter of an hour had passed inside the second 'Monarch's Domain', when the lid of the cauldron started buzzing.

Joy filled Shun Long's eyes when he saw the pink-colored pill inside the cauldron.

It was a pink pill that was filled with purple lines.

Regrettably, since Shun Long hadn't broken through to the rank 3 in the Spirit realm, his spiritual strength wasn't enough to properly refine rank 5 medicinal ingredients like the 'Spellsinger bird's' beast core, making the pill in front of him a middle-grade rank 5 pill instead of high-grade or top-grade one.

Shun Long didn't feel the slightest disappointment from this though, as he hurriedly stood up and turned his head towards Liu Mei.

The scene in front of his eyes however, sent shivers down his body.

Liu Mei's breathing had become so weak that it could be extinguished at any time, like a weak candle flame in front of a powerful wind.

Shun Long's hand started trembling, but he still parted Liu Mei's lips open before he placed the pink-colored pill inside her mouth. Using his spiritual strength, he then guided the pill as it dissolved into a pink liquid that was easily swallowed.

Shun Long then looked at Liu Mei with a hopeful look in his eyes, but his expression as well as the 2 magic beasts' suddenly changed.

An aura of death was coming from Liu Mei's body, while her already weak breathing had almost completely stopped!

Chapter 215 - 215 Hand of Death

Shun Long's heart was beating rapidly as he looked at the weak Liu Mei, but he knew, that there was nothing he could do right now, but hope that Liu Mei would get through this.

However, the scene in front of his eyes wasn't improving in the slightest, as the aura of death coming from Liu Mei's body was getting thicker and thicker with every second that passed.

The black dragon and the silver-winged panther both stayed silent as they watched their master's wife, whose condition was only worsening.

At the same time, inside her mind, Liu Mei felt extreme pain, as if her soul was being hammered relentlessly.

At first, she could still endure the intense pain, but as time went on, the intensity of the attack gradually increased.

It was like an ever-rising crescendo, that would only stop once it had completely wiped out her soul.

The l.u.s.ter that her soul gradually dimmed under the 'Spellsinger bird's' unstoppable attacks, while Liu Mei could feel the clarity of her mind slowly seeping away from her consciousness.

Countless scenes replayed in her mind, as death crept ever so closer to her soul.

She once again saw her austere father, who always had a serious look on his face whenever he talked to her.

The scenes of her childhood flashed through her eyes, but no matter how hard she was training, or how much effort she put in, it was never good enough for her father.

Liu Mei could always feel the look of disappointment that was etched in Liu Jian's eyes, since his second wife didn't give him a son as well. No matter how talented a daughter was, he would never allow her to become the sect master.

The scenes soon changed, and Liu Mei saw her beautiful mother who was dressed in white.

Even though her husband didn't seem to care about their daughter, Liu Mei's mother had always showered her little girl with love and attention.

This was Liu Mei's only regret once she had chosen to leave the 'Floating cloud sect'... her mother.

She had always planned to visit her in the future once she became strong enough...

'Mother...'

The scene that depicted the white-dressed mature woman soon faded out, and was replaced with a handsome young man dressed in green robes.

The greatest genius of the 'Floating cloud sect', her cold and proud brother, Liu Changpun.

She could still remember how much she idolized her elder brother when she was younger, while everyone around her preached about this greatest genius of the 'Floating cloud sect'.

She could still remember the envy that she had felt as well, every time that she saw the proud smile on her father's face whenever he was facing Liu Changpun.

After all, she was just a little girl. How could she not feel envy, when her own father was shunning her, but he was praising her own brother instead.

Her life kept flashing through her mind, as she once again saw her only close friend in the sect, Lan Jinjing.

She was the only one who had stood by her side when she had rejected the proposal of the third young master from the 'Flying sword sect', which had made her brother furious.

She also remembered the young master of the Meng family, Meng Shengyi, along with all the other people from the inner city who had tried to court her, until the scene changed once again.

'Long-ge..'

Scenes of a handsome, proud young man flashed through her eyes.

From the 'Alchemists' Guild' in the 'Floating cloud sect', to the 'Treasure Pavilion' and finally, inside the 'Vermilion realm'.

From that moment, the 2 of them were always together, as they spent the next 4 months next to each other.

Ever since then, she had completely placed the 'Floating Cloud sect's' matters to the back of her mind, as her heart finally found love.

