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Chapter 341 - 341 Powerful poison

At the same time that he finished his words, a pill bottle had appeared in Shun Long's right hand, filled with a dark purple-colored liquid.

Liu Mei was stunned for a moment, but a smile soon appeared on her face when she saw Shun Long's actions.

She knew that Shun Long wasn't a person who would usually meddle in other people's business, unless there was a reason.

Of course, Liu Mei didn't dislike this trait of his.

She had already learned that, in the cultivation world, even if you lend a hand to help others, your hand may end up being bitten in the end.

This didn't mean that all cultivators were ungrateful, but that taking a risk to help others, may end up not only giving you nothing in return, but it could also harm your own life.

The same rule applied for this young man and young woman in front of them.

However, just like Shun Long, Liu Mei could also feel the strong emotions that the young man who was still fighting with the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle' had for the young woman who had fallen on the ground.

Despite the injuries that were accumulated in his body, the young man named Chen Yan still didn't try to run and abandon the young woman who had already lost her consciousness.

Of course, part of that could have been because Chen Yan already knew, that it was pointless to try and run in front of the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle' by himself.

Even the middle-aged man named Hao Chin had to sacrifice the early rank 9 middle-aged man in order to find a chance to escape.

As he slowly walked forward, Shun Long then mumbled to himself with a serious look in his eyes "If these people really end up being ungrateful, Little Silver can have them as a meal tonight."

As he finished his words, Shun Long jumped down from the 40m(130ft) tall tree, before he landed on the shore near the lake where the young man was still fighting with the 10m(33ft) tall poison turtle.

When he noticed Shun Long approaching him while he was still fighting with the peak rank 4 magic beast in front of him, a shocked look appeared in Chen Yan's eyes, while faint glimmers of hope had also appeared in his heart.

He knew that he would definitely be doomed if he had to fight the peak rank 4 'Purple tentacled poison turtle' by himself, but perhaps if this young man helped, then there would be a chance for them to escape!

Of course, this also required this young man's strength to be at the peak of rank 9 in the Spirit realm as well, or even better, a Nascent Soul stage expert, otherwise both of them would end up in the turtle's belly.

Despite seeing the curious expression on Chen Yan's face, Shun Long didn't proactively try to make small talk with the man in front of him during the fight.

Instead, his right hand threw the alchemy bottle filled with the dark purple-colored poison towards the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle' without any hesitation.

The turtle instantly turned its eyes towards Shun Long, and despite the fact that the poison was actually encased inside the pill bottle and didn't give off any aura, the peak rank 4 magic beast could still sense a feeling of danger coming from it.

However, Shun Long's actions had already caught the powerful peak rank 4 magic beast completely unprepared.

Without any time to dodge, before the pill bottle filled with the purple liquid could approach its giant head, the poison turtle used its own tentacles to slap the pill bottle away from its body.

However, a scene that completely shocked the young man named Chen Yan suddenly unfolded in front of his eyes.

Shun Long's pill bottle immediately exploded into fragmented pieces as soon as it came in contact with the 3m(10ft) long tentacle, spraying the liquid inside it all over the tentacle's surface.

Miserable screams escaped the poison turtle's mouth, while its tentacles started slamming the ground around it with even more intensity than before.

The pain coming from the 'Soul Poisoning hell grass' poison which directly attacked the soul, was extremely painful to the peak rank 4 magic beast.

Its cries reverberated throughout the forest, making the magic beasts that were hidden in their nests feel its limitless anger, desolation and pain.

And yet, in the end, these cries only lasted for less than 30 breaths of time, before the turtle's gigantic body lifelessly collapsed on the ground.

"This..."

Chen Yan was speechless as he stared at the unmoving huge body of the poison turtle, before he slowly backed away from it.

Shun Long didn't seem to mind Chen Yan's reaction, and instead, he walked forward.

Although the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle' was a powerful rank 4 magic beast, Shun Long was certain that it was completely dead by now.

The fact that it had actually lasted for almost 30 breaths of time under the 'Soul Poisoning hell grass' poison had already exceeded his expectations.

However, once he remembered that this was a magic beast whose tentacles were filled with powerful poison that could even affect an early rank 5 magic beast, it made sense.

Placing his hand on top of the turtle's head, the 10m(33ft) long body of the peak rank 4 magic beast suddenly disappeared from the shore of the lake, as it appeared inside the space of the Stone of Time', right next to the herb garden.

Chen Yan looked at Shun Long and the empty patch of grass where the turtle's huge body had collapsed just a moment ago with shocked eyes that were filled with disbelief.

He couldn't believe that the powerful peak rank 4 magic beast had just collapsed from a single bottle that was most likely filled with poison.

Instantly, wariness filled the young man's eyes.

"How powerful did the poison inside that pill bottle have to be in order to kill a peak rank 4 magic beast in 30 breaths of time?

It had to be created from at least a rank 5 medicinal herb right?"

As he slowly stepped backwards, Chen Yan's attention was suddenly focused on the young woman behind him, who had just lost consciousness after being hit by the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle'.

Seeing that the woman's breathing had suddenly started to get weaker, anxiousness welled up in the young man's heart, and suppressing his fear of the unknown blue-robed young man in front of him, who was most likely a poison master, Chen Yan cupped his fists at Shun Long before he hurriedly ran towards the injured young woman.

The moment that he saw her condition however, the peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator felt as if the blood had suddenly been drained from his face.

Without any delay, he took out a pill bottle from his spatial ring, and parted the young woman's lips before he placed a single pill inside her mouth, as he watched her condition with anxiousness and fear in his heart.

At the same time, from the same tree that Shun Long had appeared a few moments ago, Chen Yan saw a white-robed young woman who had a white veil on her face, as she slowly flew next to the blue-robed young man who had thrown the poison bottle at the gigantic turtle.

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Looking at the young man named Chen Yan, who was waiting for the young woman in his arms to recover, Shun Long didn't say anything and instead just watched them quietly.

Liu Mei however was stunned when she saw the purple mark in the woman's belly.

She had already seen that the peak rank 4 magic beast's tentacles had already landed on the young woman's stomach with their attack, instantly disintegrating the part of her robes in that area while her face had already turned pale.

Of course, Shun Long had also witnessed that scene, but he didn't choose to interfere now.

Seeing Chen Yan had already fed her with a middle rank 5 'anti toxin pill', Shun Long knew that the young woman's situation would slowly turn for the better.

Of course, even with a middle rank 5 'anti toxin pill', it would still take 2 days until the poison was completely expelled from the young woman's body.

After all, even 'anti toxin pills' weren't so magical that they would instantly expel the poison from someone's body if it had already started to affect them.

Seeing that the young woman's expression on his face was slowly easing up, the young man named Chen Yan finally heaved a sigh of relief.

At the same time, Shun Long had already turned around, as he and Liu Mei started to walk deeper towards the lake in front of them.

Of course, no matter how many adventurers and mercenaries had come to the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range', it was impossible for them to explore every single place of this vast mountain range.

Although it was likely that there was nothing important beneath the lake that the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle' was guarding, Shun Long was still going to check

"Wait!"

Just as Shun Long and Liu Mei were about to enter inside the lake, the young man's voice from behind them sounded in their ears.

