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Chapter 251 - 251 Consuming the 'internal reconstruction pill'

It was a single purple-colored pill with white and orange lines on it.

"Top-grade rank 4 'internal reconstruction pill'."

Holding the pill in his hand, Shun Long could clearly feel the powerful energy hidden inside it.

The energy inside the pill was not only potent, but it even gave Shun Long a sense of fatal danger at the same time.

And yet, Shun Long knew, that he had to consume this 'internal reconstruction pill' in order to breakthrough to the fourth stage of the 'Monarch's Eternal body'.

After all, the 'Monarch's Eternal body' was different than most other body refinement techniques.

After sitting cross-legged on the ground, Shun Long calmed his mind, before he looked at the top-grade rank 4 'internal reconstruction pill' in his hand.

He barely hesitated for a single moment, before his eyes turned serious, as he consumed the purple-colored pill.

The moment that the pill entered Shun Long's mouth, it turned into a puddle of scorching purple liquid.

After circulating the 'Monarch's Eternal body', Shun Long felt endless amounts of pain filling his mind.

Almost as if guided by the 'Monarch's Eternal body', the purple-colored energy from the 'internal reconstruction pill' started to seep through every nook and cranny of Shun Long's body.

"AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH"

Shun Long roared in pain once he felt his organs being destroyed one by one.

The 'internal reconstruction pill's' energy, was akin to hot lava that was destroying his insides, and once this process had started, it couldn't be stopped.

Little Black watched Shun Long from the side with pain inside his blue eyes, but he knew that this was something that his master had to go through.

Having his blood slowly burned and purified, again and again, was a kind of pain that would make most people wish that they were already dead.

Although Shun Long had felt pain countless times in the past, only the pain from the 'Golden book's' soul expansion could come close to the pain that he was feeling right now.

After his blood, Shun Long could feel his meridians and his internal organs soon following suit, as they were destroyed almost instantly from the 'internal reconstruction pill's' violent energy.

His heart, his liver, and even his brain followed, along with his bones, and in the end his skin.

Having the heart or the brain destroyed would have meant absolute death for any cultivator below the Nascent Soul stage, but the 'Monarch's Eternal body' still kept Shun Long alive under all this painful torture.

Little Black's had originally a nonchalant look in his eyes, but when he saw Shun Long's body turning into a pool of blood, without even his bones staying intact, the black dragon's heart started beating erratically.

The only reason that Little Black could still stay somewhat calm, was because he could sense that Shun Long hadn't died yet.

Time passed like this, and soon, more than a month had gone by.

In this past month, Little Black had watched Shun Long's body being reformed and destroyed time after time.

However, what Little Black didn't know, was that Shun Long wasn't just feeling physical pain.

Instead, countless scenes had flashed through his mind one by one.

The first, was when he was an orphan back on earth.

Countless other orphans had surrounded him, as they called out 'brother Rock!' Come play with us!

Shun Long could clearly remember that these children had all died of malnutrition. These were the children who couldn't even feed themselves, and couldn't do any physical labor either.

And yet, seeing the pitiful look in the children's eyes, Shun Long simply closed his eyes in response, as the illusion in front of him was shattered.

The scene in front of Shun Long changed once again, but this time, it was even more real than before.

He found himself back inside the Shun estate, in the 'Blue Forest city' of the 'Sky Fortune kingdom'.

He could feel that he wasn't a Spirit realm cultivator this time, but just an earth grade one.

Shun Fang and Shun An were both standing in front of him, with Liu Mei next to them.

Shun Long watched his father, who still had that gentle smile on his face as he looked at his son.

Shun Long could also feel Shun An's warm hands when she hugged him, as she looked at him with tears in her eyes and said

"Long'er, stay with us! Why do you have to go and risk your life?"

He could practically feel his mother's worry as she looked at him.

Turning his head to look at Liu Mei, Shun Long saw the loving look in her eyes, as she looked back at him.

And yet, after closing his eyes, Shun Long could also remember Shun Fang's look that was filled with pride, when he had entered the imperial palace to participate in the 'floating cloud sect's' test.

After all, in this world which father didn't want his son to become a supreme expert?

Shun Long remembered the look in his mother's eyes, when she had said that Shun Fang had become a Duke in the 'Sky Fortune kingdom'.

Shun Long also knew about Liu Mei's regret, and her goal of taking her mother from the 'floating cloud sect'.

Besides, how could he let Little Black down like that?

He still had to become strong enough in order to search for Little Black's true origins, as well as find out more things about the 'Stone of Time'.

The illusion in front of him once again shattered, as Shun Fang's, Shun An's, and Liu Mei's figures started to become blurry until they disappeared from his sight.

However, after opening his eyes, Shun Long hadn't returned to the foggy place in the 'Stone of Time', but instead, he found himself in an entirely unfamiliar place.

More than 10.000 golden armored warriors were standing in front of him, all of them kneeling down on one knee.

Shun Long was wearing a golden armor and was holding a black spear in his right hand, as he stared at the 10.000 warriors below him, while he was riding on Little Black's back.

Chapter 252 - 252 Breaking through to the fourth stage

As he stared at the 10.000 warriors who were kneeling on one knee, a single name had suddenly appeared in Shun Long's mind

'Heaven Trampling legion!'

However, this scene in front of him only lasted for a single moment, before Shun Long felt a sharp pain piercing his mind.

The golden-armored warriors, Shun Long's black spear, and the hundred meters tall Little Black all shattered in front of his eyes, as they disappeared in an instant.

Shun Long could feel his vision turning dark, before he found himself back inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time'.

However, Shun Long didn't have any time to ponder over the scene he had just witnessed, as he suddenly felt his mind entering a special state.

Under Little Black's shocked eyes, Shun Long's body that had turned into a pool of blood, and hadn't healed once in the last 7 days, was now being reformed at an incredible speed.

Shun Long's blood, his meridians, his internal organs, his bones, and finally, his skin were once again recreated, but this time, something was different.

Little Black could clearly feel, that Shun Long's blood was much more powerful than before, his meridians were thicker than the last time, while his bones were now emitting a bright light.

It took less than 10 breaths of time, for Shun Long's body to be completely reformed.

Although Shun Long's appearance was the same as before, Little Black could feel that something had changed.

After closing his eyes, the black dragon finally understood what it was.

It was a form of natural aura that was coming from Shun Long's body.

Although it was somewhat faint, after being with Shun Long for so long, Little Black could instantly sense the difference in his aura.

At the same time, as his body was reformed, Shun Long closed his eyes before he sat cross-legged on the ground.

He could feel that the space around him was different this time.

It felt as if an invisible fabric was hugging his body, and that if he stretched his hand outwards, he would be able to touch it.