She remembered Shun Long's gentle smile every time that he held her in his hands, as well as his sturdy back whenever she sat behind him on the black panther's back, and unknowingly... tears welled up in her eyes.

A bright light once again lit up inside her, giving some l.u.s.ter back to Liu Mei's soul, but under the unceasing attacks of the 'Spellsinger bird', the light soon dimmed, and was on the verge of being extinguished.

"Long-ge... is this death?"

Liu Mei could feel a black energy surrounding her soul, trying to drag her to the depths of the abyss.

Once a soul died, it would be brought into the abyss of souls, and would either become food for other souls, or it would be sent to reincarnate.

This was death!

Liu Mei felt as if an illusionary, powerful hand, that reeked of some kind of dark energy had gripped her soul tightly, slowly dragging her downwards towards the abyss.

A large spatial hole had opened below Liu Mei's soul, which only people who were gripped by the hand of Death could see.

This was the Death abyss.

Liu Mei instinctively tried to struggle, but the strength of her soul had been completely sapped out.

She had no power to struggle as she was dragged downwards.

However, before the hand of death had managed to pull her inside the abyss, a magical thing happened.

A pink-colored vibrant energy had abruptly appeared in Liu Mei's spiritual space, as it completely encapsulated her soul.

Liu Mei's soul seemed like it had suddenly found a powerful tonic and started to absorb the vibrant energy around her, as her soul started to slowly regain its l.u.s.ter.

With every passing moment, Liu Mei could feel the hand of death that was tightly gripping her slowly loosening up.

Shun Long's eyes lit up when he saw Liu Mei's breathing that had started to stabilize itself.

Soon, her breathing started to grow stronger, while her face was slowly regaining its color.

However, what had left Shun Long completely baffled, was that the aura of death around Liu Mei wasn't getting weaker, but instead, it was growing stronger with every breath of time that passed!

Chapter 216 - 216 Dao of Death

Normally, since Liu Mei's condition was stabilizing, the aura of death should have disappeared from her body.

But this time, not only was the color on her face regaining its past roseness, but the aura of death was also growing stronger with every second that passed.

It wasn't just Shun Long, but Little Black and the black panther as well were also stunned at this sight.

As high-level magic beasts, they were even more sensitive to auras than Shun Long was, and they could clearly feel the ever-growing aura of death coming from Liu Mei's body!

At the same time, inside Liu Mei's spiritual space, even after the vibrant energy had completely restored the l.u.s.ter of her soul, the pink-colored liquid continued to nourish her even further.

Unlike Shun Long's violent soul expansion through the golden book however, Liu Mei's soul was like a plant that was being watered by a gentle drizzle.

The vibrant energy coming from Shun Long's middle rank 5 pill was being quickly absorbed by Liu Mei's soul.

More than 4 hours passed like this until Liu Mei opened her eyes.

Feeling the death aura that was coming from her body, Shun Long was stunned, unable to understand what was going on, but the look in Liu Mei's eyes was one of disbelief.

Waving her slender hand in the air, a wave of death aura appeared around it, before it swirled in a small ball on top of Liu Mei's hand.

Looking at the black ball in her hand, Liu Mei couldn't help mumbling

"Is this.. death?"

Shun Long's eyes widened when he heard this, while the black dragon and the silver-winged panther looked at their master's wife with eyes filled with astonishment.

Looking at Liu Mei, Shun Long asked her in a curious tone

"Mei'er, how do you feel?"

Liu Mei's eyes once again focused around her, as she looked at Shun Long and her eyes started to mist up.

She had already experienced every event in her life for the second time, and her feelings for the young man in front of her, couldn't be clearer in her heart.

Shaking her head she then said in a sweet voice

"Long-ge, I am fine. I felt like I was about to die earlier, but a strange kind of energy suddenly healed my soul.

At that moment, I felt like I had connected with a mysterious Dao, and it seems that I can control a new kind of energy."

As Liu Mei finished speaking, the death aura immediately vanished from her body.

It was like it had never existed around her in the first place.

Shun Long turned his head to look at Little Black, as he asked seriously

"The Dao of Death? There is such a Dao?"

The black dragon nodded his head, and replied to Shun Long through a telepathic message

"There is, master! There is a Dao for almost everything in the world, including death.