Turning his head around, without a change in his expression, Shun Long stared at the young man who was still holding the young woman in his arms, before he asked seriously

"What is it?"

Shaking his head, the young man looked at Shun Long and Liu Mei, before he cupped his hands and said in a serious tone

"Brother, thank you for saving us!"

After a brief pause he then continued

"My name is Chen Yan, and this is my sister, Chen Wuying. If it wasn't for your help, we would have definitely died today!

If there is a way that I can repay you, you can ask for my help anytime! You can find me at the 'Mercenaries' Association' in the Heaven's Dome city in the future.

Shun Long was stunned for a moment when he heard the familiar name of Heaven's Dome city, before his eyes sized up Chen Yan seriously.

He suddenly remembered that there was the test for the so-called Holy sect that was going to take place in the next 2 years and a few months, so it was natural for every peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert who fulfilled the requirements to gather in the Heaven's Dome city in participation for the test.

After all, who didn't want to expand their horizons and go to the 'Central region', where their chances to become stronger and fulfill their dreams were endless?!

Of course, Shun Long didn't rule out the fact that Chen Yan may not have been willing to join the Holy sect, and would instead try to join the hall master of the 'Demon Emperor palace', Duan Zhu.

However, if that was the case, Shun Long guessed that Chen Yan wouldn't have told him that he could find him in the 'Mercenaries' Association', so this possibility was very low.

Of course, Shun Long didn't think that there was anything that he was going to ask Chen Yan to help him with, when he suddenly remembered that he didn't know enough things about this place called the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range'.

Remembering that Chen Yan was in a group with 4 other mercenaries, it was very likely that they have been in this place for quite a while, even if they were still close to the outskirts.

With these thoughts in mind, Shun Long nodded his head, and holding Liu Mei's hand he walked towards Chen Yan who was still holding his sister in his arms.

With a serious look in his eyes, Shun Long didn't intend to hide that this was his and Liu Mei's first time coming into the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range', as he said in a calm tone

"My name is Shun Long, and this is my wife, Liu Mei.

This is the first time that we come to this place, and we don't know much about the magic beasts or the regions here."

Chen Yan's eyes instantly lit up when he heard Shun Long's words, as it wasn't hard to read between the lines of his sentence.

Since Chen Yan wasn't new to this place, he would probably not know which places are too dangerous and which aren't.

With a smile on his face, the young man named Chen Yan nodded his head before he answered seriously

"So it's brother Shun and sister Liu!

Since it's your first time coming to the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range', let me explain the most important points.

As you very likely may know, the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range' is split into 3 main different regions, namely the northern region, the eastern region, and the western region. As for the south, that is mainly the outskirts, as well as the entrance of the mountain range itself.

I have no idea how many miles the mountain range covers since it is said that no one has fully explored it just yet, but it is definitely one of the vastest and most dangerous places in our entire 'Night star continent'!

However, brother Shun, you are lucky that you didn't choose to head towards the west and instead chose to come towards the north.

Although we can still be considered to be mostly in the outskirts now and haven't really entered the northern region, both the north and the east are the only areas that should be explored.

If you had chosen to go towards the west, then as soon as you left the outskirts, it is very likely that you would be attacked by a powerful rank 5 magic beast or even... a rank 6 one!"

Seeing the expression of fear in Chen Yan's face, Shun Long verified that his previous guess was correct.

Indeed, the western region of the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range' is definitely more dangerous than the northern or the eastern regions!

Without interrupting the young man in front of him, Shun Long continued to hear what Chen Yan knew about this place.

With a mocking look on his face, Chen Yan looked at the lake ahead as he said with a rueful smile

"Of course, even if you don't go to the western region, if you are unlucky enough, then you can definitely end up as me and my sister.

There are many hidden powerful magic beasts even in the outskirts of the northern region, and this lake proved to be one of them.

However, it's also true that the deeper you go into the eastern, the northern, or the western region, the more likely it is to face powerful magic beasts.

After all, the more powerful some magic beasts are, the bigger their territory would be."

Shun Long nodded his head, as he already knew about this even without Chen Yan mentioning it.

This wasn't something specific to the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range', but a characteristic of powerful magic beasts as a whole.

After a brief moment of pause, Shun Long looked at Chen Yan's sister, Chen Wuying, whose face was still pale but her breathing had started to ease before he said seriously

"Don't worry about the poison inside her. Although the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle's' tentacles are poisonous, as long as you consume a high-grade rank 4 'anti toxin pill' within half an hour, there is no danger of dying. As long as you protect your sister for the next 2 days, her condition should be back to normal."

Chen Yan's eyes lit up, before he cupped his fists once again as thanks.

He didn't even know the name of the magic beast that had attacked their group, let alone the effects of its poison.

The only thing that he could do after seeing his sister's condition, was feed her with a middle-grade rank 5 'anti toxin pill' and hope that it would be enough to resolve the issue.

At the same time, his eyes fell on the 2 corpses of the middle-aged man and the woman who had already died to the poison turtle earlier, and a heavy feeling had appeared in his heart.

Although his sister was able to parry the turtle's attacks to a certain extent, Chen Yan knew, that the old man that he had called old Han earlier, as well as that middle-aged woman, had both fallen headfirst into the turtle's tentacles, dying almost instantly from the impact of its attacks rather than the poison seeping inside their bodies.

After chatting for a few more minutes with Chen Yan and having verified the most important issues that he and Liu Mei should take note of in this place, Shun Long cupped his hands at the young man in front of him before he and Liu Mei stood up and walked towards the lake behind him.

Shun Long knew that it was very likely for some treasures to exist in the bottom of the lake itself.

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Shun Long looked at the clear and cold waters in front of his feet, and after deliberating for a moment, he and Liu Mei both consumed a top-grade rank 4 'anti toxin pill' each, before Shun Long held her hand as he dove inside the lake.

After all, as the den of a powerful peak rank 4 magic beast like the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle', Shun Long knew that despite the waters of the lake appearing crystal clear, there was a very high chance that they had been actually filled with the turtle's poison after such a long time.

As he felt the clear waters around him, Shun Long entered deeper inside the lake with Liu Mei following right next to him.

Of course, since this was still the outskirts of the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain region', no other magic beast would be allowed to survive in the same lake as the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle', as it would have already turned into food for the giant turtle.

Barely 10 breaths of time had passed, until Shun Long and Liu Mei quickly reached the bottom of the small lake.

A cave more than 20m(66ft) in height and almost 10m(33ft) in width could be seen at the depths of the lake, without any light coming from it.

Standing in front of the cave's entrance, Shun Long thought seriously for a moment, before he used his spirit sense to cover his body.

Although he had guessed that there shouldn't be any dangers inside the cave, he still prepared himself, before he and Liu Mei slowly entered inside.

Shun Long couldn't use his spirit sense to cover the area around his body for a long time since it was extremely taxing to his spiritual strength, but luckily, the cave itself wasn't deep.

Shun Long and Liu Mei didn't encounter any dangers, and half a minute later, they had already arrived at the end of the cave itself.

Surprisingly, the cave wasn't empty, as more than 30 human skeletons were piled inside on top of each other.

The moonlight coming from the sky could barely illuminate the cave itself, but it was bright enough for Shun Long to realize, that most of these skeletons had most likely been buried in this place for a long time.