Shun Long had unknowingly entered a state of enlightenment, and he could sense the Dao of Space around him, even more clearly than before.

Although his body had already been reformed with the 'internal reconstruction pill', without comprehending the Dao of Space even further, it was impossible to enter the fourth stage of the 'Monarch's Eternal body'.

With his eyes closed, Shun Long raised his right hand in front of him as he mumbled to himself

"Space... isn't something truly ethereal. If I close my eyes, I can feel it around me.

If I stretch my hand, I can even touch it.

....If I slash at it, I can tear it apart!"

Little Black's eyes widened when he sensed the violent space ripples around Shun Long's body.

Multiple space tears had appeared around Shun Long, as they constantly distorted the space around him.

And yet, Shun Long simply sat cross-legged on the ground with his eyes closed, as if he hadn't noticed anything.

With every passing moment, Shun Long's comprehension of the Dao of Space deepened even further.

More than a month passed like this, before the space tears around Shun Long finally started to disappear one by one.

And yet, the energy inside his body was now rising without showing any signs of stopping.

Shun Long could feel that the 'Monarch's Eternal body' was circulating inside him, as it absorbed the potent energy from the top-grade rank 4 'internal reconstruction pill', pushing the energy of his body to the limits.

A few moments later, Shun Long had reached the absolute peak of the third stage in body refinement, when his body suddenly exploded with a powerful burst of energy.

"Fourth stage of body refinement!"

Shun Long knew that he had finally entered the fourth stage of the 'Monarch's Eternal body'.

And yet, the energy inside his body didn't seem to diminish in the slightest.

Instead, Shun Long could feel a burning pain in his internal organs, as the 'Monarch's Eternal body' continued to absorb the almost endless energy from the 'internal reconstruction pill'.

2 months had passed for Shun Long inside the 'Stone of Time', but barely a week had gone by in the Heaven's Dome city.

During this time, Duan Zhu's recruitment had shaken the entire Heaven's Dome city.

More than 2000 late-stage Spirit realm cultivators had already gone to the east of the city, to the dark elf race's palace, in order to register themselves to become disciples of the Demon Emperor palace.

The name of the Demon Emperor palace had now spread throughout the Night star continent like wildfire, and even more people were now heading towards the Heaven's Dome city from all over the continent.

Inside the majestic palace of the Shentian dynasty at the northern part of the city, aside from the 2 stunning dark elf women, Yi Huian and Yi Xiaosi, 2 representatives from every other peak power of the city, were now sitting inside a secret room, in front of a large table.

Even Zhao Lan and the other rank 3 gold grade alchemist from the 'Alchemists' Guild' were present, but they stayed completely silent, not even daring to raise their heads.

Sitting at the head of the table, Sheng Jun opened his eyes, and looking at the people around him, he said, in his sonorous, old voice

"You all know why we have gathered here today so let's not waste any time. There is also no reason to blame Zhao Lan and Kang Daiyu either.

Since they were groomed by the Feng family, it was within expectations that they wouldn't dare to fight against the Demon Emperor palace.

What we need to do right now, is to find a way to stop the Demon Emperor palace's recruitment.

More than 2000 late-stage Spirit realm cultivators from our Night star continent, have already gathered in the dark elf race's palace during the past week in order to enter the Demon Emperor palace."

Surprisingly, the first person to speak was the middle-aged man from the 'Mercenaries' Association.

His eyes had been focused on the 2 alchemists of the 'Alchemists' Guild', before he turned his attention to Sheng Jun.

Then, with a serious look on his face, he said

"Old man Sheng, I heard that Duan Zhu left the dark elf palace yesterday, and headed towards the 'Dragon Lord's villa' by himself! Now that he has left the Heaven's Dome city, who can stop us from destroying the dark elf race?"

Chapter 253 - 253 Handling the situation

Seeing that he had attracted everyone's attention, the middle-aged man from the 'Mercenaries' Association' then continued

"Think about it, the only reason that Duan Zhu could recruit people so openly, was because he was using the dark elf palace as his base. With one of the peak powers of the Heaven's Dome city under his command, it was only natural for people to follow him.

Now that he has left to enter the 'Dragon Lord's villa' however... we can take this chance to destroy the traitors of the dark elf race!

Not only will that deter people and stop them from entering the Demon Emperor palace, but we can also take care of the traitors at the same time!"

Silence permeated the room as soon as the middle-aged man's words ended.

A few moments later, one of the 2 old men from the 'Golden Exchange firm' stood up, and with his deep black eyes, he looked at the middle-aged man from the 'Mercenaries' Association', before he shook his head and said

"Teng Hanying, your suggestion will not work."

Sigh

"I suppose that in the end, you are simply too young compared to the rest of us here."

After taking a deep breath, the old man from the 'Golden Exchange firm' straightened his hunched back, and with a deep look in his eyes that had failed to conceal his fear, he continued

"Do you think that Duan Zhu would have entered the 'Dragon Lord's villa', without considering that we may take revenge while he is gone?

He is not afraid of us attacking the dark elves... instead, he actually hopes that we will completely destroy them!

This will provide him with the perfect excuse to attack each of us directly."

Seeing that the middle-aged Teng Hanying was still confused, the old man from the 'Golden Exchange firm' shook his head once again as he continued

"Since everyone in the continent already knows that the dark elf race has surrendered to the Demon Emperor palace, if we destroy them, we will provide the Demon Emperor palace with the perfect setting to take revenge.

Not only will they have an excuse to destroy each of us here, but they will also be avenging their subordinates at the same time, raising their prestige in the continent even further, and attracting even more people to join them.

If the Demon Emperor palace sends all of their hall masters to the Night star continent, then forget about our Heaven's Dome city, our entire Night star continent may be unable to gather enough peak Dao Kings to fight them head-on."

Teng Hanying's eyes bulged out when he heard the old man's words.

Although he knew that the Demon Emperor palace was a terrifying behemoth that had even powerful Dao Emperor realm experts residing inside it, hearing that just its hall masters by themselves, were enough to fight against all of the peak experts in the continent, made him swallow down his next words while a look of horror had filled his eyes.

He had originally thought, that as long as no Emperor realm expert arrived, then if enough peak Dao Kings gathered in the Heaven's Dome city, they could fight against the peak Dao Kings from the Demon Emperor palace with ease.

At most, they would have to send some supremely powerful experts like Sheng Jun to tie down the strongest of the enemy Dao Kings.

But the old man's words had completely shattered his hopes.

With a dejected look on his face, Teng Hanying sat down on his seat before he lowered his head. Silence filled the room once again, before the elderly woman, Shao Wenqian cleared her throat, attracting everyone's attention.