But... it is actually extremely difficult to attain comprehension in the Dao of Death. It is said, that one needs to nearly die and gaze at the Abyss of Death itself in order to have a chance to comprehend this Dao, and even then, it would still be up to that person's luck.

However, this Dao is also one of the most unique and extraordinary of Daos.

There is even a certain, extremely powerful family in the Dark Sovereign's world, who puts its descendants into hellish training in order to comprehend the Dao of Death.

Less than 10 percent of them make it out alive, but nearly all of them become supreme experts among other cultivators.

Shun Long nodded his head, without asking Little Black about any other information regarding this Dark Sovereign's world.

Instead, he turned his attention to Liu Mei who once again conjured a black ball that was filled with death energy in her hand.

Seeing that Liu Mei had fallen in a trance, Shun Long didn't interrupt her, as he then had Little Black sweep the small mountain with his soul sense, to see if there were any magic beast near them.

However, thanks to Little Black's violent outburst once he broke through to rank 6, there was no magic beast in an area of 500 miles around them.

3 days passed like this while Liu Mei was still in a trance.

Shun Long understood that she seemed to be comprehending the Dao of Death, as he once again sensed a death aura around her.

The aura of death around Liu Mei would sometimes grow weaker, while at other times it would grow much stronger.

Once the 3rd day was over, Liu Mei conjured a black ball of death qi between her hands and allowed it to fall on the ground.

Seemingly out of thin air, under Shun Long's astounded gaze, a dozen skeletons had appeared in front of him.

Each of them was 1.8m(5.9ft) tall.

Their jade white bones were shining under the night sky, while green ember wisps were glowing in their eye sockets.

Each of these skeletons was carrying a small bone sword, while the aura that they were emitting was slightly lower than Liu Mei's cultivation, at the peak of rank 5 in Heaven grade.

Looking at the dozen skeletons that had quickly arranged themselves in front of Liu Mei in 2 lines, Shun Long mumbled to himself

"Necromancy...?"

Nodding his head, Little Black responded with a serious look in his eyes

"Indeed master, necromancy is a path of the Dao of Death!"

The black panther also stared at the 12 skeletons curiously, seeing how they had arranged themselves in front of Liu Mei, like soldiers who were protecting their general.

Liu Mei snapped out of her reverie, and looking at Shun Long she flashed him a dazzling smile before she started to explain to him the experience that she had just been through.

Liu Mei told Shun Long everything, from the memories of her life that she had just experienced, all the way to the Abyss of Death that she had seen.

The 2 of them chatted for the entire night, until the sun had finally started to rise.

Shun Long heaved a sigh of relief once he confirmed that Liu Mei was alright.

Even though she had come face to face with death, this ended up being a blessing in disguise for her in the end.

Shun Long then plucked the rank 4 'Meridian heating fruit' from its tree, as he and Liu Mei got on the black panther's back, while Little Black entered inside the foggy place in the 'Stone of Time'.

The black panther spread his silver wings and shot up to the sky, as he flew towards the forest's entrance.

Since there wasn't anything else for them to do inside the Dreamland Forest, the black panther headed towards the Dreamland plains.

It was time for Shun Long and Liu Mei to start the B-rank mission.

Chapter 217 - 217 Shun Long and Liu Mei's mission

Originally, Shun Long wasn't planning to let Liu Mei participate in the B-rank mission, since it would be far too dangerous for her.

But now that she had comprehended the Dao of Death and had practically become a necromancer, just by using the dozen skeletons that she could summon, she had more than just sufficient strength to protect herself.

A couple of hours later the black panther had reached the end of the vast Dreamland plains.

Shun Long and Liu Mei had arrived in front of a secluded mountain range that spanned for more than 7000 miles.

This was the rumored den of the infamous killer called Hao Jingguo.

From the sky, Shun Long saw many people patrolling around the mountain range, while at the depths of the mountains, there was a big, luxurious villa situated on top of a waterfall.

Looking at the villa from the black panther's back, Shun Long immediately understood from the people who were patrolling around it, that this was the den of the infamous killer Hao Jingguo.

However, since this was a mission that Shun Long and Liu Mei would take on by themselves, Shun Long didn't directly barge inside the villa with the black panther, but instead, he landed 2 miles outside of the mountain range, before he placed the black panther inside the 'Stone of Time'.