Although there was nothing else inside the cave, more than 30 spatial rings found their way into Shun Long's hands.

Despite the spatial rings being corroded due to the passage of time, as well as the amount of time that they had stayed underwater, they were still usable, as Shun Long found more than 140.000 middle grade spirit stones inside them, as well as countless bottles of middle-grade rank 4 'Qi replenishing pills' and 'anti toxin pills'.

Since there wasn't anything else inside the cave, Shun Long and Liu Mei didn't continue to stay in here, as they quickly swam back to the surface of the lake.

After taking a look at his surroundings and seeing that there were still a few hours until morning, Shun Long decided to head deeper inside the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range' before he found a place to rest.

Although this lake seemed to be relatively peaceful right now, however, once the magic beasts in the surrounding region realized that the peak rank 4 'Purple tentacled poison turtle' was already dead, they wouldn't hesitate to invade this area.

At the same time, Chen Yan's eyes lit up when he saw Shun Long and Liu Mei coming out from the lake so quickly.

Of course, as a mercenary himself, he wouldn't ask if Shun Long had found anything inside the lake.

However, seeing that Shun Long and Liu Mei were about to leave the area of the lake and head deeper inside the forest, Chen Yan took a deep breath before he shouted in a somewhat hesitant voice

"Brother Shun!"

Shun Long who hadn't expected for Chen Yan to call for him, turned his head around to look at the young man who had now stood up and was cupping his hands at him.

Shun Long noticed that there was a serious look in Chen Yan's eyes as he continued

"Brother Shun... I wonder if you are interested in cooperating with me!"

"Cooperate?"

A look of curiosity flashed through Shun Long's eyes as he looked at the black-robed Chen Yan, while different possibilities flashed through his mind.

"He wants to cooperate? Is it because he saw the effectiveness of the 'Soul Poisoning hell grass' poison and wants to deal with a powerful magic beast, or is this actually a trap and he intends to rob me and Mei'er instead?"

As these thoughts flashed through Shun Long's mind, he didn't choose to ask what Chen Yan needed help with, and instead, he stayed silent, as he waited to hear the man's reason before deciding.

"Right!" Chen Yan nodded his head when he saw that both Shun Long and Liu Mei were both silent after hearing his offer, before he continued

"The truth is... a month ago, our group discovered 2 stalks of a rank 5 'icicle soul grass' as we adventured in a mountain."

Without waiting for Shun Long to respond, Chen Yan then continued

"Of course, as brother Shun can guess, our group was extremely happy when we found the grass. After all, a single stalk of 'icicle soul grass' is extremely valuable to any peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator, let alone 2 of them."

Shun Long was extremely shocked inwardly when he heard that there were 2 stalks of rank 5 'icicle soul grass', and he almost failed to keep his expression in check.

After all, the value of the 'icicle soul grass' even exceeded that of the 'Soul Poisoning hell grass' itself.

Shun Long also knew, that Chen Yan was saying the truth when he said that this grass is extremely valuable to any peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator.

It was because, in order for a cultivator to break through to the Nascent Soul stage, they need to condense their soul in their spiritual space. And the 'icicle soul grass' could actually help a peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator during that process!

However, at the same time, Shun Long considered the fact whether Chen Yan was actually lying.

If they had really found 2 stalks of 'icicle soul grass', then it was extremely unlikely for Chen Yan to share this information with Shun Long.

After all, a single stalk of 'icicle soul grass' could be sold for more than 650.000 low-grade spirit stones, or 6500 middle grade ones.

However, even if one had the spirit stones, they wouldn't necessarily be able to purchase a stalk of this grass.

Shun Long was also aware, that even the 'Alchemists' Guild' of the Heaven's Dome city, would at most have a single stalk of 'icicle soul grass' as well.

Chen Yan had a wary smile on his face as he looked at Shun Long and Liu Mei, before he continued his explanation

"However, as brother Shun can guess, we were actually unable to obtain the stalks of 'icicle soul grass'.

It was because, at the peak of that mountain, there were a pair of gigantic 'snow apes' who lived there!"

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Shun Long was stunned when he heard Chen Yan's last sentence, as he seemed to have understood why their group had failed.

A pair of 'snow apes'?

Shun Long knew that the snow apes were at least rank 5 magic beasts in their a.d.u.l.thood.

Almost as if he had guessed Shun Long's thoughts, Chen Yan continued with a mocking expression on his face

"As brother Shun can guess, the 'snow apes' had reached the rank 5, and their strength was equivalent to powerful Nascent Soul stage experts'.

Not only were we unable to get close to the 'icicle soul grass', but we almost died in the process.

We were lucky that the 'snow apes' weren't willing to chase us too far from the mountain, in case that someone else tried to steal the stalks of the grass from them during that time!"

Shun Long nodded his head, before he fell silent for a few moments, as different possibilities flashed through his mind

Although it was rare, it wasn't impossible for a stalk of 'icicle soul grass' to appear in this 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range'.

As for the 'snow apes', it was natural for Chen Yan and his group to be unable to face off against them.

After all, 'snow apes' were indeed rank 5 magic beasts and they weren't among the weakest ones.

Even an early Nascent Soul stage expert wouldn't necessarily be able to stay alive, if they had to fight against 2 early rank 5 'snow apes' head-on.

If these apes had reached the middle or the late-stages, then the situation would be even worse.

Even Shun Long and Liu Mei couldn't ensure their safety facing off against 2 powerful rank 5 'snow apes', even with the poison from the 'Soul poisoning hell grass'.

However, even with these thoughts in mind, there could only be one reason why Chen Yan was willing to share this information with Shun Long and Liu Mei, instead of keeping it to himself and searching for another group to explore that area in the future.

Looking at Chen Yan in front of him, Shun Long stared at the man's eyes before he asked seriously "Was that man named Hao Chin part of your group when you found the 'icicle soul grass'?"

A wary smile once again appeared in Chen Yan's face, and nodding his head he said with a pained look on his face

"Brother Shun is right..."

Shun Long nodded his head without saying anything else in response, as he thought seriously for a few moments.

"Indeed, if Hao Chin and that peak rank 6 Spirit realm cultivator who was along with him also knew about this matter, then it makes sense for Chen Yan to share this information with me and Mei'er instead of trying to keep it to himself.

After all, for 2 stalks of 'icicle soul grass', it's very likely that, that Hao Chin will also try to recruit a stronger group and try to steal them, before Chen Yan even has a chance to do so.

Of course, I can't rule out the fact that this may actually be a trap... but in the end, there is no reason to refuse."

As these thoughts flashed through Shun Long's mind, he finally turned his eyes to look at the anxious Chen Yan who was waiting for his answer, as well as Liu Mei who knew that Shun Long was analyzing the situation and had stayed silent.

Staring at the man in front of him, Shun Long eventually nodded his head before he said seriously

"We can split the stalks of 'icicle soul grass' evenly.

However, I need both of the beast cores of the 'snow apes'. Of course, if there is any part of their body that you need, then you can take it as well."

Chen Yan stared at Shun Long with a dumbfounded expression on his face.