After taking a deep breath, she looked at the people around her before she said in a solemn tone "Although Hanying's idea wasn't the best, in reality, it was still a step in the right direction.

After all, if we don't find a way to stop this situation from worsening any further, all of you know what will happen.

I would rather die fighting than allowing that bunch of vampires to pollute our Night star continent in the first place!

After all, the more people they take, the more monsters they create!"

Sheng Jun sighed when he heard Shao Wenqian's words, but in the end, he didn't say anything in the end.

After all, he knew that Shao Wenqian's words weren't wrong.

At the same time that this discussion was taking place inside the Shengtian dynasty's palace, Shun Long kept absorbing the energy from the 'internal reconstruction pill' in his body.

Even though he had already reached the early fourth stage of the 'Monarch's Eternal body', the limitless energy from the top-grade rank 4 pill was like a giant river.

Shun Long could feel his muscles and bones growing tougher and stronger, as the 'Monarch's Eternal body' kept absorbing the pill's energy.

2 more months passed like this inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time', when Shun Long felt himself reaching the peak of the early fourth stage in body refinement.

He could feel that he was just a step away from entering the middle of the fourth stage of the 'Monarch's Eternal body', but the energy from the 'internal reconstruction pill' had finally been depleted.

Shun Long wasn't dissatisfied that he hadn't entered the middle of the fourth stage in body refinement this time.

Instead, he could feel that his body was filled with endless amounts of energy, while his comprehension of the Dao of Space was simply incomparable to before.

After putting on his blue-colored robes, Shun Long stood up, and without any hesitation, he clenched his right fist before he sent a powerful punch forward.

Space around Shun Long's body trembled, while a large space tear more than 2m(6.6ft) long had appeared in front of him.

Little Black's azure eyes lit up when he saw Shun Long's punch, but suddenly, his expression changed.

Shun Long's expression had also turned serious at the same time as Little Black's, and without a moment's hesitation, he immediately closed his eyes as he appeared back inside the room of the inn.

Chapter 254 - 254 The black panther's breakthrough

The moment that he appeared in the room, Shun Long didn't hesitate, as he opened the door and rushed out in an instant.

In the courtyard outside the room, Liu Mei was looking at the black panther from a distance, as powerful waves of energy were being emitted from the panther's body.

Shun Long's eyes lit up when he noticed that Liu Mei's cultivation had advanced to the peak of rank 1 in the Spirit realm.

Although 4 months had passed for Shun Long inside the foggy place in the 'Stone of Time', barely 12 days had passed for Liu Mei.

Additionally, in these 12 days, the 2 of them hadn't dual cultivated once, and yet Liu Mei had already reached the peak of rank 1 in the Spirit realm.

Liu Mei felt a sense of joy in her heart when she saw Shun Long appearing out of nowhere, as she hurriedly said

"Long-ge... this..."

Shun Long nodded his head at Liu Mei, before his eyes were once again focused on the 'Silver-winged panther king'.

The panther's eyes were closed while his aura was rising non-stop, and it had already destroyed half the courtyard in the process.

Shun Long immediately understood, that the black panther was trying to breakthrough to the 6th rank.

After taking a deep breath, Shun Long tried to take a step forward and approach closer to the black panther, but once he reached within 100 meters distance, the energy fluctuations coming from the panther's body grew so powerful, that they sent him flying backwards instead.

The commotion that the black panther had caused, had not only been noticed by the rest of the people in the 'Golden Pig inn', but some Dao King realm experts from the western part of the city had also been alarmed as well, including experts from the 'Golden Exchange firm' and the 'Mercenaries' Association'.

Gritting his teeth, Shun Long's eyes turned serious, as he then summoned Little Black from the 'Stone of Time'.

The black dragon's 10m(33ft) tall body appeared in the courtyard, as Little Black stared at the black panther in front of him.

After sending out his soul sense to scan the area around the courtyard as far as he could, Little Black looked at Shun Long before he said with a telepathic message

"Master, more than 10 Dao Kings have already noticed the commotion, and they are all coming to the inn.

2 of them have actually reached the middle stages of the Dao King realm as well."

Nodding his head, Shun Long had a serious look in his eyes as he heard Little Black's voice.

Although a peak rank 5 magic beast like the 'Silver-winged panther king' may not have been enough to incite the greed of strong Dao Kings, a rank 6 magic beast was completely different.



A rank 6 beast was at the same level as a Dao King himself.

Even an early rank 6 magic beast could fight against a rank 3 Dao King head-on without any problem.

Only late-stage Dao King realm experts were allowed to have such beasts as their mounts, and no one would allow Shun Long to keep the black panther in that case.

With his eyes focused on the black panther, Shun Long then said

"Little Black, block off the energy waves for me!"

Little Black immediately understood what Shun Long wanted to do.

Without any hesitation, the black dragon nodded his head, as his powerful aura of an early rank 6 magic beast exploded from his body.

The black dragon's aura covered Shun Long from head to toe, shielding him completely from the black panther's powerful energy waves.

Activating the Gale steps, Shun Long quickly arrived in front of the 'Silver-winged panther king', before he forcefully placed him in the 'Stone of Time'.

At the same time, the Dao Kings who were flying towards Shun Long's courtyard had all noticed that the aura of an early rank 6 magic beast had also appeared for a moment, before the black panther's aura had suddenly disappeared.

However, instead of lowering their speed, they hurried towards the 'Golden pig inn' even faster than before.

"Master, there is one peak rank 5 Dao King coming from the east, and he is the fastest one so far. His soul sense will soon cover the 'Golden pig inn' completely."

Nodding his head, Shun Long used blink once, as he appeared in front of Little Black and Liu Mei.

As soon as Little Black returned to the 'Stone of Time', Shun Long clenched his right fist and punched the air the front of him.

His fist exploded with the full power of the 'Monarch's Eternal body', as a 3m(10ft) long space tear was opened in front of him and Liu Mei.

Without waiting for Liu Mei's reaction, Shun Long grabbed her hand as he shot inside the space tear.

The moment that Shun Long and Liu Mei entered inside it, the space tear instantly disappeared.

A few breaths of time later, a middle-aged man who was dressed in black robes appeared above Shun Long's and Liu Mei's courtyard.

The man was covered by a layer of wind, while a cold expression had filled his face as he looked at the half-destroyed courtyard in front of him.

He had clearly sensed 2 people at the rank 1 of the Spirit realm in this courtyard earlier, along with an early rank 6 magic beast, before they had instantly disappeared.

Even though his soul sense had covered the entire 'Golden pig inn', the middle-aged man failed to locate the 2 of them.