Liu Mei looked at Shun Long as the 2 of them started ascending the mountain in front of them, and with a worried look on her face she asked

"Long-ge, can we really do it by ourselves? The mission said that this Hao Jingguo is already a rank 3 Spirit realm expert!"

It wasn't that Liu Mei wasn't confident in Shun Long, but Hao Jingguo seemed to be at the same level of cultivation as her father, Liu Jian.

Liu Mei had grown up thinking that her father was an extremely strong cultivator.

Even after she was exposed to a larger world, when the members of the 'Floating cloud sect' gathered outside the 'Vermilion realm', or once she and Shun Long started touring through the Night star continent, where they had already met and killed even Dao King realm experts, personally dealing with a rank 3 Spirit realm expert was something extremely difficult to her in the end.

After all, Liu Mei knew, that neither Little Black nor the black panther would help them this time.

It would just be her and Shun Long dealing with this person, as well as all of his subordinates.

Shun Long shook his head as he looked at Liu Mei, and with a smile on his face he said

"Don't worry! Even if I really can't win, I am still confident enough to at least escape if I need to."

Liu Mei nodded her head, while the worry in her heart slightly alleviated when she heard his words.

After all, Shun Long had even managed to survive when he was faced against a rank 2 Spirit realm expert from the 'Dark Blade guild', and he was much weaker back then.

As they were ascending the mountain, Shun Long's group soon met a patrolling squad of 5 people dressed in warrior's clothing.

Each of them had a sword, a saber, or a spear in their hands, while their leather attire was actually made from the hide of rank 2 magic beasts in order for them to move more comfortably.

"HALT!"

The person in the middle of the 5 shouted at Shun Long and Liu Mei.

He was a tall young man in his late 20s, with a pointy nose and short, spiky hair.

Seeing Liu Mei who wasn't wearing her veil this time, a greedy expression appeared on the squad captain's face, who licked his lips lasciviously as he walked towards her.

The eyes of the other 4 people around him lit up, and after throwing a tacit look at each other, they slowly encircled Shun Long and Liu Mei.

Even though the squad captain wasn't able to sense Shun Long's cultivation, seeing that Liu Mei was at the early rank 6 in Heaven grade, he estimated that Shun Long couldn't be much stronger.

Even if he was at the same level as himself, at the early rank 7 in Heaven grade, he would still be able to take him down easily.

With these thoughts in mind, the squad captain puffed out his chest, and looking at the stunning young woman in front of him, he said in an imposing tone

"This is the territory of Lord Hao! For daring to trespass here, I have enough authority to kill you on the spot. But don't worry hehehe..."

You are lucky that I have a soft spot for beautiful women.

As long as you are willing to spend a night with me, I can spare both of your lives."

Instead of getting angry, Shun Long had a smile on his face and didn't choose to interfere, as he felt the aura of death around Liu Mei rapidly increasing.

The early rank 7 Heaven grade captain took a step back when he felt the deadly aura coming from Liu Mei's body, and taking a defensive stance he drew his saber from his waist.

He suddenly felt humiliated.

He didn't understand when exactly he had taken a step back, but he understood, that his body was filled with fear as it faced the gorgeous young woman in front of him

His 4 subordinates instantly drew their weapons as well, when they saw their captain suddenly taking a step back.

At the same time a large black ball of qi had appeared in Liu Mei's hands, and it was filled with some kind of terrifying energy that made the early rank 7 Heaven grade captain feel even more alarmed.

"Be careful!"

The short, spiky-haired man shouted when he saw the black ball of qi that was falling on the ground.

The astonishing scene that followed had left the 5 patrolling guards shivering in fear.

As the ball of qi fell on the ground, more than 20 jade-white skeletons appeared from it, as they surrounded Shun Long and Liu Mei.

However, even Shun Long was stunned, as aside from the 20 skeletons, 2 undead knights dressed in black armor had also appeared this time.

Chapter 218 - 218 Liu Mei's power

Each of these undead knights was more than 3m(9.8ft) tall, while wisps of red ember were shining in their eye sockets.

Additionally, the aura that the 2 knights were emitting was actually stronger than the white skeletons', and was almost identical to Liu Mei's... the early rank 6 in Heaven grade.

The spiky-haired squad captain was the first one to return to his senses when he saw the 2 dozens of undead creatures marching towards his subordinates, as he then shouted

"Retreat! Step back!"