2 breaths of time later, he hurriedly shook his head, before he waved his hands and said in a tone that didn't conceal his fear in the slightest

"No, brother Shun, a stalk of 'icicle soul grass' is actually more than enough!"

Chen Yan couldn't believe how crazy Shun Long actually was, and stared at him and the young woman next to him with hints of fear in his eyes.

He was planning to hunt the rank 5 'snow apes'?

Chen Yan's own plan had been to attract the 'snow apes' attention, before Shun Long or himself moved to steal the stalks of 'icicle soul grass' under their noses.

As for the matter of hunting the 'snow apes', this possibility didn't even flash through the black-robed man's mind.

After all, the 'snow apes' were powerful rank 5 magic beasts.

Even if he used all of his tricks, Chen Yan wouldn't be able to last more than a couple breaths of time against them!

Chen Yan's eyes landed on the crazy young man and young woman in front of him, before he shook his head while an ugly smile was now plastered on his face.

No matter what, this was his only hope of obtaining the 'icicle soul grass'.

If he waited until he left the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain region' and gathered his own team, in case that Hao Chin had already found a way to steal the 'icicle soul grass' by then, Chen Yan would most likely regret this for the rest of his life.

Since he had no other option, he could only hope that Shun Long's poison would be effective enough to deal with the 'snow apes'.

Seeing that Chen Yan had agreed, Shun Long nodded his head as this was within his expectations.

With Chen Yan's strength, he was probably just a step away from entering the Nascent Soul stage. If he really obtained the 'icicle soul grass', then he would most likely be able to breakthrough the moment that he consumed it.

Even within the Heaven's Dome city', Shun Long assumed that Chen Yan wouldn't be too weak among the peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivators.

After taking a look at Chen Yan's sister, Chen Wuying and saw that she was still unconscious, Shun Long had a calm look on his face as he turned his eyes towards the black-robed Chen Yan and said calmly

"Let's head towards that mountain right now!"

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"Ah?"

Chen Yan was caught off-guard by Shun Long's suggestion.

Understanding what the young man was thinking, Shun Long pointed at their surroundings before he continued

"Once the magic beasts around this place notice that the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle' is dead, they will certainly storm this place to claim this area as their own."

A look of realization flashed through Chen Yan's eyes, looking like he had neglected this matter.

Indeed, since they were still closer to the outskirts of the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range', he had forgotten that there may be other powerful early and middle rank 4 magic beasts in the surrounding area.

Although Chen Yan was confident that he could deal with almost any middle rank 4 magic beast by himself, even as a peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert, he would be unable to fight against a dozen of early and middle rank 4 magic beasts without risking his sister's life.

Seeing that Chen Yan understood his meaning, Shun Long turned his head to look at Liu Mei and smiled at her, before they headed deeper inside the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range'.

Chen Yan grabbed his sister who was still unconscious, and carrying her on his back, he followed after Shun Long and Liu Mei as they left the lake of the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle' behind them.

A little more than an hour later, the roars of angry magic beasts resounded throughout the forest.

Turning his head around to look behind them, Chen Yan exhaled a sigh of relief once he made sure that there were no magic beasts chasing after them, before he turned his eyes towards Shun Long and Liu Mei.

After thinking seriously for a moment and realizing that he didn't know when Hao Chin would gather a team to try and get the 'icicle soul grass', he looked at Shun Long before he said in a serious voice

"Brother Shun, the mountain that I mentioned is towards the northeast of the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range'.

Do you want to head there right away?"

After thinking seriously for a moment, Shun Long looked at Chen Yan who was still holding his sister, before he shook his head and said after a moment of deliberation

"Let's find a place to rest for a couple of days. I don't think that that Hao Chin can find a team and get there faster than us."

A look of gratitude appeared in Chen Yan's face when he understood the meaning behind Shun Long's words.

They could wait until his sister expelled the poison from her body before they continued moving forward.

Of course, Shun Long didn't think of himself as a good person for doing this.

It was simply better to wait 2 days for Chen Wuying to expel the poison of the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle' rather than carrying a person who was dead weight along with them.

After all, Chen Yan wouldn't be able to fight while holding his sister in case that any magic beast attacked them, and Shun Long couldn't casually just enter the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' and make endless amounts of the 'Soul poisoning hell grass' poison.

If they were to casually take their time and move forward, it wouldn't matter, but this time it was a race against Hao Chin and his own team.

Once the news of the rank 5 'icicle soul grass' started to spread, then it was unknown how many peak rank 9 Spirit realm experts would flock to this place.

Half an hour later, after traveling through the forest, Shun Long's group found an isolated cave, not too far from their current location.

After placing Chen Wuying on the ground, Chen Yan smiled politely at Shun Long and Liu Mei, before he closed his eyes to recover.

After all, although Chen Yan wasn't poisoned like Chen Wuying, Shun Long acutely noticed that the injuries in his body were actually much worse than his sister's.

Shun Long nodded his head at Chen Yan, before he and Liu Mei sat down to cultivate.

Since Chen Yan and Chen Wuying were in the cave along with him and Liu Mei, Shun Long couldn't enter the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time', so he simply sat cross-legged on the ground and tried to further his comprehension in the Dao of Time'.

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The night soon passed, and as the sun rays started to peer through the cave's entrance as they illuminated the interior of the cave, Shun Long heard a groan coming from the young woman next to Chen Yan before he opened his eyes.

He then saw the black-dressed Chen Wuying who had already opened her eyes, but her body was still extremely weak.

Her groan had also alerted Liu Mei and Chen Yan, making the latter have a joyous expression on his face as he looked at his sister who had finally opened her eyes.

Chen Wuying looked around the cave in confusion, before she spotted Shun Long and Liu Mei, immediately placing herself on guard.

Chen Yan smiled before he introduced Shun Long and Liu Mei to his sister, explaining how they had survived against the peak rank 4 'Purple tentacled poison turtle' after she had lost consciousness.

With a grateful expression on her face, Chen Wuying bowed her head towards the handsome young man and the white-veiled young woman in front of her, before she said happily

"Thank you for saving us, elder brother Shun, big sister Liu."

Shun Long simply smiled lightly in response while Liu Mei did the same beneath her white veil.

Once she heard that Shun Long and Liu Mei were going to help them take the 'icicle soul grass', a shocked expression had appeared in Chen Wuying's eyes after understanding that her older brother had spoken about this already, but after thinking about it for a moment, she eventually gritted her teeth before she nodded her head.

Indeed, there was no way for her and Chen Yan to claim the stalks of the 'icicle soul grass' by themselves.

At the same time, she remembered Hao Chin's and the young man's betrayal last night and the hatred in her heart was becoming even more intense.

Shun Long nodded his head when he noticed that a few minutes later, the young woman had already calmed down her emotions and closed her eyes, as she focused on expelling the poison from her body.

Half a day soon passed, as the smell of sulfur assaulted Shun Long's nose, before it slowly filled the entire cave, forcing Liu Mei and Chen Yan to open their eyes as well.

As Shun Long turned his eyes towards Chen Wuying, he saw a black-colored liquid dripping from her black robes, before it was slowly absorbed into the ground.

Shun Long clearly understood that this was the poison from the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle'.

