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Chapter 1271 Unease And Fear

The Haima tribe had a violent aura looming over it.

Every person within it could feel it and the closer they were to the source, the worse they felt. On some level, the aura felt more dangerous than the Chasm Beasts. The warriors of the tribes who had battled them often could easily compare this.

'What is happening?' the warriors didn't know that the source of the aura was none other than Lin Mu whom they were running to check on.

Only Elder Niji and Head Warrior Kulo knew of the reality as they were witnessing it with their own two eyes.

"Noble Lin—" And just as Elder Niji was about to speak up, the violent aura faded away in an instant.

It was as if it never existed. But the cold sweat covering their backs and foreheads showed that they all had really felt it. It was not an illusion, nor was it a hallucination. The Haima tribe members all took a breath of relief.

Those that were weaker directly collapsed, while those that were stronger held on. But even then, they all felt quite tired. It was as if they had worked for a day non-stop and were exhausted from that.

But that was simply not true. The exhaustion was the effect of the violent aura that had suppressed them. Even if it was just for a few seconds, it was still impactful.

"Noble Lin Mu, what..." Elder Niji wanted to speak but was gestured by Lin Mu to stop.

"Leave me be for a while... do not let anyone get close to this place." Lin Mu stated firmly.

"I... I understand." Elder Niji replied hesitantly.

He turned around and gestured for Kulo to follow him with his eyes.

They left the residence and walked some distance away where they saw the warriors of the tribe waiting.

"What happened, Elder?" They questioned in confusion and fear.

"Everything is fine. You all need to concern yourselves." Elder Niji answered. "Noble Lin Mu wants to stay in seclusion for the time being, so ensure nobody goes to disturb him." He commanded.

"Y-yes!" the warriors hurriedly replied while Elder Niji walked away.

Head Warrior Kulo followed behind Elder Niji, and did not speak until they reached the elder's residence.

"Elder Niji, that was not normal." Head Warrior Kulo spoke.

"I know... but we shouldn't interfere in his matters." Elder Niji replied.

"But you've seen that aura... it was of pure violence. It was as if I was facing a Great Chasm Beast, one that could compare to an Immortal." Head Warrior Kulo said, a hint of fear on his face.

"That is true. But we know that Noble Lin Mu can be trusted. He's already helped us all this time, and there is no reason for him to cause us harm." Elder Niji spoke.

"But that demeanor, I don't know if Noble Lin Mu is fine." Head Warrior Kulo said with concern.

"You saw his face then, too. It was that of anger. Tell me, when would some have that level of anger on their face?" Elder Niji asked.

Head Warrior Kulo thought to himself for a minute before speaking.

"When something or someone precious to them is harmed?" Head Warrior Kulo guessed.

"Mhmm... that was anger that was directed towards someone. While we do not know who that is, we can say for sure it is not any of us." Elder Niji replied.

"But how can you be so sure, elder?" Kulo asked.

"Do you think any of us would be alive right now if that anger was really directed towards us?" Elder Niji asked in repose.

"That... is true..." Kulo couldn't deny it.

He had seen Lin Mu's strength more than once and knew just how strong the young man was. If he really wanted to, he could probably flatten the entire tribe on his own.

"Besides, you heard what he said before that, right?" Elder Niji questioned.

"Y-yes... something about finding someone?" Head Warrior Kulo answered.

"Exactly. That might be the reason why he was so angry." Elder Niji reckoned.

"But there isn't anyone here. How could someone have enraged Noble Lin Mu like that?" Head Warrior Kulo wondered.

"There are many methods of sending a message among the immortals. I wouldn't be surprised if someone used that to taunt noble Lin Mu or do something to him unknown to us." Elder Niji guessed.

"Mmm... we can only wait then." Head Warrior Kulo replied.

"Yes, wait and watch. While also following the objectives given by Noble Lin Mu." Elder Niji stated. "He's already taught us how to get stronger, so we should do that. The stronger we are, the better our chances of survival when we leave this forsaken land." He added.

"That is indeed true." Head Warrior Kulo agreed. "I shall return to prepare for later then."

"Go ahead. I'll deal with some matters here on my own." Elder Niji said before returning to his study above.

Faint light spilled from the hole in the ceiling, illuminating the stairs and the floors.

Unknown to Elder Niji and Head Warrior Kulo, Lin Mu was still standing in his residence. His expression had turned blank now, but the uneasy feeling around him had not gone away yet.

The twin snakes were especially concerned and couldn't take it anymore.

~hiss~

They leaped from their pillow and wrapped around Lin Mu's neck before rubbing against him.

Lin Mu gazed at them, and his expression eased up.

"That's right... I can't get carried away like this." Lin Mu spoke. "I need to focus... just what could be the source of this intense and burning desire?" he wondered.

The itchy and anxious feeling still filled his body and irritated his skin. If it weren't for Lin Mu's high tolerance to pain and discomfort, he might have just scraped away his skin.

Closing his eyes, Lin Mu first chanted the Severing Heart Sutra, cutting away the intense desire. Then he chanted the Calming Heart sutra, nullifying any remnant effects of the dream.