Even though the 2 undead knights were only at the early rank 6 in Heaven grade, faced with so many undead creatures, the spiky-haired man could only call for a retreat.

After all, skeletons and undead knights were practically non-existent in the Night star continent, so the creepy scene in front of the spiky-haired man's eyes didn't allow him to think properly, as he hurriedly called for a retreat.

His 4 subordinates were instantly jolted back to their senses once they heard their captain's voice, as they turned around and ran towards him.

Feeling a bit more confident near his squad leader, one of the young men next to him couldn't help asking, as he looked at the undead knights that were marching towards them

"Captain! What are these skeletons? Is this some kind of Dao as well?"

The other 3 young men also turned their attention to their squad leader as they awaited his response.

After all, he was the most knowledgeable among them as well.

To their disappointment however, the spiky-haired man shook his head as he responded seriously

"I don't know but there is no reason to be afraid!"

Even the giant knights are barely at your level, while the skeletons are simply rank 5 Heaven grade weaklings!

Fight together and break through their entrapment!"

The spiky-haired man raised his head to look at Liu Mei, as he then added

"Once I get my hands on this bitch, I will make her regret her ever being born!"

I don't believe that she can call more of these creatures!"

Shun Long didn't interfere with Liu Mei's fight, as he watched the 2 undead knights, each of them leading a dozen skeletons as they marched towards the group of 5 in front of them.

The undead knights brandished their 2m(6.6ft) long greatswords, as they hacked towards the group in front of them.

The spiky-haired man snorted when he saw this, as he charged forward while holding his saber, taking on the 2 undead knights by himself.

Meanwhile, his 4 subordinates were actually besieged by the more than 20 white skeletons.

Although the 2 undead knights were strong, with their aura at the early rank 6 in Heaven grade, they immediately fell in a disadvantage fighting against a rank 7 Heaven grade cultivator.

However, even though they were at a disadvantage, the 2 undead knights were still hanging on against the squad captain's attacks.

After all, as undead creatures, even when the first undead knight was riddled with injuries and had even lost one of his arms, he still held his greatsword with the other one as he kept fighting.

The spiky-haired man's 4 subordinates however weren't as lucky.

Although each of them was individually stronger than the undead creatures in front of them, against 2 dozens of these jade-white skeletons, their bodies were soon filled with injuries.

After all, there were more than 20 skeletons and only 4 of them.

Additionally, the skeletons were all at the peak of rank 5 in Heaven grade, and when they gathered together, they easily suppressed the 4 early rank 6 Heaven grade cultivators.

Shun Long was actually surprised when he saw that Liu Mei wasn't actively controlling neither the skeletons nor the undead knights.

It seemed that the undead creatures had a certain level of intelligence by themselves, while the undead knights seemed to have plenty of combat experience too.

Seeing the situation that his 4 subordinates were in, the spiky-haired man's saber lit up, as he used a Yellow high-grade martial skill and cut one of the undead knights in half.

The undead knight's body fell on the ground, immediately turning into a pile of dust.

Liu Mei however waved her left hand in the air, instantly creating another ball of death qi.

The ball of death qi then fell on the ashes of the undead knight, and under the horrified eyes of the spiky-haired man, the knight's body was soon reformed back to its original state.

The spiky-haired squad captain's eyes widened in fear, once he saw the knight he had just destroyed being resurrected in front of him.

He was originally intending to quickly deal with the second undead knight as well before he moved to help his subordinates, but no matter how many times he ended up destroying the 2 knights, the woman in front of him would always bring them back to life.

Under the white skeletons' unstoppable barrage of attacks, one of the spiky-haired man's subordinates was soon stabbed by one of the skeletons' bone-white sword.

The 3 young men around him had a look of terror in their eyes, as they watched the body that lifelessly collapsed on the ground.

With one less person to defend against the skeletons' attacks, the other 3 of them soon followed suit, leaving only the spiky-haired man who was still fighting against the undead knights.

Seeing his subordinates dying one after the other, an anxious look flashed through the man's eyes, and yet, it was already too late to escape as the 2 undead knights had stuck on the spiky-haired man like 2 heavy anchors.

As the white skeletons joined hands with the 2 black-armored undead knights, the spiky-haired man found himself in a disadvantage.

It felt like he was fighting against more than 20 peak rank 5 Heaven grade cultivators, who didn't fear pain or death, and 2 early rank 6 ones.