Seeing that Chen Wuying had completely expelled the poison from her body, Chen Yan had a bright smile on his face, before he turned his eyes towards Shun Long and Liu Mei, and said with great eagerness

"Brother Shun, since Wuying is fine, let's not waste any more time here! Let me personally lead the way for us!"

Shun Long nodded his head when he saw that Chen Yan offered to lead the way to the mountain of the 'snow apes'.

It seemed that his anxiousness to obtain the 'icicle soul grass' was in no way fake.

Nodding his head, Shun Long and Liu Mei both left the cave along with Chen Yan and Chen Wuying.

Chen Yan had a serious look in his eyes as he surveyed their surroundings for a few moments, before he turned his eyes towards Shun Long and said seriously

"Brother Shun, according to my estimations, it will take us less than 2 days until we reach the 'snow apes' mountain!"

Shun Long nodded his head, and without saying another word, his group headed towards the northeast.

Two days quickly passed in the blink of an eye, before an eye-catching, snow-white mountain appeared in the distance.

Chapter 346 - 346 Rank 5 Snow Ape

Chen Yan excitedly turned his head to look at Shun Long, before he said in a voice that couldn't hide his joy

"Brother Shun! That's the mountain of the 'snow apes'!"

Shun Long nodded his head, as his eyes stared at the gigantic mountain in the distance that was covered in snow.

Indeed, it had only taken 2 days for them to arrive here.

In these 2 days, their journey had also been relatively smooth, as less than a handful of middle rank 4 magic beasts ended up attacking them.

Of course, with Chen Yan as the scout leading the way, none of these magic beasts could last for more than 10 hits against the peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator.

Although Chen Yan was curious about Shun Long's actual strength, he knew that since they were going to count on Shun Long's poison to fight against the 'snow apes', it would be his job to deal with the magic beasts that attacked them on the way until they arrived.

Staring at the white mountain in the distance, Shun Long thought seriously for a moment, before he took out 3 bottles filled with the poison from the 'Soul Poisoning hell grass', and handed 2 of them to Liu Mei, and one of them to Chen Yan.

As for Chen Wuying, despite her cultivation being at the peak of rank 6, she was most likely be unable to help against a pair of rank 5 'snow apes'.

Shun Long had already taken the time during the past 2 days, to formulate a plan in his mind in order to deal with the 2 powerful 'snow apes'.

He couldn't just use brute strength to fight against 2 rank 5 magic beasts, who may have even reached the middle or even the peak of rank 5, unless he summoned Little Silver.

As for Little Black, he had no intentions of exposing the black dragon, and was content into leaving him to munch on the stalks of 'Dragonblood grass' inside the 'Stone of Time'.

Chen Wuying looked at Shun Long with an aggrieved expression on her face, when she noticed that he had handed 2 bottles filled with poison to Liu Mei and one to her brother, while completely ignoring her.

In her mind, it was completely normal to hand a bottle of poison to her brother since he was a powerful peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert, but giving 2 bottles to a middle rank 4 Spirit realm cultivator like Liu Mei and ignore her who was a powerful peak rank 6 Spirit realm expert didn't make sense.

Of course, Shun Long wasn't going to personally explain anything to Chen Wuying.

Instead, it was Chen Yan who shot her a look indicating for her to stay silent.

Shun Long barely threw a glance at the young woman in black robes, before he turned his eyes towards Liu Mei with a calm look on his face.

Liu Mei smiled gently behind her white veil, since Shun Long had already explained his plan to her yesterday.

Seeing that Liu Mei had understood his intentions, Shun Long smiled at her lightly before he turned his eyes towards Chen Yan.

Then, with a serious look on his face, he looked at the black-robed young man in front of him before he said

"Let's go and confirm the situation first."

Chen Yan had a solemn expression on his face now that they were ready to face 2 powerful rank 5 magic beasts.

After turning his head around and indicating to his sister to stay silent, he and Shun Long headed towards the white mountain in the distance.

Snow had filled the mountain, from its peak, all the way past the foot of the mountain, extending towards the forest where Shun Long's group were at.

Shun Long and Chen Yan cautiously walked forward, their feet leaving deep footprints in the snow as they slowly climbed the mountain.

At the same time, inside the 'Stone of Time', Little Black suddenly opened his eyes and stared at the distance ahead of Shun Long for a moment, before he closed them once again with a bored look on his face, as he continued munching on the stalks of 'Dragonblood grass' in front of him.

Half an hour quickly passed by, until Shun Long and Chen Yan arrived just a few hundred meters away from the mountain's peak.

With an excited expression on his face, Chen Yan turned his head to the side to look at Shun Long, before he pointed towards the peak of the mountain, at 2 light-blue colored stalks of grass that were protruding from the mountain's peak and said in a low voice

"Brother Shun, these are the stalks of the 'icicle soul grass'!"

Shun Long nodded his head while a bright light flashed through his eyes as he instantly recognized the 2 stalks of 'icicle soul grass' as well!

At the same time that Shun Long and Chen Yan had arrived at this place and were looking at the 2 crystal-like stalks of grass, a loud roar that shook the entire mountain came from the snow-white peak.

Roar!

The moment that he heard the loud roar, Shun Long immediately circulated the 'Monarch's Hourglass', as the invisible figure of an hourglass expanded from his body.

The color of his eyes instantly turned golden, as a new scene appeared in Shun Long's mind.

A large silhouette appeared from the mountain's peak, as it ran towards Shun Long's and Chen Yan's location, shaking the mountain beneath its feet in the process.

It was a large ape more than 7m(22.9ft) tall, with long limbs and a snow-white fur covering its body.

Shun Long's eyes instantly turned serious, and without any hesitation, a gust of wind appeared around his feet as he activated the 'Gale steps', before he jumped backwards and headed towards the foot of the snow mountain.

Chen Yan's face paled when he saw the powerful rank 5 'snow ape' running towards his and Shun Long's direction, but the peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator didn't lag behind Shun Long in the slightest, as he ran towards the foot of the mountain as well.

Shun Long had a serious look in his eyes as he turned his head around, and noticed that the gigantic 'snow ape' was still chasing after him.

At the same time, Shun Long instantly realized, that the aura coming from this 'snow ape' wasn't at the early rank 5, but at the middle of rank 5 instead!

Chapter 347 - 347 Fighting the Snow Ape

Chen Yan had already told Shun Long, that the 'snow ape' that had chased after their group last time was at the early rank 5, but the other one that had only appeared at the mountain's peak and hadn't chased after them, was unknown whether it was at the same level as the first.

Since their group was too far away the last time, they couldn't confirm the strength of the second 'snow ape' and could only speculate that it was at the early rank 5 as well.

However, seeing that the powerful middle rank 5 magic beast that was now chasing after them was actually at the middle of rank 5 instead, made Chen Yan's heart constrict in fear.

At the same time, shock had filled the peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert's face when he noticed that Shun Long's cultivation was actually at the middle of rank 4 of the Spirit realm!

The person whom he had guessed that he was most likely a gold grade poison master was actually just a middle-stage Spirit realm cultivator.

And yet, once he remembered the poison that Shun Long was carrying with him, Chen Yan didn't dare to belittle Shun Long in his heart.