After closing his eyes, the man started to expand his soul sense even further than the 'Golden pig inn'.

At the same time, an old man who was holding a wooden cane in his left hand and had almost no hair left on his head, had also arrived above Shun Long's and Liu Mei's courtyard.

The old man barely threw a glance at the middle-aged man in black robes, before his eyes were focused on the spot where Shun Long had opened his space tear just a few moments ago.

Chapter 255 - 255 Shun Long's decision

The old man's eyes widened as he stared intently at the spot where the space tear had appeared a few moments ago.

With a shocked expression on his face, he mumbled to himself in disbelief

"The Dao of Space?!"

The middle-aged man didn't seem to have heard the old man's words however, as he kept scanning the area around the 'Golden pig inn' with his soul sense.

A radius of 50 miles around the inn was completely covered by his soul sense, but surprisingly, the man didn't seem to have found what he was looking for.

Although he detected plenty of rank 1 Spirit realm cultivators, none of them seemed to have an early rank 6 magic beast with them.

Gritting his teeth, the middle-aged man didn't give up, and ignoring the old man in black robes that was standing a few hundred meters away from him, he shot to the sky before he flew towards a certain direction.

At the same time, Shun Long and Liu Mei had appeared more than a mile away, in an empty courtyard of the 'Golden pig inn'.

As soon as they appeared in the courtyard, the 2 of them could feel numerous powerful auras approaching the inn, all of them heading in the same direction... their own courtyard where the black panther's aura had originated from.

The 10 Dao Kings had not only alarmed the residents of the 'Golden pig inn', but the entire western part of the Heaven's Dome city as well.

Feeling the powerful auras that had completely surrounded the inn, Liu Mei looked at Shun Long as she then said in an anxious tone

"Long-ge, maybe we should leave this inn! There are many other inns in the city as well."

Shaking his head Shun Long looked at Liu Mei before he said with a serious look in his eyes

"Not just the inn, we will leave the 'Heaven's Dome city' for now!"

Looking at the shocked expression on Liu Mei's face, Shun Long continued

"Right now, our cultivation is too low to participate in the battles of the House of Rankings, and staying in seclusion won't help.

Additionally, we have no idea how things will end up between that Demon Emperor palace and the peak powers of the Heaven's Dome city.

If they really are enemies, then the entire city may become a battlefield.

We have neither the power, nor any reason to participate in this struggle.

What we should do, is become stronger by ourselves."

Liu Mei was stunned for a moment, before she fell silent, as she started to ponder over Shun Long's words.

Indeed, the 2 of them had no real reason to stay in the Heaven's Dome city right now. Although Shun Long was being 'backed' by the 'Alchemists' Guild', the disadvantages far exceeded the advantages.

The situation of the city itself was uncertain, and their own cultivation was too low to compete with the peak geniuses of the continent just yet.

In addition, Shun Long already had enough middle-grade spirit stones to last them for quite a while, and Liu Mei needed to absorb death aura in order to advance her comprehension in the Dao of Death.

If she stayed in the Heaven's Dome city, it was impossible for her to advance her Dao, unless she killed an immeasurable amount of people.

And putting aside whether or not the current Liu Mei could do that, she would definitely end up attracting the attention of countless experts and be labeled as a mass murderer in that case.

Seeing that Liu Mei had understood his words, Shun Long smiled as he held her hand and walked outside of the 'Golden pig inn'.

Shun Long could feel more than 10 soul senses covering the entire inn, like a spiderweb that wouldn't allow even a fly to go unnoticed.

With 10 Dao Kings near his courtyard, Shun Long also knew, that if he opened another space tear, he would definitely be spotted by one of them.

By then, he wouldn't even have a chance to escape, unless he summoned Little Black.

Additionally, since everyone's attention was on his and Liu Mei's previous courtyard, this was the best chance for the 2 of them to leave the inn unnoticed.

Indeed, everyone in the 'Golden pig inn' right now, including the inn manager, had their attention focused on the 10 Dao Kings in the sky above Shun Long's courtyard.

Their powerful auras had terrified every single resident of the inn, who started to slowly exit their rooms one by one.

At the same time that the inn manager, an early rank 8 Nascent Soul stage expert shot to the sky to meet the Dao Kings with his hands clasped, Shun Long and Liu Mei walked out of the inn, along with many other residents who didn't want to stay close to the terrifying Dao Kings any longer.

Heaving a sigh of relief, Shun Long held Liu Mei's hand as they headed towards the east of the city.

Since Liu Mei wasn't wearing her white veil, her stunning face attracted quite a lot of attention.

Shun Long however ignored the people around them, and 2 hours later, the 2 of them arrived inside a shop at the eastern part of the city.

With the fervor caused by Duan Zhu's recruitment, countless cultivators had flocked towards the dark elf race's palace, making the east of the Heaven's Dome city, a place even more bustling than the western part, where both the 'Mercenaries' Association' and the 'Golden Exchange firm' were located in.

After spending 6000 low-grade spirit stones to purchase a more detailed map of the Night star continent than the one that Xie Rong had given to him, Shun Long and Liu Mei walked through the eastern city gates, as they left the Heaven's Dome city.

Half an hour later, the 2 of them had arrived more than 50 miles away from the Heaven's Dome city, as Liu Mei turned her head to look at Shun Long, and asked curiously

"Long-ge, where should we go now?"

Shun Long had a smile on his face as he looked at Liu Mei and said

"Since we are so close to it... let's have a look at this 'Dragon Lord's villa'!"

Chapter 256 - 256 Arriving at the Netherspirit forest

Liu Mei's eyes widened when she heard Shun Long's words.

Since Shun Long had already told her a few things about the 'Dragon Lord's villa', Liu Mei already knew, that that was probably the most dangerous place in the entire 'Night star continent'.

Seeing the shocked look on Liu Mei's face, Shun Long smiled lightly as he continued

"We are only going to have a look. I don't plan to enter in there just yet."

Indeed, with all the rumors going around about how scary of a place the 'Dragon Lord's villa' was, and considering that Cui Guoliang and his wife who were both Dao Kings are also trapped in there, Shun Long entering inside would be suicide.

Liu Mei heaved a sigh of relief when she heard Shun Long's words.

Although she knew that he wasn't too reckless, she was still afraid that his curiosity would cause him to wish to explore the villa in the end.

Shun Long didn't head to the villa right away though, and closing his eyes, he sent his spirit sense in the 'Stone of Time'.

Inside the foggy place, the black panther still had his eyes closed, while powerful energy fluctuations were coming from his body.

Little Black's blue eyes observed the panther whose aura was rising with every passing moment, and soon, it had already reached the absolute peak of rank 5.