A quarter of an hour later, the spiky-haired man's body had lost all signs of life as it fell on the ground next to his 4 subordinates.

Liu Mei didn't even spare a look at the 5 dead bodies on the ground, as she then put her white veil back on her face, before she and Shun Long continued ascending the mountain.

On the way, they found more than 4 patrolling squads which Liu Mei's small army eventually dealt with.

Only once did they find a rank 9 Heaven grade cultivator, who effortlessly destroyed more than a dozen skeletons, before Shun Long stepped in.

After dealing with the last patrolling squad, Shun Long and Liu Mei had already entered near the heart of the mountain range, just a few miles away from a large waterfall where a luxurious villa was built on.

This was the den of the rank 3 Spirit realm criminal, Hao Jingguo.

Chapter 219 - 219 Attacking the villa!

Looking at the large villa ahead of them, Shun Long saw more than 10 people stationed near the waterfall, keeping watch of their surroundings.

At the same time, inside the foggy place in the 'Stone of Time', Little Black and the silver-winged panther were both watching Shun Long with eyes filled with interest.

Little Black didn't use his soul sense to scan the villa, and he didn't give Shun Long any warnings or help either.

Since this was his master's and his master's wife's mission, the black dragon quietly observed everything from the 'Stone of Time'.

Shun Long and Liu Mei stayed hidden on top of a tree as they observed the guards that were watching over the villa.

There were 2 squads with 5 people each, and a peak rank 9 Heaven realm cultivator was leading each squad.

Liu Mei was silent when she saw Shun Long seriously thinking over their next course of action.

After thinking for a while, Shun Long looked at Liu Mei and asked

"Mei'er, how far from your body can your undead creatures travel to?"

Shun Long realized that he didn't have enough knowledge regarding Liu Mei's necromancy.

Liu Mei thought seriously for a while before she answered

"As long as they are within a 3 mile radius, then their ability will not be restricted. But beyond that, their speed and their strength will start to drop."

Nodding his head Shun Long answered with a serious look

"In that case, it's better if you control your undead creatures from here. They can come with me as I enter inside the villa, and support me when I need to."

Liu Mei nodded her head in response after hearing Shun Long's words.

Besides, now that she was a necromancer, her physical abilities weren't that important.

Instead, the numbers and the strength of the creatures that she could summon was vital to her overall strength. After all, necromancers usually didn't fight in close combat, but they summoned their undead creatures for them.

With a wave of her hand, a black ball filled with death Qi had appeared in front of Liu Mei, before it slowly fell on the ground.

This time, 50 jade-white skeletons along with 3 undead knights rose from the ground, as they assembled themselves in 3 lines in front of Liu Mei.

This was Liu Mei's current limit in the undead creatures that she could summon.

Looking at the 3m(10ft) tall undead knights who were each leading a row of skeletons, Shun Long smiled as he started walking towards the squad that was the closest to him and Liu Mei.

Once he arrived a few hundred meters away from the waterfall, the peak rank 9 Heaven grade expert was the first one to notice Shun Long and the small undead army behind him, as he shouted "HALT!"

The rest of the squad members' attention was immediately focused on the young man who seemed to be leading some kind of bizarre and terrifying creatures.

Shun Long ignored the peak rank 9 Heaven grade expert, and instead, he circulated the 'Monarch's Hourglass' as his eyes suddenly turned golden.

In the dark night, with only the light of the moon and the stars illuminating the earth from the night sky, Shun Long's golden eyes resembled a demon's.

The squad captain's body trembled when he saw the scene in front of him, but just as he was ready to shout "Enemy attack!" the indistinct figure of an hourglass expanded from Shun Long's body, completely stopping time around the peak rank 9 Heaven grade expert and his squad members.

The skeletons and the undead knights however were also frozen, once they were caught inside the 'Monarch's Domain'.

After all, Shun Long's control over the Dao of Time wasn't high enough to selectively choose the enemies that the 'Monarch's Domain' would freeze.

Raising his right hand, Shun Long slashed the air in front of him, opening a space tear that led directly to the 5 squad members ahead of him.

Once he entered the space tear, Shun Long shortened the 'Monarch's Domain', allowing the army of skeletons and the 3 undead knights behind him to move again, before he took a wooden purple staff from his spatial ring.