Only then did he take a breath of relief.

Chapter 1272 Embryo Growth Stage Of The Dao Treading Realm

Lin Mu's brain was hard at work, trying to find out what it was that was compelling him to go to the east.

He could sense a calling in his mind, and it was vaguely pointing him in a certain direction which Lin Mu knew was east due to the information provided by Huyun Chuan.

'Considering that dream... or whatever it was, this desire is probably for those two light circles. But why? Why do I want it so much?' Lin Mu wondered.

But no matter how much he thought, he couldn't come up with a reason. It was like a mystery that was obscure to him.

~Sigh~

"Seems like the only way is to head out and find it myself..." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

But even if he didn't know what the object of his desire was, he did know that it was current in the hands of someone else.

'There is bound to be conflict, if I'm to take it from that person... And considering that standard of the Rust Sky world, there is a great chance they are in the Immortal realm. I can't just go against them at my current level. I'll need to get stronger...' Lin Mu pondered.

Even if that person wasn't in the Immortal realm, Lin Mu still needed to get stronger as there were a lot of dangers in the Rust Sky world. Just to get out of the Land of Exile along would be a hellish task.

If anything, the stronger Lin Mu was, the easier it would be to accomplish his goals.

If one looked at him right now, they would see that Lin Mu's eyes were filled with a drive that almost bordered on obsession. One could even say they were tinged with hints of insanity, but that would be hard to confirm.

But Lin Mu's actions showed that he really was obsessed. He cultivated non stop and gathered as much spirit Qi as he could. The Haima tribe didn't even send him any stone mushrooms as he didn't want to be disturbed.

Lin Mu simply depended on his own absorption speed to continue cultivating.

Perhaps it was due to his burning desire. The speed of his spirit Qi absorption had reached a new level. The Haima tribe's members could see a vortex of spirit Qi constantly spinning above Lin Mu's residence.

This actually served to make them relieved as well as motivate them to cultivate harder too. To them, the reason why Lin Mu had gone into seclusion was to simply grow stronger. They all wanted to leave the Land of Exile one day and hoped that it would come soon.

But to ensure that they could live to that day, they had to grow stronger. Stronger at any cost!

While Lin Mu's spirit Qi reserves continued to climb, his comprehension of the Dao Traces was also growing. He didn't know why, but he could now sense them a lot clearly and felt the profundities of the Earth within his Dao Embryo.

The True Earth Heart Dao Embryo was a unique Dao Embryo, and thus it was up to Lin Mu to unearth its secrets.

Lin Mu could feel it gently beating within his Dantian. With each beat, each throb, he felt like the earth spoke to him. It whispered its secrets and mysteries within his ears, making him lost within them.

Unknowingly, Lin Mu entered a state of trance and didn't realize the change in his Dao Embryo. It was now slightly bigger than before.

This continued to happen while Lin Mu's comprehension deepened. It wasn't until an entire month passed did he finally wake up from his trance.

~SHUA~

~THUD~ THUD~ THUD~ THUD~

And when he did, a wave of pressure spread all over the tribe. Everyone felt like the air had gotten heavier and even their own bodies felt twice as heavy.

Lin Mu opened his eyes, and they glowed in a brown light. Looking deep into them, one would be able to glance at the countless profound runes that flickered in and out of existence, presenting the secrets of the Dao.

~HUU~

Lin Mu inhaled deeply and calmed down the fast beating Dao Embryo.

~shua~

The pressure exuding from it also faded away with it, allowing the members of the tribe to calm down. Most of them didn't know what had happened, but there were a couple that had a hunch about it.

Elder Niji and Head Warrior Kulo looked towards Lin Mu's residence.

"He broke through..." Both of them had the same words.

And it was indeed true. Lin Mu had achieved a breakthrough after a long time and was now at the Embryo Growth Stage of the Dao Treading realm.

"Seems like my Dao Embryo is fifty percent larger..." Lin Mu observed it within his Dantian.

After watching it for a few seconds, he willed it to appear outside.

~SHUA~

Lin Mu's Dao Shell flew out of his Dantian and came out of his abdomen. Then, from its compressed size of a marble, it expanded to about five meters wide. This was the largest it could grow while fitting inside the residence.

But even this was enough for Lin Mu to observe his Dao Embryo carefully.

The Heart made out of rocks, soil and mud continued to beat, and each beat was like the thrumming of the earth. It was not something that could be explained, but only felt.

Looking at the True Earth Heart, it was about the size of a hand with its fingers stretched wide. Before this, it was about the size of a normal human heart.

Lin Mu raised his hand and placed it over the Dao Shell, controlling the Dao Embryo within.

~HONG~

Then in the next moment, a heavy pressure appeared underneath it. Even though the Dao Shell was floating in the air, the floor under it still saved in.

~CRACK~

A circular depression about five meters wide was created under it.

"So this is the Full form of the Dao Embryo skill of the True Earth Heart Dao Embryo: Aspect of Heaviness." Lin Mu understood.