More and more energy was being gathered in the panther's body, while its silver wings were now shining with a bright silver l.u.s.ter.

Even though the increase was relatively slow, Shun Long estimated that it would only take half a day at most for the panther to accumulate sufficient energy in order to break through to the rank 6.

Closing his eyes, Shun Long's spirit sense returned back in his body, before he waved his hand and a beast skin along with a white scroll appeared in his hands.

The beast skin was Cui Guoliang's map that showed the location of the 'Dragon Lord's villa', while the white scroll was the map that Shun Long had purchased from the shop at the eastern part of the 'Heaven's Dome city' an hour ago.

After putting Cui Guoliang's beast skin on top of the map he had purchased, Shun Long could see the route that he had to take in order to arrive at the 'Dragon Lord's villa'.

His finger traced through the route as he mumbled

"As long as we pass through the Netherspirit forest, we should reach the 'Dragon Lord's villa' within a few hours."

Liu Mei nodded her head as she observed the 2 maps.

Indeed, if they didn't follow the route through the Netherspirit forest, they would have to take a huge detour in order to arrive at the villa.

After placing the 2 maps back inside the 'Stone of Time', Shun Long and Liu Mei started to travel towards the Netherspirit forest.

Since the black panther was still undergoing his breakthrough, and they were still close to the Heaven's Dome city, Shun Long could only choose to fly there by themselves.

Shun Long and Liu Mei shot to the sky, as they flew towards the Netherspirit forest's direction.

The forest itself was close to the Heaven's Dome city to begin with, and just 8 hours later, the 2 of them had arrived at its entrance.

As soon as they arrived outside of the forest, Shun Long saw Liu Mei's eyes that had lit up in excitement.

Shun Long immediately understood the reason, as he could also sense the boundless death qi inside the Netherspirit forest, that reached all the way to the forest's entrance.

It was said that the Netherspirit forest was a place where countless cultivators had died here in the past, and their souls had turned into powerful spirits that would roam inside the forest.

Although the spirits didn't have sentience and they couldn't see or hear, they would instinctively attack any cultivator that approached close to them.

It was said that a few powerful magic beasts also lived inside the forest, and some of them were strong enough to threaten even Dao Kings.

However, these magic beasts would only appear if someone intruded in their territory, and would otherwise stay dormant inside the forest.

Since it was already night, Shun Long and Liu Mei chose to set up camp 3 miles away from the forest's entrance, and enter the forest in the morning.

Since they were out in the open and in an unfamiliar place, Shun Long didn't choose to enter the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time', but instead, he cultivated normally inside the tent along with Liu Mei.

This was the first time in a while that he cultivated outside of the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time'.

Waving his hand, more than 1000 middle-grade spirit stones appeared around him and Liu Mei.

Shun Long smiled lightly as he looked at Liu Mei, before he summoned the 'Heaven swallowing vine' from the 'Stone of Time'.

Under Liu Mei's shocked eyes, the vine started to absorb the middle-grade spirit stones at an incredible speed, before it filled the tent with pure qi that Liu Mei had never seen before.

Understanding that Shun Long had done this for her, Liu Mei felt a warm feeling coursing through her heart.

Circulating the 'Moonlight Sigil', she started to absorb the moonlight that was entering inside the tent, along with the boundless pure qi that had filled the air around her.

Shun Long had a smile on his face, as he circulated the 'Monarch's Hourglass' and started to absorb the qi inside the tent as well.

Even though he was cultivating together with Liu Mei, Shun Long noticed, that the qi that Liu Mei could absorb was minimal when compared to him.

Not only was the 'Monarch's Hourglass' absorbing almost 90 percent of the qi in the air, but that was with Shun Long holding back.

5 hours passed like this, and as the sun started to rise, Shun Long heard a powerful roar in his mind, that was filled with joy and excitement.

Chapter 257 - 257 The Netherspirit forest

Inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time', the black panther let out a deafening roar, as the aura of a rank 6 magic beast exploded from its body.

A rank 6 magic beast!

This meant that the panther was now equivalent to a Dao King in strength!

As soon as the black panther sensed Shun Long's spirit sense that had appeared next to it, it let out another roar that was filled with both gratitude and excitement.

After all, without the stalks of rank 5 'Dragonblood grass', it would have been unable to advance to the rank 6 just yet.

Once he confirmed that the black panther had successfully completed its breakthrough, Shun Long heaved out in relief, before his spirit sense returned back to his body.

An hour soon passed and seeing that the sun had already started to rise, Liu Mei also opened her eyes as she stopped circulating the 'Moonlight Sigil'.

Since it was already morning, it was time for the 2 of them to enter the Netherspirit forest.

After returning the 'Heaven swallowing vine' in the 'Stone of Time', Shun Long didn't bring out the black panther, but instead, he and Liu Mei walked on foot towards the Netherspirit forest's entrance.

Once again, Shun Long could feel the boundless death qi coming from the forest, as he and Liu Mei arrived at the forest's entrance.

He could see the countless black-colored trees inside, while even the sunlight itself seemed to have problems penetrating through the thick death qi that covered the forest.

He and Liu Mei had barely walked for half a mile through the forest's entrance, when Shun Long felt the death qi around him trying to invade his body.

With the strength from the 'Monarch's Eternal body' however, Shun Long didn't even need to circulate his own qi in order to block the death qi around him.

Liu Mei however didn't reject the death qi around her, and instead, she chose to absorb some of it, as she tried to refine its energy inside her body.

The result though, was completely different from what she had expected.

The moment that the death qi entered her body, Liu Mei immediately coughed out a mouthful of black blood, as a heavy pain hammered her chest.

The 'Moonlight Sigil' was unable to refine the death qi around her, causing Liu Mei to feel her senses being dulled as she almost passed out!

Shun Long was stunned when he saw the black blood that Liu Mei had coughed, that instantly corroded the black soil on the ground.

Sizzling sounds could be heard, almost as if the black blood had turned into some kind of deadly poison.

Seeing that Liu Mei was about to faint and fall to the ground, Shun Long quickly caught her with his right hand to check her condition.

An aura of death, completely different from Liu Mei's own was coming from inside her body, while Liu Mei felt weakness overcoming her as she barely held on her senses.

She could feel a stifling feeling pressing on her chest, while her heart was about to explode!

After Shun Long fed her a top-grade 'Sun healing pill', she then sat on the ground as she circulated the 'Moonlight Sigil' once again, this time to expel the new death aura from her body.

At the same time that Liu Mei was expelling the death aura from her body, Little Black's voice sounded inside Shun Long's head, as the black dragon said

"Master, that was too reckless! A death aura that is created by the death of countless cultivators will certainly be impure, and is almost impossible to be refined through normal means.