At the same time that these thoughts flashed through the peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert's mind, another rank 5 'snow ape' had appeared at the top of the mountain, watching Shun Long and Chen Yan with a cold look in its eyes.

This 'snow ape' seemed hesitant to give chase, and in the end, it decided to just keep watch from the mountain peak instead.

Shun Long who turned his head around to check the situation, had already expected this outcome.

After all, he already knew that the 'snow apes' were magic beasts whose intelligence wasn't low.

Since the 'snow apes' knew that humans would most likely come here to take the 'icicle soul grass', there was no way that they would leave the 2 stalks of grass unattended.

As Shun Long and Chen Yan were descending from the mountain, Chen Yan looked at Shun Long and was about to speak, when a shocking scene suddenly appeared in his eyes.

An army of jade-white skeletons holding crystal-like bone swords, were lead by 12 huge knights dressed in black armor, as they all ascended the mountain like an unstoppable army, as they headed towards their direction.

Fear appeared in Chen Yan's heart when he saw the shocking scene in front of him.

Although the aura of the skeletons and the black-armored knights was extremely weak in front of him, if he really wasted time fighting these creatures, Chen Yan was certain that the middle rank 5 'snow ape' would definitely catch up to him.

After all, the powerful middle rank 5 magic beast had already been closing the gap between them extremely quickly during this time.

As for Shun Long, although Chen Yan knew that his poison was indeed terrifying, even if it could affect the ghastly creatures in front of them, in the end he probably only had just a few more bottles left.

Seeing the despair that had appeared in Chen Yan's eyes, Shun Long turned his eyes to look at him before he said in a calm voice

"Don't fight against them."

Confusion filled the peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert's eyes, but seeing the calm look that the blue-robed young man next to him had, he gritted his teeth before he nodded his head in response.

As Shun Long and Chen Yan dove head-on in the midst of the undead army, Liu Mei's undead knights and skeletons looked like they couldn't even see the 2 young men around them, as they continued forward towards the gigantic 'snow ape'.

ROARR

The snow ape roared angrily as it jumped forward, landing in the middle of Liu Mei's undead army.

Without any suspense, the powerful middle rank 5 magic beast tore through the army that blocked its way without any obstruction, like a giant that was swinging its arms, crushing tens of enemies with every swing.

It didn't matter whether it was the 3m(10ft) tall undead knights, or the jade-white skeletons that stood in the 'snow ape's' path, they were all crushed under the terrifying magic beast's arms and feet one after another.

The 7m(22.9ft) tall ape, swung its long limbs and destroyed everything that dared to stand in front of it, as it continued to chase after Shun Long and Chen Yan.

It was clear that the 'snow ape' had already recognized Chen Yan, and wouldn't let him leave a second time.

However, just as the snow-furred ape swung its left arm and destroyed a black-armored undead knight, the knight who was actually holding a bottle filled with a dark purple threw it towards the ape's chest, before his body was destroyed by the ape's attack.

The 'snow ape' felt a sudden sense of danger when it saw the dark purple liquid flying towards it, as its instincts of a middle rank 5 magic beast screamed at it to avoid the pill bottle.

The powerful rank 5 magic beast jumped to the side, as it hurriedly avoided the bottle filled with the purple liquid, that landed a few tens of meters away from it and fell to the ground.

Before the ape had a chance to move however, another undead knight had appeared behind it and threw a second identical pill bottle towards the ape's head.

The 'snow ape' had no room to dodge this time, as it had just landed on its feet when it saw the second pill bottle flying towards it, and using its long right arm, it slapped the pill bottle back towards the black-armored knight.

As soon as it came in contact with the ape's arm however, the pill bottle exploded into countless fragments, before the dark purple liquid inside it landed on the ape's snow-white fur.

GROAAAAR

Under Shun Long's and Chen Yan's gazes, the snow-ape let out painful screams, as the terrifying poison started to affect it almost instantly.

The 'snow ape' suddenly started to rampage around due to the pain, moving its arms and legs wildly, destroying tens of skeletons around it in the process.

Chen Yan who was standing a few meters next to Shun Long unconsciously opened the distance between them, as he stared at the powerful middle rank 5 'snow ape' that was wreathing in pain with disbelief in his eyes.

At the same time, the 'snow ape' on top of the mountain's peak heard its companion's roars, and after hesitating for a moment, it headed towards the foot of the mountain as well.

Barely 2 minutes however had passed, when the powerful middle rank 5 'snow ape's' cries slowly came to a halt, before its gigantic body collapsed on the ground.

Chapter 348 - 348 Enraged snow ape

A shocked expression appeared on Chen Yan's face when he saw the middle rank 5 magic beast that had suddenly stopped breathing.

In less than 2 minutes, a powerful middle rank 5 'snow ape' had lost its life.

ROAR!

A powerful roar filled with anger and fury reverberated throughout the forest, shaking the entire snow-white mountain in front of Shun Long, as the second 'snow ape's' aura was now filled with killing intent and was about to go berserk.

Its eyes that were originally a yellow color had already turned red now, as the 'snow ape' descended the mountain at an extremely rapid pace heading towards Shun Long and Chen Yan.

The look in Shun Long's eyes had turned serious while Chen Yan also had a solemn expression on his face.

It was obvious that Shun Long's plan had certainly involved taking care of the first 'snow ape', but the second one was up to him and Shun Long to take care of.

Chen Yan only needed a few moments to understand that the bizarre undead army of skeletons and undead knights in front of him had something to do with the white-veiled Liu Mei.

Seeing that the black-armored knights had already expended the 2 bottles of poison that Shun Long had handed to Liu Mei, Chen Yan knew that the second 'snow ape' wouldn't be as easy to take care of.

At the same time, a few meters away from Liu Mei, Chen Wuying had a shocked expression on her face as she stared at the white-robed young woman next to her.

She still didn't understand how Liu Mei could summon an army of skeletons out of nowhere.

At the same time, her eyes scrutinized Liu Mei with confusion as well as curiosity inside them, trying to understand what Dao this white-veiled young woman next to her had comprehended.

Liu Mei however didn't seem to pay any attention to the black-robed Chen Wuying, as her eyes stared at the second 'snow ape' that was moving towards Shun Long with apprehension inside her gaze.

Although Liu Mei had absolute confidence in Shun Long, she knew that handling an early rank 5 magic beast was extremely dangerous.

The enraged 'snow ape' furiously stomped on the ground, and in just a few moments it had already arrived in the midst of Liu Mei's undead army.

The 'snow ape' stared at the remaining undead knights around it with hatred in its eyes, before it violently swung its long arms like 2 long hammers that were flying towards them.

The middle rank 4 Spirit realm undead knights as well as the jade-white skeletons around them, couldn't even last for a second against the 'snow ape's' enraged attacks.

The moment that the 'snow ape's' fists landed on the undead knights, the black armor around them broke into countless pieces, before their bodies slowly turned into dust.

The fate of the jade-white skeletons wasn't any different either, as their bones were pulverized after meeting with the powerful 'snow ape's' attacks.

Seeing that Liu Mei's army was quickly getting destroyed, Shun Long first glanced at the frozen-like Chen Yan, before a gust of wind appeared around his feet, as he moved towards the early rank 5 magic beast by himself.