Chapter 1273 Aspect Of Heaviness

Back when Lin Mu had originally birthed his Dao Embryo, he only knew of its name and the basic ability which allowed it to make various forms of earth, like soil, rocks, stones and mud.

Later on, as he learned more about the True Earth Heart, he learned of its Dao Skill. It allowed him to form a Heavy Aura around the Embryo as well as himself, which could extend to a certain extent, slowing down things that came into the range.

Only during the battle with the northern Tribes when he fully activated and used it against cultivators did he realize that there was more to it. His understanding increased even further when he saw the head elder of the Northern tribe use his own earth attribute skill.

It was petrification and would also slow down whoever that was affected by it. The effect of 'slowness' was still there, even though the method was different. Lin Mu pondered on this and increased his comprehension even more.

Until now, when he finally had his breakthrough to the Embryo Growth stage did he comprehend the Dao Skill further. Lin Mu realized that the Heavy Aura was barely him scratching the surface.

It was just the preliminary form of his Dao Skill.

The Full form was actually revealed now, it was the 'Aspect Of Heaviness'.

Lin Mu discovered that with the Dao Skill, he could increase the weight of any object within a five meter range. The increase in weight would depend on the type of object as well as how much energy Lin Mu was willing to put into it.

For objects that were under someone else's control, such as arrays, spirit tools, or even other's bodies, Lin Mu would not be able to affect them fully. But for inanimate and uncontrolled objects he would be able to affect them greatly.

As for the objects that he owned and controlled, he would have the maximum effect on them.

"Let's test it out then..." Lin Mu muttered before getting to work.

He had already tested the basics out on the floor in front of him. The floor was an inanimate object and thus the effect on it was great. But there was still the question of how much the difference in weight really was.

Thus to figure that out, Lin Mu first picked and took out a scale and some metal ingots from his ring. They had been there for a long time and would be perfect for his use now. The ingots were all of various weights, but the ones that were of 1 Kilogram would be perfect for his use.

Lin Mu first placed it on the scale and calibrated it to make sure that it really was 1 kilogram. Then he used the Aspect Of Heaviness on it.

~CLANG~

The pan in which the ingot was kept in directly sank, hitting the bottom of the scale. Then while keeping it active, Lin Mu put ingots of 1 kilogram on the other side of the scale, increasing the weight one by one.

"Hmm... about five kilograms." Lin Mu was surprised.

The Aspect of Heaviness had multiplied the weight of the ingot by about five times. While the increase from one kilogram to five kilograms might not seem, if the initial weight was increased, the multiplying weight would also be greater.

For example, a 500 Kilogram heavy carriage would become 2500 kilograms heavy. This would completely make it unusable. Not to mention, it might just break apart from its own weight.

Lin Mu didn't know what the upper limit of this was, but he was sure he would eventually discover it. After all, if he could increase the range and apply it to a large object like a mountain, he might just be able to make them crumble under its own weight.

Done with the first test, Lin Mu moved on to other types of objects. After testing out different materials Lin Mu confirmed that the effect was the same for all kinds of objects in the same category.

Then came time for Lin Mu to test the objects that he owned himself.

"The short sword will be perfect for this." Lin Mu muttered and took it out.

The short sword floated and came to sit on the pan of the scale. It allowed Lin Mu to see its weight which was about 2.5 kilograms. The short sword had always been light but fast to use.

"Aspect of Heaviness..." Lin Mu applied the Dao Skill on the short sword and saw an increase.

~CLANG~

The pan of the scale hit the bottom instantly and created a rather loud sound.

~DENG~DENG~DENG~

Lin Mu then added weights to the counter pan, getting the current weight of the sword.

"Twenty five kilograms... This is ten times..." Lin Mu was shocked.

It was double the amount of weight increase for the inanimate objects.

'If it's ten times increase for the objects that I own, then it should apply to my own body too, right?' Lin Mu thought and decided to test it out.

He already knew his own body weight from before, but knew he wouldn't be able to test the weight after the Aspect of Heaviness was applied to it. There simply wasn't any equipment he would be able to use to test it.

But so far from his tests, he knew that the effect was absolute. What he needed to test was whether he himself could handle the increase or not.

~huh~

Lin Mu took a deep breath first and focused on himself. His spirit sense was alert and monitoring every inch of his body. After all, the aspect of Heaviness applied to every part equally, so his normal defenses might not be enough to bear it.

After all, his toughness came from his Skin, flesh, bones, and marrow. They were also the ones that prevented any damage from passing into his body. But considering the effect of the Aspect of Heaviness, it wouldn't just apply to them, but also his internal organs.

Having a Xiantian Physique and also being at the fourth level of the Five Treasures Realm, Lin Mu had a tough body and tough organs, but there was still a limit to what the organs might be able to bear without getting damaged.

"HAA!" Lin Mu let out a grunt as the Aspect of Heaviness activated, making him feel the increase almost instantly.

~KACHA~

The ground below him sank and caved in with Lin Mu's body sinking nearly ten meters before stopping.