Unless one is cultivating in a certain cultivation technique that allows them to absorb any death aura, then trying to do something like this is suicide!"

Shun Long nodded his head in understanding when he heard Little Black's words.

As an alchemist, he already knew that even medicinal herbs that were of similar nature wouldn't necessarily mesh together, let alone something as dangerous as death qi.

After all, Liu Mei's death aura was created from her own qi, after comprehending the Dao of Death even further and absorbing the death aura of cultivators who died around her.

However, the aura inside the Netherspirit forest was different.

It was the culmination of death from countless dead creatures, including other cultivators, and the last thing it could be called was pure.

In other words, if Liu Mei's death aura was like a glass of water, then the death qi inside the Netherspirit forest was like the poisonous fluid of a swamp.

Seeing that the color was returning on Liu Mei's face, Shun Long nodded his head, as he then asked in a serious tone

"Mei'er, are you okay?"

Liu Mei was still sitting on the ground, and raising her head to look at Shun Long she replied

"Long-ge... I am sorry. I thought that I could absorb the death aura and comprehend the Dao of Death further, but I couldn't!"

Shaking his head, Shun Long explained to her the same thing that he had heard from Little Black.

Liu Mei's eyes widened slightly when she heard Shun Long's words, as she finally understood the reason she couldn't refine the Netherspirit forest's death qi.

Half an hour passed until Liu Mei could completely expel the death qi from her body.

At the same time, Shun Long took out the map that he had purchased from the Heaven's Dome city, and traced out a path through the Netherspirit forest.

He was planning to take a small detour instead of passing entering inside the forest's central region.

Even though this detour could cause them to travel for half a day longer, the danger that they would have to face this way would be much lower.

After all, the central region was very likely to hold Dao King level magic beasts inside it, and even with Little Black and the black panther, Shun Long didn't plan to take any needless risks this time.

Looking at the map in his hands, Shun Long mumbled to himself

"According to the map, there should be a big lake a few miles away from the Netherspirit forest's central region. After passing through it, we should be very close to the forest's exit."

Seeing that Liu Mei could stand up and that she had completely expelled the death aura from her body, Shun Long started walking towards the west of the Netherspirit forest.

At the same time that Shun Long and Liu Mei were entering deeper inside the Netherspirit forest, back inside the 'Alchemists' Guild' in the Heaven's Dome city, a man was kneeling in front of Zhao Lan who had just returned from the Shengtian dynasty's palace, and with a solemn tone, he explained everything that had transpired inside Shun Long's courtyard a few hours ago.

From the fact that the aura of a rank 6 magic beast had appeared in Shun Long's courtyard, to the Dao Kings who had completely surrounded the 'Golden pig inn', practically no details of the previous incident were omitted.

Zhao Lan had a serious look on his face as he heard the middle-aged man's report, before he asked in a curious tone

"Was the aura of the rank 6 magic beast really related to that brat?"

Also, where is he right now?"

Chapter 258 - 258 Netherspirit corpses



Seeing that the look on the middle-aged man's face had started to turn ugly, a furious expression appeared on Zhao Lan's face as he then asked

"Don't tell me that he got captured by one of those idiots who surrounded the inn! Who was it?"

Feeling the berserk aura around Zhao Lan growing stronger, the middle-aged man's face paled, before he hurriedly shook his head and responded with an awkward tone

"Lord Zhao, you are mistaken. That kid wasn't captured!

It is just that... he seemed to have disappeared!"

Zhao Lan was dumbfounded when he heard the middle-aged man's answer, while the berserk aura around him immediately dispersed.

"Disappeared?"

When he had heard about what happened in Shun Long's courtyard from the middle-aged man, Zhao Lan had expected for Shun Long to come to the 'Alchemists' Guild' begging for help.

Perhaps, if Zhao Lan was lucky, he could have convinced Shun Long to accept being groomed by the 'Alchemists' Guild' as well.

But he somehow seems to have disappeared?

"How?"

Zhao Lan asked the middle-aged man, in a voice that didn't hide his confusion.

Shaking his head the middle-aged man responded seriously

"Lord Zhao, nobody knows what happened, but old man Yuhan from the 'Golden Exchange firm' and Huang Bao from the 'Mercenaries' Association', only found an empty courtyard when they arrived at the inn.

Even the rank 6 magic beast seemed to have disappeared into thin air!"

This time, Zhao Lan's confusion turned into visible shock.

How could an early rank 6 magic beast disappear under the soul sensing of 2 middle-stage Dao Kings?

At the same time that Zhao Lan was interrogating the middle-aged man in front of him, an hour had already passed since Shun Long and Liu Mei had entered the Netherspirit forest.

Liu Mei had already summoned her skeletons, which seemed to have formed a defensive line around her and Shun Long, while they fought off the creatures that attacked them from time to time.

These creatures were called Netherspirit corpses, and had bony limbs with little to no flesh on them, and would come in various shapes and sizes.

Some of them seemed humanoid and were at most 1.9m(6.2ft) tall, while others had the shape of different magic beasts, and their height was more than 4m(13ft) tall.

The Netherspirit corpses were the corpses of cultivators or magic beasts that had died inside the Netherspirit forest.

So far, the strongest Netherspirit corpse that had attacked Shun Long and Liu Mei was only at the rank 5 of Heaven grade.

As for Liu Mei's jade-white skeletons, since Liu Mei had broken through to the peak of rank 1 in the Spirit realm, their strength had also advanced to the middle of rank 1 in the Spirit realm as well.

Forget about a rank 5 Heaven grade Netherspirit corpse, even a middle rank 2 Spirit realm cultivator would be doomed, facing off against 100 middle rank 1 Spirit realm opponents.

As they headed deeper inside the forest however, the strength of the Netherspirit corpses continued to rise.

2 hours later, the average strength of the corpses had already reached the late-stages of the Heaven grade, and even peak rank 9 Heaven grade corpses weren't uncommon.

One more hour soon passed, when Spirit realm corpses had finally started to appear.

Shun Long's and Liu Mei's speed had started to slow down as they advanced further inside, but Shun Long didn't move to help the skeletons.

Instead, Liu Mei's 6 undead knights whose strength was also at the peak rank 1 of the Spirit realm, started to fight against the Netherspirit corpses as well.

Half an hour later, Liu Mei no longer held back, as she summoned 100 more of her jade-white skeletons, along with 6 more undead knights.

This was the current limit of the undead creatures that Liu Mei could summon, and although she didn't need to actively use spiritual strength in order to control them, keeping so many creatures active at the same time, drained both her spiritual strength as well as her qi.