Chen Yan hesitated for a moment when he saw the angry 'snow ape' easily destroying the undead army in front of it without any obstruction, but seeing Shun Long moving forward, he gritted his teeth before he also did the same.

He knew that he wouldn't have any face to claim even a single stalk of the 'icicle soul grass' if he just stayed behind and watched without lifting a finger.

Besides, Chen Yan also knew that, if they didn't make their move now that the 'snow ape' was still destroying the skeletons and the undead knights around it, he and Shun Long may not even survive against it just by themselves.

Seeing that Chen Yan had decided to attack as well, Shun Long nodded his head, before a pill bottle filled with a dark purple liquid appeared in his hand.

Shun Long knew that the 'snow ape' would definitely be prepared for any attacks that used the poison of the 'Soul Poisoning hell grass' after having witnessed it once.

At the same time, turning his eyes towards Chen Yan, Shun Long didn't seem to be in a hurry to make his own move, as he allowed the young man behind him to first attract the early rank 5 'snow ape's' attention.

Nodding his head, an armor of ice appeared around Chen Yan's body as he rushed forward, towards the 'snow ape'.

The 'snow ape's' red eyes instantly noticed the black-robed young man clad in ice armor who was flying towards it, before it swung its tail at him using its full strength.

The moment that he appeared in the 'snow ape's' range of attack, Chen Yan threw the pill bottle in his hands towards the ape's chest, before the ape's white tail met with his ice armor.

The moment that the early rank 5 'snow ape's' tail landed on Chen Yan's armor cracks resounded through the air before Chen Yan was sent flying backwards like a cannonball, at an even faster speed than the one he was flying towards the 'snow ape'!

BOOM

Chen Yan's body crashed through some of the snow-covered trees behind him, before he spat out a mouthful of blood.

His ice-armor was only able to withstand a single hit of the early rank 5 magic beast before it collapsed, and yet Chen Yan had also been injured.

Chen Yan couldn't believe this as he felt his internal injuries that weren't light at all.

The ice-armor was a martial skill that he could use every 6 hours, and it was also his most powerful defensive martial skill.

2 days ago, when their group had fought with the 'Purple tentacled poison turtle', Chen Yan's ice armor had been able to withstand more than 10 of the peak rank 4 'poison turtle's' attacks before it collapsed, and yet the early rank 5 'snow ape' had managed to destroy it in a single move.

Was this the true power of an enraged early rank 5 magic beast, that was equal to a Nascent Soul stage expert?

Shun Long was also stunned when he saw the might of the early rank 5 'snow ape', but he didn't stop his actions when he noticed that the 'snow ape's' attention was still focused on Chen Yan.

Raising his right hand, he slashed the air in front of him opening a space tear, before he tossed the bottle filled with the 'Soul Poisoning hell grass' poison inside.

Chapter 349 - 349 Grabbing the spoils

The 'snow ape' seemed to have noticed that something was wrong, as it hurriedly moved to the side almost out of instinct, but since its attention had already been focused on Chen Yan who had collapsed on the ground this whole time, the early rank 5 magic beast's was a step too late.

The pill bottle filled with the poison from the 'Soul poisoning hell grass' appeared inside the 'snow ape's' body, before the space tear closed.

As the small bottle landed on the powerful rank 5 magic beast's body, it broke into many small pieces before the dark purple liquid inside it started to seep inside the 'snow ape's' body.

Groaarr

Cries filled with pain and endless killing intent erupted from the powerful magic beast's body, as the 'snow ape' started to roll on the ground in pain.

The potency of the poison from the 'Soul Poisoning soul grass' however, was strong enough to kill even a middle rank 5 'snow ape', let alone an early rank 5 one.

The 'snow ape's' cries lasted for less than 20 breaths of time, before the powerful rank 5 magic beast lifelessly collapsed on the ground.

Chen Yan who had just stood up, couldn't believe the scene in front of his eyes, but the injuries on his chest told him that everything he saw was real.

The 2 powerful rank 5 magic beasts that had almost killed him and his sister the last time that they were in this place, were now lying motionless on the ground.

No, it was only one of these magic beasts that had chased after their group the last time, otherwise, there was no way that they would have escaped alive.

Of course, the black-robed peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert didn't feel any sense of pity for the 2 powerful rank 5 magic beasts in front of him.

The nature of magic beasts was to devour other humans and magic beasts alike.

Even if Chen Yan didn't invade their mountain, the 'snow apes' would occasionally roam around the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range' and hunt humans and other magic beasts by themselves.

At the same time, his eyes were instead focused at the top of the mountain, where the 2 stalks of 'icicle soul grass' were waiting for them.

However, due to his injuries, Chen Yan could only suppress his desire to get the stalk of grass as soon as possible, and instead, he sat on the snowy ground and consumed a high-grade rank 4 healing pill.

Liu Mei and Chen Wuying who were still inside the forest, quickly approached the snow mountain in front of them, as they both went close to Shun Long and Chen Yan accordingly.

Shun Long smiled at Liu Mei who had executed the plan in the best way possible.

He clearly knew that Liu Mei had personally controlled the 2 undead knights that had thrown the 2 bottles of the 'Soul Poisoning hell grass' poison to the first 'snow ape' using her own spiritual strength.

From the start, Shun Long's plan had been to have Liu Mei send her undead army up to follow after them, a few minutes after he and Chen Yan had started to climb the mountain, and intercept the 'snow ape' that would soon chase them.

Liu Mei took this chance to imbue her spiritual strength in 2 of her undead knights and personally control them during the fight, which was why she could hit the gigantic 7m(22.9ft) tall 'snow ape' with the second bottle that was filled with the poison of the 'Soul poisoning hell grass'.

Of course, if the middle rank 5 'snow ape' hadn't placed its attention on Shun Long and Chen Yan who had acted as bait during that time, it wouldn't have been caught off-guard by the 2 'weak' undead knights that were hiding the poison inside their armor no matter whether it was a sneak attack or not.

This was the main reason why Shun Long had placed his attention on him and Chen Yan heading up the mountain first.

Even then, Shun Long wasn't completely certain that the 'snow ape' would have been caught off-guard and get hit by the poison, but that there was simply a high chance of it happening.

At the same time, Liu Mei also realized the importance of swordsmanship when she was controlling the bodies of the undead knights.

After all, each of her black-armored knights was wielding a 2m(6.6ft) long black greatsword.

Although her combat strength would definitely rise when she used her own spiritual strength and qi to control her undead knights, she also needed to be proficient in the weapons that they used to control them better.

Although she didn't directly fight by having her undead knights control their swords this time, this didn't lower the importance of this matter.

With a light smile on his face, Shun Long first placed the bodies of the early rank 5 and the middle rank 5 'snow apes' inside the 'Stone of Time', before he climbed the snow mountain heading towards its peak.

Neither Chen Yan nor Chen Wuying objected when they saw Shun Long taking the bodies of the 2 powerful rank 5 magic beasts.

After all, Chen Yan didn't care about the rank 5 magic beasts that much.

Instead, what he fervently wanted, was the 'icicle soul grass' so he could break through to the Nascent Soul stage in one go.

Of course, the bodies of the rank 5 'snow apes' were extremely useful to Shun Long. After all, he was planning to use the 'snow apes' beast cores to refine the 'Dragonblood grass' into pills.