Just Lin Mu's normal weight was enough to crack and sink the ground with every step, making him nullify it by using his cultivation base as the counter force. It was similar to flying, but the force was just on his body alone.

Lin Mu was lucky that in the Rust Sky world he was still able to use this effect despite the fact that he couldn't fly here. At first, he was confused but then realized that the inability to fly was actually to do with the spirit Qi spread in the air rather than his own body.

Thus he could still use spirit Qi as a counterforce to make his body's weight manageable.

But now that he had used the Aspect of Heaviness, he was no longer maintaining the Counterforce. Or rather, he simply couldn't as the weight had gone beyond the limit that Lin Mu could handle.

"Ugh! This is too much." Lin Mu felt like he was holding a mountain with every inch of his body.

It was different than carrying something heavy as the load from that would only be on his bones, muscles and skin. But right now it was being exerted on every organ, every cell of his body!

Lin Mu couldn't even move a finger, not to mention move at this point.

'I have to stop this!' Lin Mu's spirit sense detected fine tears appearing on his organs, prompting him to deactivate the aspect of Heaviness.

"Haa... HAA... Haaa..." Lin Mu panted with exhaustion as pain filled his body.

He crawled out of the hole he had made with his body and lay on the ground. His face and back were covered with sweat while his eyes were bloodshot. Some vessels had even burst and blood spots could be seen in his eyes.

"Yeah... this is not usable like this..." Lin Mu reckoned.

The danger was far too much. The risks outweighed the gains of using the Dao Skill like this.

Lin Mu had originally thought that he could use the Aspect of Heaviness on his body and use it while attacking. It would greatly increase the force of an attack.

But now he knew that doing that might just hurt himself more. Even his body cultivation wasn't enough to bear such an increase in weight.

'The main issue is with my vessels, organs and other soft tissues of my body. My muscles, bones and skin are fine...' Lin Mu concluded.

"If I've to use it, I need to modulate the range of the effect."

Chapter 1274 Modulation With Focus

At the current range of the Aspect of Heaviness, Lin Mu would find it impossible to use. But if he managed to reduce it or limit, it effects only certain parts of his body, he might still be able to make use of it.

"Hmm... I can certainly reduce the range of it." Lin Mu said after resting for a bit.

He stood up and targeted one of the many stones that were lying around after his previous actions. The stone was about half an inch in size and was mixed with several tens of other stones of varying sizes.

With a little focus, Lin Mu effectively targeted only one out of the many others.

~TACK~

A faint sound was heard as the stone tilted on its broken edge before rolling down the bent ground. It was evident that the increased weight had finally made it move and also confirmed Lin Mu's guess.

"Well... no issues in controlling a small area by reducing the range." Lin Mu nodded his head. "But this is for an independent object. Will this apply to only a part of the object?" he wondered.

Lin Mu continued his trials, and it took him a few hours before he actually managed to reduce the effect to only a part of an object.

"This is a lot more difficult to control. If I lose focus for even a second, it spreads all over the object." Lin Mu muttered to himself before wiping away the sweat from his nose.

It took Lin Mu hundreds of tries; he be had finally managed to reduce the effective area of the Dao Skill. Albeit he could only maintain the control for about five seconds. But five seconds was more that's enough for him to use it on his body.

~Huu~

"Let's try it on my body now. That's the main goal after all." Lin Mu perked himself up.

He focused on his fist before activating the Dao skill.

~BANG~

"SHIT!" Lin Mu was unable to handle the sudden increase in the weight and fell down, hitting the ground and cracking it once more.

His right fist was like a sledgehammer pounding a new hole into the ground.

'Need to do it again... This time be a little more prepared.' Lin Mu thought to himself as he deactivated the Dao Skill.

He tried it all again, but didn't fall like last time.

"There we go... that's better." Lin Mu gazed at his hand, that was lightly glowing in a brown and yellow light.

The affected area of his hand was only till his wrist, thus Lin Mu could now use it freely. And unlike before, when he felt like all his organs were being torn, it didn't feel painful at all.

Other than some discomfort due to the increased weight, Lin Mu was fine.

After all, the weight of his fist was a lot lower than the weight of his entire body, even if it had been increased by ten times.

Having felt it properly for the first time, Lin Mu cocked back his arm and punched out.

~WHOOSH~

Just the sheer force of the hand pushed away the air, creating a draft that made dust fly around him.

"Mmm... I'll test out the specifics outside. Doing here is... a little too much." Lin Mu said as he looked around at the damage that had been spread in his residence.

Thankfully, his bedroom was still spared, so it didn't matter. But Lin Mu didn't want to go too far and make the entire place collapsed. It was already doubtful with the ten meter deep hole that had been made in the floor.

The cracks from it were already spreading all around the area.

~HAAA~

Lin Mu let out a tired breath and decided to just rest for the day.

"I'll do the test on controlled and owned objects tomorrow." Lin Mu said before dragging himself to the bedroom.

He fell asleep quickly and appeared in the Sleepscape.

~SHUA~

But just as he did, he felt a gust of wind covering his body.