There was no mercy or compassion in Shun Long's eyes as he looked at the 5 people in front of him who were guarding the villa.

As subordinates of Hao Jingguo, there was no way for these people to be innocent in the first place. Besides, in the cultivation world, there was no absolute wrong or right.

Hao Jingguo was strong enough so even though he was an infamous killer, rapist and thief, people didn't choose to confront him for no reason.

But once a mission was set up in the 'Mercenaries' Association', the infamous rank 3 Spirit realm expert had already fought with more than 2 groups who had attacked his villa.

After all, it wasn't uncommon for mercenaries to die during their missions, which was why the 'Mercenaries' Association was extremely strict with their rankings.

Waving his 'Purple Blossom staff', Shun Long's attacks shattered the 5 squad members' heads, including the peak rank 9 Heaven grade expert's, killing them in an instant.

The other peak rank 9 Heaven grade expert who was leading the second squad, had his eyes wide open when he saw the scene that had unfolded in front of his eyes.

Without any hesitation, he took a deep breath, as he shouted in a heavy and loud voice that alarmed the entire villa

"ENEMY ATTACK!"

At the same time that the squad leader's voice sounded in the air, Shun Long raised his right hand once again, opening another space tear, as he arrived at the other side of the waterfall where the second squad was stationed in.

The second squad's captain immediately turned to flee when he saw Shun Long appearing in front of him, not even thinking of engaging in combat against him. After all, he had just witnessed him killing the first squad all by himself in an extremely bizarre manner.

The members of the second squad were terrified when they saw their captain leaving, but Shun Long didn't pay any attention to them, as he activated the 'Monarch's Domain' once again.

Time seemed to freeze around Shun Long for the second time, and without any suspense, Shun Long waved the 'Purple Blossom staff' as he effortlessly took care of the 5 squad members in front of him.

He then turned his eyes towards the villa's entrance.

The moment that the squad leader's voice had sounded in the air, the villa's entrance abruptly opened and more than 30 cultivators emerged from it.

Each of them was at least a late-stage Heaven grade cultivator, while a middle-aged man was leading the front.

Shun Long's eyes narrowed slightly once he sensed the aura coming from the middle-aged man's body, instantly recognizing that he was a Spirit realm expert.

The middle-aged man first had a confused look as he looked at the army of undead creatures on the right bank of the river, before his eyes were focused on Shun Long.

Seeing the fresh blood that was still dripping from the 'Purple Blossom staff', the middle-aged man's eyes quickly turned cold as he took a step forward.

At the same time, inside a private room in the villa, 2 middle-aged men were lying on top of a large bed, as they were indulging in the pleasures of dual cultivation with a black-haired young woman.

The woman's expression that was filled with lust and enjoyment quickly changed into one of fear when she heard the words 'enemy attack', as she then lowered her head to look at the middle-aged man who was lying below her and was still thrusting his lowered body upwards, looking like he hadn't heard anything as he continued to enjoy himself.

With a trembling expression, the young woman bit her lips as she then said fearfully

"B-Big brother Hao! There is an enemy attack!"

Chapter 220 - 220 Thunderbolt finger

This middle-aged man who was lying below this young woman had a sturdy build that resembled a trained fighter, while his square jaw and his hawk-shaped nose gave an intimidating feeling to the people around him when he stared at them.

Shun Long had already seen this man's wanted poster when he accepted the B-rank mission and would quickly recognize him if he actually saw him.

This was the infamous killer Hao Jingguo.

Hao Jingguo stopped his lower body's movements, and looking at the young woman who was lying on top of him, he started fondling her plump b.o.o.b.s as he said with a smile on his face

"Don't worry little girl. This isn't the first attack this year, and it will certainly not be the last."

Raising his head to look at the other middle-aged man, who was still continuing his back and forth movements behind the young woman, the square-jawed Hao Jingguo then asked

"Don't you think so too Elder Qing?"

The middle-aged man who heard Hao Jingguo's voice suddenly stopped his back and forth movements, and looking at the back of the young woman in front of him, he nodded his head with a proud smile as he said

"There is no reason to worry. My younger brother is in charge of the villa's defense tonight, and even if he can't take care of the people attacking us, don't we still have brother Hao?"

Looking at the more than 2m(6.6ft) tall middle-aged man behind her, the young woman nodded her head somewhat absentminded, as if agreeing with his words.