A couple of minutes later, without facing any obstruction, Shun Long arrived at the mountain's peak, where 2 stalks of crystal-like grass were growing from the small crevice.

With a light smile on his face, Shun Long carefully dug out the 2 crystal-like rank 5 medicinal herbs from the crevice, before he placed one stalk inside the herb garden in the 'Stone of Time'.

After taking another look at the mountain peak and making sure that there was nothing else of value in this place, Shun Long headed back to the foot of the snow mountain.

Seeing Shun Long returning from the peak of the mountain, Chen Yan was completely unable to conceal the fervent look in his eyes as he stared at the crystal-like grass in Shun Long's hands.

Ignoring his injuries, the peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator stood up hurriedly, as he smiled and said

"Brother Shun!"

Shun Long nodded his head at the black-robed young man, before he tossed him the stalk of the 'icicle soul grass' in his hands.

No matter what, since he had promised to give it to him and Chen Yan had also participated in the fight against the 'snow apes', Shun Long wouldn't go back on his word.

Holding the rank 5 'icicle soul grass' in his hands, an excited expression had appeared in Chen Yan's eyes as he cupped his hands in thanks.

Then, with a smile on his face, the young man looked at Shun Long and Liu Mei who still had the white veil on her face before he asked curiously

"Brother Shun, sister Liu, me and my sister are going to return back to the 'Heaven's Dome city'! Do you want to come with us?"

Chapter 350 - 350 Future plans

Shun Long smiled lightly when he heard Chen Yan's offer but he didn't even consider it before he shook his head in response.

Return to the Heaven's Dome city?

He and Liu Mei had left the city because they weren't strong enough.

Although their cultivation had definitely advanced a lot since then, but in front of the strongest people of the younger generation of the 'Night star continent', they would be unable to even put up a fight.

"Forget about the strongest people of the continent, even Chen Yan's cultivation is more than 5 minor ranks above mine and Mei'er's.

Don't even mention those who have already reached the Nascent Soul stage like the third princess of the dark elves or the blue-haired young master of the 'Golden Exchange firm', Hu Liu, as well as the rest of the people at the top of the rankings!"

As this thought flashed through Shun Long's mind, he was even more determined to become stronger.

Seeing that Liu Mei had also stayed silent, obviously agreeing with Shun Long's decision, Chen Yan sighed before he shook his head and cupped his hands in response.

Then, with a smile on his face, he first turned his eyes to look at his sister, before he looked at Shun Long and said with a light smile on his face

"In that case brother Shun, let's part ways here. If we are lucky enough to meet in the future, then let's have drinks together!"

Shun Long nodded his head at the smiling Chen Yan and Chen Wuying who was actually pouting her lips as she looked at him.

As the 2 siblings left, Liu Mei turned her head to look at Shun Long, and after a moment's hesitation, she asked seriously

"Long-ge, do you want to join the 'Holy sect'?"

After she had seen the eager look in Chen Yan's face once he received the 'icicle soul grass', Liu Mei understood that practically everyone from the younger generation of the 'Night star continent' would be willing to join the 'Holy sect' or the 'Demon Emperor palace' and go to the central region.

Shun Long thought seriously for a moment after hearing Liu Mei's question, before he shook his head and said

"That will depend on what kind of sect it really is.

If it's a sect that restricts its disciples from even leaving the sect's premises like the 'Floating Cloud sect', then of course there is no reason for us to join.

At the same time, it doesn't make much of a difference whether we join the 'Holy sect' or the 'Demon Emperor palace'.

However, if this is the only way to leave the 'Night star continent', then we will most likely have to join one of these powers in the future."

After a moment of deliberation, Shun Long had a mocking smile on his face as he continued

"Of course, if they are sects like the 'Floating Cloud sect', then I don't mind using them until we arrive at the central region before I leave."

Liu Mei nodded her head with a serious look in her eyes when she heard Shun Long's words.

Indeed, if they didn't want to stay confined in the 'Night star continent' forever, then they had to go towards the central region if they wanted to become stronger.

After all, Liu Mei already knew that Shun Long had certain things that he had to do in the future.

She also knew that Shun Long had some kind of secret inside his body, even if he hadn't explicitly explained what it was, so if he suddenly ended up disappearing again just like the last time in the 'City of Sin', he needed to be strong enough in order to stay alive the next time!

Of course, it wasn't that Shun Long didn't trust Liu Mei which was why he didn't tell her about the 'Stone of Time', but because he knew, that the mental burden from a secret like this would definitely pressure Liu Mei a lot.

At the same time, Liu Mei didn't care too much about what kind of secret Shun Long had in his body either.

As long as he was safe and they continued to stay together, then this was enough for her.

Seeing that Liu Mei had understood his intentions, Shun Long smiled at her before he held her hand and said seriously

"Mei'er, let's look for a place to rest for the next few days."

Seeing Liu Mei nod her head, Shun Long took a look around their surroundings, before they actually left the snow mountain behind them.

Of course, the environment around the mountain's peak was actually very good for Shun Long and Liu Mei to stay in this place, but considering that the disappearance of the 2 'snow apes' would soon attract the attention of the powerful rank 5 magic beasts from nearby, made Shun Long's plans of staying here nothing but a fleeting thought that was soon extinguished.

At the same time, Shun Long didn't forget that the middle-aged man named Hao Chin would sooner or later come to this place to obtain the stalks of 'icicle soul grass'.

Although Shun Long had the poison from the 'Soul poisoning hell grass', there was no reason to put himself in an unfavorable situation to fight against the peak rank 9 Spirit realm expert.

At the same time, if the man brought a group of more than 6 people, among of which there were even a few Nascent Soul stage experts, Shun Long knew that after exposing the 'Soul poisoning hell grass' poison to kill the first few people, the rest of them would be on their guards against it making the rest of the fight even harder.

As for summoning Little Silver to take care of these people, unless absolutely necessary, Shun Long wasn't willing to expose the black panther in this den of magic beasts.

He didn't know if there were any peak rank 9 Dao Kings hidden at the depths of the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range' looking for rank 6 medicinal herbs or magic beasts, who could actually be attracted by the panther's aura and would try to 'tame' Little Silver for themselves.

If Little Silver really exposed its aura, although a peak rank 9 Dao King wouldn't be able to necessarily notice it, Shun Long wasn't willing to take this risk without any reason.

A couple of hours later, Shun Long and Liu Mei arrived at a small, isolated mountain a few tens of miles from the north of the 'snow apes' snowy mountain.

Seeing that there was a relatively small but comfortable cave near the center of the mountain, Shun Long led Liu Mei as they both entered inside it, before Liu Mei summoned a group of her skeletons to guard the surroundings of the mountain instead.

Seeing that Liu Mei had started to practice her swordsmanship, tacitly giving Shun Long time to do what he wanted, Shun Long first had Little Silver completely retract its aura and guard the entrance of the cave, before he sat cross-legged on the ground and closed his eyes, as he returned inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time'.

Looking at the bodies of the 2 rank 5 'snow apes' that were sprawled in front of him, an excited look flashed through Shun Long's eyes, as he was ready to finally advance to the middle of the fourth stage in the 'Monarch's Eternal body'!