"Wait for a second... this isn't wind... this is... Wood attribute spirit Qi?" Lin Mu felt a refreshing feeling coming from the wind.

It swiftly entered his body and made him feel a lot more comfortable. Even the fine ache that he still felt in his body was being wiped away with it.

'It wasn't like this the last time I came here...' Lin Mu was surprised.

It had been a few months since Lin Mu had entered the Sleepscape. The last time he entered it was long before he had that dream, which filled him with an unknown desire. Since that day, he couldn't bring himself to sleep normally.

Only now when he felt a little accomplished with his breakthrough and the exhaustion did he feel comfortable enough to enter it.

"Still... this is rather nice." Lin Mu smiled and looked around.

The grass on the ground was lush green while the few plants in the Sleepscape were almost bursting with vitality. The spirit apple tree close to Lin Mu was covered with tens of Spirit apples.

Its leaves were a vibrant green while its branches swayed lightly in the air.

"The number of spirit apples seems to have increased once more. The Wood elemental spirit apples have basically more than doubled." Lin Mu noticed.

He then turned around and looked in the distance, spotting the other two plants in the Sleepscape.

The Wood Spirit Tulip was growing nicely and the flower on top of it had become even larger. Its petals released a faint fragrance that soothed one's senses while its leaves absorbed the Wood elemental spirit Qi from the air.

From all sides, the Wood Spirit Tulip seemed to be enjoying its life.

~rustle~

Lin Mu heard a rustling sound and looked opposite from the Wood Spirit Tulip.

"Oh? When did you become so big?" Lin Mu saw the Purple Sickle Amaranth, having almost tripled in size.

It absorbed the attribute-less spirit Qi from the air and let out Wood elemental spirit Qi, nourishing the life here.

Chapter 1275 Rich Wood Spirit Qi And Growth Of Plants

The growth of the plants in the Sleepscape was a pleasant surprise to Lin Mu.

'I knew that increasing my cultivation base seems to be the key to growing the Sleepscape, but this change is quite big.' Lin Mu thought.

After thinking for a few seconds, Lin Mu realized it might have to do with the Dao Treading realm itself.

'The Dao Treading realm deals with the Dao traces and makes one comprehend them. Only by deepening our understanding can we progress further. In this realm we don't need to focus on spirit Qi as much as we have to do on learning.' Lin Mu pondered.

In short, the Dao Treading realm was focused on a 'Qualitative' gain rather than a 'Quantitative' gain though spirit Qi.

Sensing the increased Wood elemental spirit Qi gave Lin Mu an idea at this point.

~shua~

He flipped his hand, and a pillow appeared in it. But what was important was the object that was resting on the pillow, it was seed.

The seed looked like a bundle of vines and was rather strange. But it emitted a rich aura that seemed to be hiding something great within. If anyone looked at it, they would never realize that this was actually a dormant beast.

"Little Shrubby should have some benefits by staying in a wood spirit Qi rich area." Lin Mu reckoned.

He placed the pillow with the seed near the Purple Sickle Amaranth, where the Wood elemental spirit Qi was the richest.

Upon doing so, Lin Mu saw the effect.

"Just as I thought..." in front of Lin Mu, the wood elemental spirit Qi gathered around the Purple Sickle Amaranth started to move.

It was slow at first, but soon it became faster. A major chunk of the wood spirit Qi directly clumped around the 'seed' and was pouring into it.

"That's good." Lin Mu nodded his head.

He didn't know when Little Shrubby would awake, but Lin Mu wanted it to be as soon as possible. He had been missing him for a long time now and would like to hear his grown and feel his fur again.

Letting Little Shrubby absorb the spirit Qi, Lin Mu turned around and went to the Spirit apple tree. There he plucked the entire tree clean of spirit apples, both normal ones and wood attribute ones.

He had come to the Sleepscape after such a long time that basically every apple on the tree was ripe. That was not the case usually, as a few were small and unripe.

"Now is the best time to use them. The faster I can grow, the better." Lin Mu muttered to himself as he kept the wood elemental spirit apples while storing away the rest.

His spirit Qi cultivation base might have reached a point where it didn't grow through consumption of resources, but his Body cultivation was not the same. As long as he had enough resources, Lin Mu could consume them to further his Five Treasures Realm.

"I may as well continue to refine my liver. If I refine it entirely, I'll have a body comparable to an Immortal Ascension realm cultivator." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

This was the biggest advantage that Lin Mu had over others. He cultivated the path of the body as well as the Qi, giving him far greater strength and durability. It allowed him to go against those of a higher cultivation base than them and made him peerless in the same realm.

'Considering this is an Immortal realm, the resources here might be good enough that I can fully refine my liver without needing a proper wood elemental body cultivation technique.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

"But for now, I'll just make do with the apples." Lin Mu picked up the wood elemental spirit apples and started munching.

With four or five bites, he swallowed the entire apple, whether it be skin, or flesh. The spirit apples had no seeds in them, so there was no issue for him to eat it entirely.

This was something that had stumped Lin Mu, as he had not expected for a fruit to have no seeds. He had even asked Senior Xukong and got the answer that the spirit apple tree was unique.