After all, for each skeleton and undead knight that she had summoned, Liu Mei had to expend a small portion of her spiritual strength and qi in order for them to fight.

Shun Long's and Liu Mei's speed once again increased with the added manpower of the new skeletons and the undead knights.

Even the rank 2 Spirit realm Netherspirit corpses were taken care of extremely quickly, under Liu Mei's undead creatures' combined strength.

Half an hour later however, the first rank 3 Spirit realm Netherspirit corpse had appeared.

Seeing that Liu Mei's skeletons couldn't hold up any longer, and were getting destroyed under the early rank 3 Spirit realm corpse's attacks, Shun Long pointed at the Netherspirit corpse with his left hand and activated the 'Thunderbolt finger'.

The humanoid Netherspirit corpse screamed once it felt the power of the lightning hitting its body, before it turned into a wisp of black smoke that dispersed in the air.

1 more hour passed, and Shun Long and Liu Mei had already traveled halfway through the forest, when suddenly, a huge roar was heard from the distance ahead of them.

Roarr

Trees were mowed down one after the other while even the earth below Shun Long's feet had started to shake, as the Netherspirit corpse of a magic beast that was almost 5m(16ft) tall appeared in front of him and Liu Mei.

The magic beast looked like a giant two-headed dog, with rotting flesh on both of its heads, while even the bones on its 2 front legs were a black color.

Liu Mei's body instinctively tensed up when she sensed the powerful death aura coming from the two-headed dog's body.

The look in Shun Long's eyes had also turned serious as he looked at the Netherspirit corpse in front of him, before he turned his head to look at Liu Mei and said

"Mei'er, step back. You can't help here!"

Indeed, Liu Mei knew that her skeletons and even the undead knights would be useless here.

After all, the death qi coming from the two-headed dog had already reached the peak of rank 5 in the Spirit realm!

Chapter 259 - 259 Rank 5 Spirit realm Netherspirit corpse

Nodding her head, Liu Mei took a few steps back, allowing Shun Long to face off against the Netherspirit corpse of the two-headed dog.

Circulating the 'Monarch's Hourglass', Shun Long activated his second 'Monarch's Domain', as a blue-colored light covered his body.

At the same time, his eyes had once again turned golden as he stared at the Netherspirit corpse of the magic beast in front of him.

Roarr

The two-headed dog roared loudly and destroyed everything in its way as it headed towards Shun Long.

Shun Long's eyes narrowed as he stared at the magic beast in front of him, as he mumbled to himself

"Time Prison!"

A blue light appeared in his golden eyes, and Shun Long could feel more than 40 percent of his qi being sapped almost instantly, as time around the two-headed dog forcibly came to a halt.

However, the effect of the 'Time Prison' didn't even last for a single breath of time, before the peak rank 5 Spirit realm Netherspirit corpse broke free from the time constraints.

"It looks like the difference in cultivation is too big even for my 'Time Prison'!" Shun Long thought to himself as he looked at the beast in front of him.

However, he didn't feel dejected after seeing that the 'Time Prison' had failed, since he had already expected for his early rank 1 Spirit realm cultivation to be ineffective against the peak rank 5 Spirit realm two-headed dog.

After all, the Netherspirit corpse of the two-headed dog was only slightly weaker than a middle rank 4 magic beast.

Activating the Gale steps, Shun Long's body turned into a gust of wind as he shot towards the two-headed dog.

Surprisingly, although its body was huge, the two-headed dog was extremely agile, as it seemed to have predicted Shun Long's trajectory and waved its bony claw towards him.

Seeing that the dog had raised its bony claw and was sending it towards him, Shun Long's golden eyes lit up, as another scene flashed through his eyes.

The bony black claw tore through the air and was about to collide with Shun Long's chest, when Shun Long suddenly mumbled to himself

'Blink'

A bright purple light had appeared around Shun Long's body, as it abruptly disappeared and reappeared above the dog's left head.

The two-headed dog's black claw hit nothing but thin air, but a powerful shockwave traveled towards Liu Mei's direction.

The 12 undead knights immediately moved forward, taking a defensive stance as they all tried to block the powerful shockwave.

At the same time, Liu Mei took out the 'Four seasons azure sword' from her spatial ring, and sent a flying slash forward.

This was just the aftershock from a swipe of the two-headed dog, and yet, 10 undead knights were obliterated in an instant, before the shockwave met with Liu Mei's slash and the other 2 undead knights who were standing in front of her.

The 2 last undead knights barely managed to remain standing, as their greatswords managed to disperse the remaining power of the two-headed dog's shockwave.

At the same time, Shun Long had taken out the 'Purple Blossom staff' from the 'Stone of Time', and holding it with both hands, he swung it down at full-force, towards the back of the two-headed dog's left head.

The 'Monarch's Eternal body's' full force was gathered in Shun Long's hands, as the 'Purple Blossom staff' landed on the dog's head.

BOOM

As soon as it met the 'Purple Blossom staff's' attack, the remaining flesh on the dog's head exploded, along with a bunch of its black bones.

Surprisingly, its defense couldn't hold out against Shun Long's full-powered blow, as almost half of its left head exploded on the spot.

The two-headed dog didn't seem to feel any pain however, and as its right head looked at Shun Long, the dog opened its mouth as it tried to bite Shun Long's body with its jaws.

Even with the early fourth stage of the 'Monarch's Eternal body', Shun Long knew that he would probably suffer serious injuries if he took the dog's attack head-on.

Although its defense wasn't great, judging from the aftershock of the bony claw, the dog's offense was nothing to scoff at.

Looking at the dog's right head that was coming towards him, Shun Long didn't dodge this time, and instead, he gripped the 'Purple Blossom staff' tightly with both hands. as he also shot forward.

With the increased speed from the second 'Monarch's Domain', Shun Long's speed was actually slightly faster than the two-headed dog's.

Looking at the half-rotten head of the Netherspirit corpse that was charging towards him, Shun Long waved the 'Purple Blossom staff' as it collided with the dog's jaws.

BOOM

As soon as the 'Purple Blossom staff' met the dog's jaws, both Shun Long and the two-headed dog were sent flying backwards.

Shun Long's body was sent flying for more than 30 meters, until it collided with a large tree and it finally stopped.

There were no visible injuries on his body, but the force from the two-headed dog's attack had actually brought pain to his internal organs.

The two-headed dog however was in an even more miserable condition.

Shun Long's attack had sent it flying for more than 100 meters until it finally crashed on the ground.

Its lower jaw had been sent flying from its mouth, leaving its rotten insides completely exposed.

Without hesitating, Shun Long charged at the two-headed dog once again.

Gathering the power of the 'Monarch's Eternal body' in his arms, Shun Long brought down the 'Purple Blossom staff' at full-force, as he aimed at the Netherspirit corpse's head once again.