"Right! If Elder Qing can't take care of the intruders, he will definitely inform Big brother Hao along with his elder brother as well."

When these thoughts flashed through the young woman's mind, a sense of relief filled her, while her waist seemed to have subconsciously started moving once again.

Laughter filled the room as the 2 middle-aged men then continued with their night's exercise.

At the same time, outside the villa, the middle-aged who was looking at Shun Long took a step forward, and with a mocking look on his face he asked

"Don't tell me that you are another idiot from the 'Mercenaries' Association' who is here for Elder brother Hao's bounty?"

Although the middle-aged man had a mocking look on his face, he actually didn't underestimate Shun Long because of his early rank 9 Heaven grade aura. Instead, he raised his vigilance even further, certain that the young man in front of him was somehow concealing his true cultivation level.

Additionally, although his question may have seemed simple, the truth was, that the middle-aged man was actually trying to probe Shun Long's real intentions.

After all, to be able to kill 2 squads, while each of them was being led by a peak rank 9 Heaven grade expert, unless this middle-aged man was working together with his elder brother, he wouldn't be able to do it this quickly and stealthily just by himself.

Shun Long shook his head when he heard the man's question, and with a calm look he said smilingly

"There is no reason to try and probe me. You are right, I am indeed a member of the 'Mercenaries' Association'."

The middle-aged man had a mocking look on his face when he heard this, and shaking his head in response he said

"As expected, another idiot who is greedy for money! No matter whether you hide your cultivation or not, as long as you haven't reached the middle-stages of the Spirit realm, you will die like a worm! Even if you can beat the small fries that were standing guard, brother Hao isn't someone that idiots who barge here alone can challenge!"

As soon as he finished speaking, the middle-aged man stopped holding back, as his cultivation exploded outwards.

"Peak of rank 1 in the Spirit realm!"

Shun Long just smiled lightly when he sensed the middle-aged man's cultivation, before his own aura at the early rank 9 in Heaven grade burst out in response.

Meanwhile, the man's subordinates who had come out from the villa along with him, immediately moved to attack Liu Mei's undead army.

Although the skeletons and the undead knights were somewhat scary, in the end they were only at the peak of rank 5 and early rank 6 in Heaven grade.

Against 30 experts at the late stages of the Heaven grade, it was a one-sided slaughter.

At the same time, seeing that the middle-aged man was flying towards him at full speed, Shun Long simply raised his right hand in the air as he pointed forward.

The qi inside his qi balls was being gathered rapidly in his forefinger, while sparks had even started forming on top of it.

The middle-aged man felt a sense of danger in his heart as he looked at Shun Long's finger, but he didn't choose to back down.

Instead, he used his qi to form an invisible qi barrier in front of him as he continued to fly forward, while his attention was completely focused on Shun Long's finger.

It took a single breath of time for Shun Long's qi to gather in his finger, before a booming sound resounded in the sky, drawing everyone's attention.

The middle-aged man's subordinates who were fighting against Liu Mei's undead army, instantly raised their heads to look at the sky, where a single bolt of lightning was moving towards 'Elder Qing' at extreme speed.

BOOOM!

The sound of thunder booming resounded through the air, while a bolt of lightning illuminated the night sky before it collided with 'Elder Qing's' qi barrier.

'Elder Qing's' eyes widened when he saw the bolt of thunder flying towards him, but he didn't even have enough time to move out of the way, before he felt his qi barrier shattering into pieces as an overpowering strength crashed on his body.

The moment that Shun Long's Mystic high-grade Thunderbolt finger hit the middle-aged man's body, 'Elder Qing' felt as if thousands of lightning bolts had suddenly zapped his chest, all at the same time.

Under the horrified eyes of his subordinates, 'Elder Qing's' body flew from the sky like a cannonball, before it crashed on the ground next to them.

BOOM

The powerful peak rank 1 Spirit realm expert was now lying on the ground with a huge hole on his chest, unknown if he was still dead or alive!

The nauseating smell of charred flesh immediately brought the people around him back to reality, before some of them hurriedly rushed back inside the villa.

In the room where Hao Jingguo and the middle-aged Elder Qing were enjoying themselves, knocking sounds were frantically heard from the door, as the anxious voice of one of the subordinates outside sounded, as it said

"Lo-Lord Hao!"