Since it wasn't exactly formed from a seed beforehand, it had no seed. In all aspects, the Spirit apple tree was constructed by the Sleepscape itself. Even Xukong didn't know if it really constituted as a plant or not.

But the other two plants in the Sleepscape truly were plants. This created a clear demarcation between the plants that were brought in by Lin Mu and those that might grow naturally here.

As for what the condition for natural growth was, Lin Mu didn't know.

~munch~ munch~ munch~

Lin Mu continued to eat the wood elemental spirit apples and finished all of them in a few minutes. His stomach quickly processed them and different energies were extracted by his body.

There was attribute less spirit Qi, Wood elemental spirit Qi, pure wood energy as well as Vital energy.

The vital energy was converted to Vital essence and stored in his stomach, while the attribute less spirit Qi and Wood Elemental spirit Qi entered his meridians before traveling to his Dantian and merging with the ocean of spirit Qi there.

The last remaining energy, the pure wood energy, was instead channeled into his liver. It traveled alongside his blood, bringing forth rich vitality with it.

"Mmm..." Lin Mu felt a refreshing feeling combined with coolness in his chest.

Little by little, the wood energy was brought to the liver and started refining it.

Previously, Lin Mu's liver was about ten percent refined. This was the culmination of all his effort from the past few years. But now that number started to increase visibly.

10.1... 10.2... 10.3... 10.9... 11!

It increased an entire percent in less than an hour. But it didn't show any signs of stopping there either.

12%!

13%!

14%!

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26%!

Only when it more than doubled and reached the twenty-six percent mark did the refinement stop.

Chapter 1276 Calm Months

Lin Mu felt the effects of the refinement within his body.

Even though the Liver wasn't fully refined, Lin Mu could already feel the amount of wood spirit Qi in his body increasing. Plus, since the Liver was of the Wood elemental and was representative of life and vitality, it made Lin Mu feel a lot more refreshed.

Each of the Treasured organs gave Lin Mu different secondary effects, and the liver was the same. It provided Lin Mu a higher rate of detoxification while also speeding up his rate of digestion.

Though the part about digestion wasn't really needed for him with his stomach. It was already beyond a level that could be understood, leaving even Xukong confused as to how it did that.

"This is rather nice..." Lin Mu muttered as he sensed the energy stir within his body.

In less than six hours he had refined his liver more than he had in the past two years. The feeling of growth gave him pleasure and made him happy. It also helped him forget the intense desire he had been feeling for a while.

'If I can keep this pace, I might reach the completion for the Five Treasures realm soon.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

The increase in the wood spirit Qi in the Sleepscape had brought forth a multiplicative effect. Though Lin Mu also knew that the effect of the Wood spirit apples would stop after a certain point, or at the very least slow down to a snail's pace.

"At least I know that I can depend on the apples till then. And once I reach that point, I'll just seek out wood elemental herbs or fruits here. This is an Immortal world so there definitely are a lot." Lin Mu said to himself.

Lin Mu had even asked Huyun Chuan about this, but the man was not as knowledgeable in this regard. He had mostly cultivated using alchemical pills, but never really dabbled in spirit herbs or their refinement methods.

While he did know the names of some common spirit herbs and immortal herbs, they were limited in number. If Lin Mu wanted to know more, he would have to buy a compendium of herbs from one of the many shops.

~Sigh~

"I'll deal with that when it's time. For now, I need to grow stronger and also guide the Haima tribe in getting stronger." Lin Mu said with determination.

He spent a few more hours in the Sleepscape watching Little Shrubby who had turned into a seed as well as reading the memoirs of the Lost immortal.

Reading memoirs were important for Lin Mu right now since they were his biggest source in higher level information from the Immortal worlds. Thus Lin Mu wanted to read as much as possible, and hope that he found some jackpot worthy information within it.

By the time the day arrived and Lin Mu woke up, there were already people of the Haima tribe waiting outside his residence.

"Oh?" Lin Mu could sense the people outside and opened the door.

"Noble Lin Mu! You're awake." The Haima tribe member said with a little surprise.

"Yes, I just woke up." Lin Mu replied.

"Forgive us for coming here, even though you had said not to. But the elder couldn't help but feel anxious about your condition. He himself came by several times by, but you didn't respond." One of the Haima people spoke.

"Yeah, so he just asked us to wait here and inform him if there was any chance." Another person stated.

"I see..." Lin Mu replied before looking at their faces, finding them to be nervous.

"It is fine. You didn't break any rule coming here." Lin Mu allayed their worries. "As for Elder Niji, I'll head out to meet him now." He added.

"O-okay. And thank you Noble Lin Mu." The Haima people spoke in unison.

Lin Mu nodded his head, but just as he was about to step out, he heard a sound.

~HISS~

He turned around and saw the twin snakes calling out to him.

~WHOOSH~

They jumped from their pillow and wrapped around Lin Mu's arms.

"Oh, you two are awake too?" Lin Mu said and felt the emotion coming from them.