The two-headed dog raised its right head as it tried to bite Shun Long for the second time, but it didn't seem to have realized that its lower jaw was missing.

BOOM

A horrifying explosion sounded for the second time, as the 'Purple Blossom staff' hit the two-headed dog's right head directly.

The head immediately exploded into a pile of rotten flesh and bones that fell on the ground.

Without its second head as support, the rest of the two-headed dog collapsed on the ground as well, before it started to turn into a pile of black smoke.

Although Liu Mei wasn't a soft person, the moment that she saw the gruesome sight of rotten flesh piling on the ground, she couldn't help taking a step back in disgust.

This sight was completely different from her undead creatures after all.

Looking at the beast in front of him that was finally defeated, Shun Long nodded his head before he flew next to Liu Mei.

After Liu Mei used her qi to resurrect 4 of her 10 destroyed undead knights, the 2 of them continued to walk deeper inside the Netherspirit forest.

However, the deeper inside the forest that they went, the stronger the Netherspirit corpses became.

Looking at a Netherspirit corpse that was at the late stage of the Spirit realm and was approaching Shun Long and Liu Mei threateningly, Shun Long shook his head and looked at Liu Mei who barely had 30 percent of her qi left, before he said

"I suppose that this is our limit. With so many Netherspirit corpses, forget about us, even a late stage Spirit realm cultivator would be in trouble."

Liu Mei watched Shun Long who then waved his right hand, as a 6m(20ft) tall black panther with shining silver wings and yellow eyes appeared in front of them.

Chapter 260 - 260 Storming through the Netherspirit forest

Liu Mei was stunned when she saw that the black panther had grown to almost 3 times its previous size, while the terrifying aura coming from its body was many times stronger than before.

After sensing the panther's aura, Liu Mei's eyes widened slightly, before she turned her head to look at Shun Long and asked in a shocked tone

"Long-ge, did it really breakthrough to the rank 6?"

It wasn't that Liu Mei was unwilling to believe that the black panther had broken through to the rank 6 this time, but this was just too shocking to her.

In comparison to Little Black's breakthrough 2 months ago, who had just broken through from the peak of rank 5 to the early rank 6, Liu Mei knew the black panther ever since she and Shun Long had left Cui Guoliang's palace half a year ago.

When they had left the palace, the black panther was just an early rank 5 magic beast, but just half a year later, it had already broken through to the early rank 6.

Even for Liu Mei who had seen Shun Long do countless impossible things, this was still something unbelievable.

In the past, back when she was still an inner disciple of the 'floating cloud sect', Liu Mei had also felt confident that she could reach the Spirit realm by herself as well. But in the past half a year, her view of the world had expanded, and she had seen things and places that she had never even heard of before.

When she thought back to her father who was just a rank 3 Spirit realm expert for so many years, complicated emotions filled Liu Mei's heart.

When she thought of her mother however, who was still stuck inside the 'floating cloud sect', married to a person who doesn't seem to have any feelings for her, a feeling of sadness suddenly overcame her.

Shun Long seemed to have sensed Liu Mei's agitated emotions, but he simply smiled at her in response.

Seeing the hazy look in her black eyes, Shun Long understood that Liu Mei was in a state of reminiscence.

He had also seen this look in Little Black's eyes every time that he spoke about the past.

The difference was, that the gaze inside Little Black's eyes was always filled with pride and excitement, for his and Shun Long's past experiences, as well as a feeling of familial love when the black dragon looked at Shun Long.

After all, Little Black truly regarded Shun Long as his only family and the most important person in his life.

In comparison, a feeling of sadness had filled Liu Mei's eyes right now as she thought of her past. It was sadness that she felt for her mother, and it was also something that she wanted to change. She had vowed to take her mother from the 'floating cloud sect' and give her a better life once she became stronger.

However, the feeling of sadness had only appeared in Liu Mei's eyes for a brief while, before she quickly shook her head and looked back at Shun Long.

Although her life had been bleak in the past, the last half a year had been the best part of her entire life.

After a horrible past, where her brother tried to marry her off to anyone who fancied her and had a high status, while her father didn't care for anyone else but her own brother, Liu Mei had not only finally felt love in her life, but she also felt a feeling of protection every time that she was standing next to Shun Long.

Deep in her heart, Shun Long's figure was standing proudly above everyone else.

Seeing that Liu Mei had returned to her senses, Shun Long wrapped his arm around her waist, before he jumped on top of the black panther's back.

The panther roared in excitement, while the powerful aura of an early rank 6 magic beast exploded from its body.

Its stunning silver wings lit up, as it charged forward in excitement.

The Netherspirit corpses in front of the 'Silver-winged panther king' were like a group of mantises trying to stop a chariot as they stood in its path.

The black panther easily destroyed every single Netherspirit corpse that appeared in front of it, including the late-stage Spirit realm corpse in the distance, before it continued flying forward.

More and more Netherspirit corpses appeared on the way, and an hour later, the black panther had traveled so deep inside the forest that even some powerful Nascent Soul stage corpses appeared, but in front of the black panther's rank 6 strength, none of them lasted for a single breath of time before they were cut down by its bright silver wings or they were destroyed by its powerful jaws.

One more hour passed, and the black panther had just torn to shreds a pair of peak rank 6 Nascent Soul stage Netherspirit corpses, before it appeared in front of a large lake.

Shun Long was stunned when he saw the lake in front of him, while an eerie feeling had appeared in his heart.

The lake seemed to span for more than 2000 miles, while its dark waters were blacker than ink.

Powerful death qi swirled around the lake, and even if one tried, they wouldn't be able to see anything past the water's surface.

The black panther however didn't stop, and its bright silver wings tore through the air as it flew above the lake.

It only took a few minutes for the silver-winged panther to cross the distance of 1000 miles and appear close to the lake's center, when suddenly, a purple-colored Netherspirit corpse that looked

like a 3m(10ft) long fish without eyes shot out from the lake's depths, as it headed for the panther's tail.

A mocking look appeared in the panther's yellow eyes when it saw that the fish's strength was still at the middle of rank 9 in the Spirit realm.

The panther's speed almost doubled as its silver wings shone with a bright silver light, and in practically an instant, the purple-colored fish had already been beheaded.

Shun Long had already expected the scene in front of him, as Little Black had already scanned the lake, and had already confirmed that from the presences lurking inside, even the strongest one was only at the peak rank 9 in the Spirit realm.

After beheading the purple-colored Netherspirit corpse the panther continued to fly forward, and a few minutes later, like a bolt of silver lightning, it had already reached the end of the Netherspirit forest.