It was a mixture of hunger and uncertainty. This made Lin Mu realize that it had indeed been a while since they last ate.

'I need to feed them too. I was going to head out anyway, so this works out.' Lin Mu thought before leaving the residence and going towards Elder Niji's.

The old man was pleased the moment he set eyes upon Lin Mu. Not just that, but he was also surprised when he felt a new feeling from Lin Mu.

"We saw the changes and were guessing that you had a breakthrough. But it seems like it really is true." Elder Niji said as the first thing.

"Mmhhh... I did breakthrough." Lin Mu acknowledged.

"May I ask, what your cultivation base is now?" Elder Niji questioned with curiosity.

While he did know of all the cultivation realms and their names, he didn't know what they felt like. Even while having the spirit Qi equivalent to that of a Dao Treading realm expert, Elder Niji didn't have the same senses.

"I'm at the Embryo Growth Stage of the Dao Treading realm." Lin Mu answered without hesitation.

"AH! That's great!" Elder Niji was even more surprised.

"Anything happen while I was in seclusion?" Lin Mu said changing the topic.

"The training of the army is going well and our people are getting stronger quickly. Around half of the tribe is now at the Nascent soul realm too." Elder Niji spoke.

"Half? That's impressive." Lin Mu knew such a number was enough to outnumber the nascent souls realm experts of any sect of the Xiaofan world.

"Not just that, but their skills and battle sense is also growing. We are actually managing to push back the Chasm Beasts that are appearing in greater numbers again." Elder Niji spoke, much to Lin Mu's surprise.

Chapter 1277 Rising Chasm Beast Numbers

"The Chasm beasts are appearing in great numbers again?" Lin Mu furrowed his brows upon hearing this. "How great do you mean by this?" he asked for clarity.

"Yes, they have started to appear more often now. While the numbers aren't the same as when there was a large scale tide, there are still more Chasm beasts than usual for this time of the year." Elder Niji replied.

"I see... how much do you think they would be when compared to the large scale beast tide?" Lin Mu questioned, after thinking for a bit.

"Hmm.. About eight to ten percent?" Elder Niji estimated.

"Eight to ten... that's a large number." Lin Mu couldn't help but say.

"That is indeed true." Elder Niji agreed, knowing that the normal number of Chasm beasts was barely around 1% of the large scale tide most of the time.

"Are there any casualties?" Lin Mu questioned next.

"Injuries? Yes. But no actual Casualties so far. Our people have grown stronger and now even a child is able to defeat a Chasm Beast." Elder Niji answered with a little pride in his tone.

Lin Mu was still worried though and asked more questions to the old man.

During this he learned that a few small tides of Chasm Beasts had actually come close to the land of the Haima. Mostly attracted due to the large army practicing and sparring outside in the wasteland.

They desired nothing more than the flesh of the creatures and would do anything to get it. But even then they were cautious and would avoid to appear in front of a large number of foes.

'This doesn't add up. There is nothing that mentions about such a change in the history of the Haima tribe. And neither is there anything about the sudden increase in Chasm beast numbers.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

~Hiss~

He heard the light hiss from his neck and decided to deal with two problems in one go.

"I'll head out to check it myself, then Elder Niji. Maybe we'll get insights into the behavior of the Chasm Beasts." Lin Mu stated.

"If you wish to do so, please feel free. You can also take any of the Haima members on the surface up there. They will gladly follow you." Elder Niji replied. "Plus, they are now experienced and strong, so you shouldn't have to babysit them." He added.

"I'll see what to do. Though I won't be needing them." Lin Mu said before pointing to the baby snakes. "They are the ones going to be doing the hunting."

"No wonder." Elder Niji already knew that the twin snakes liked to consume Chasm Beasts.

They were still young and needed to grow with lots of nutrients. Thus, this was the best choice of action.

"I shall head out then." Lin Mu said before leaving through the 'hatch' at the top of the mountain.

Upon leaving, he saw two guards standing right next to the gate of the Haima tribe.

~HAAA~ HAA~ HAA~ HAAA~

And at the bottom, Lin Mu saw the Haima tribe people sparring and practicing. He saw both familiar and unfamiliar faces, with most of them being the Scout members.

"Noble Lin Mu!" the Haima people spotted him quickly and Head Warrior Kulo was the first to reach him.

"Where are you going?" Head Warrior Kulo asked curiously.

"The twin snakes need to be fed again." Lin Mu answered shortly.

"Ah, I see." Head Warrior Kulo replied. "Would you like me to accompany you?" he asked.

"No. It won't be necessary. But I would like some help in pointing out where the Chasm Beasts are the greatest in numbers." Lin Mu asked instead.

"That'll be easy. As long as you walk alongside the border of the Broken Chasm, you will continue to encounter Chasm Beasts. There is a large limit to them, it seems." Head Warrior Kulo stated.

"Alright." Lin Mu replied but didn't head out right away. "And what about our little 'guest'? How does he fare these days?" Lin Mu questioned next.

"He is well. We give him Stone Flesh mushrooms every week and he eats them without a complain." Head Warrior Kulo answered right away.

"Is that so? Guess I'll talk to him too before leaving." Lin Mu went to the 'prison' set up by him.

The prison was just a short leap away, and upon entering it, Lin Mu saw the prisoner fast asleep.

"Hey! Wake up!" Lin Mu knocked at the man.

"Ugh!" Huyun Chuan groaned and looked tired from all the beatings.

It was evident that the Haima tribe had taken good 'care' of the man in Lin Mu's absences.

"It's Y-you!" Huyun Chuan was startled.

He had not seen Lin Mu for a while now and was wondering if he had left. But it was clearly not so.

"Looks like you've had a nice rest here." Lin Mu said, finding the man's situation quite pitiful.

"It is acceptable." Huyun Chuan said with a straight face.

"So far, there is no information about the people coming to get you. Are you sure they will really be arriving?" Lin Mu questioned seriously.

"Of course! They would do anything to get me back." Huyun Chuan replied in a confident tone.

"Hmm... guess we'll have to wait more." Lin Mu replied before leaving without another word.

He had exhausted all the information that Huyun Chuan had given him. The only use Lin Mu had for the man was to obtain a way out. Once that was done, Huyun Chuan's life would be up for a debate.

~hiss~

The twin snakes hissed lightly, and Lin Mu felt another wave of emotion from their link.

"Something approaching?" Lin Mu deciphered their emotions.

He continued to watch for a minute before finally spotting a group of Chasm Beasts approaching.

"Perfect. We can start with them." Lin Mu said as he leaped into the air.

~WHOOSH~

His body soared through the air and was spotted by several Haima tribe people. Lin Mu didn't mind them for now and simply focused on getting to the incoming Chasm Beasts.

~ZOOM~

Then, when he was close enough, the twins struck out!

Chapter 1278 Where Are The Chasm Beasts Going?

The Twin snakes were like two ribbons of light soaring across the sky.

The Chasm beasts in the distance were around a hundred in number, but when the two snakes reached them, they started to dwindle. Just like before, the twin snakes pierced through the Chasm beasts as if they were cotton.

It looked like nothing could stop them and no matter the cultivation base of the Chasm Beast, they all died the same.

"There really is no difference. It's as if they can nullify the natural defenses of the Chasm Beasts." Lin Mu said while observing the scene.

He was still midway to falling and all this had happened in the short time of descent.

~THUD~

~Crack~

Lin Mu landed on the ground, cracking it only to see that half of the Chasm beasts had already been killed.

"That saves time." Lin Mu only had to watch for about a minute more before the Chasm Beasts were all dead.

~WHOOSH~

The two ribbons of light returned to Lin Mu and coiled around his arms.

~hiss~

The black twin, Xiao Yin opened her mouth and sucked in the air like a vacuum.

~SHUA~

All the black dust and fog rising from the Chasm beast's dead body was sucked in with the air and two minutes later there were no traces of any Chasm Beasts left. But Xiao Yin didn't stop there.

She transformed a part of the Qi and released a white streak of pure Yang spirit Qi for her brother. Xiao Yang consumed the Yang Qi and let out a satisfied hiss.

"If we keep this pace, it shouldn't take us that long." Lin Mu reckoned and could tell that the twins weren't satisfied just yet.

They could eat a lot more than just that. After all, they had eaten several thousand Chasm Beasts the last time they had gone out for feeding.

Lin Mu continued to leap and traverse large tracts of land at once. During this, he encountered several groups of Chasm Beasts. Some large, some small, but the common thing was that they were roaming with some aim.

Lin Mu didn't know what that was, but so far he had seen that they all followed a specific direction.

'It's strange... they are all going towards one point. It doesn't seem to be the Haima Tribe either...'
Lin Mu wondered.

He could approximately analyze the path that the Chasm beasts were taking and it was several degrees off from the location of the Haima Tribe.

"Maybe the beasts that the Haima Tribe encountered weren't even from the main group. They might have just been the small groups on the periphery." Lin Mu thought after a while.

He guessed that if they followed the path of these Chasm beasts they might end up finding more of them. And not just that, Lin Mu would also learn what was it that was attracting them.

"Let's just follow them then. We'll be hunting more Chasm Beasts anyways." Lin Mu reckoned.

Thus Lin Mu changed his direction and started to track the Chasm Beasts. It wasn't that difficult to find where they were going since they left footprints everywhere. Plus the twins could sense their prey when they were close enough.

Lin Mu traveled for about six days like this, hunting thousands of Chasm Beasts in the process. The twin snakes had plenty to eat, and even though their hunger was satisfied by this point, they could still eat more.

Since they could still eat without any issues, Lin Mu let them eat.

'They are getting stronger too. It wouldn't be long before they breakthrough.' Lin Mu realized.

The aura of the twin snakes was suppressed like his own most of the time. If it weren't for the fact that they had a link, Lin Mu would have a hard time sensing their cultivation base.

It was already at the Peak of the Nascent soul realm and was showing no signs of stopping at all.

It felt like they had no bottlenecks at all and the only thing they were lacking was nourishment.

'It's just like Senior Xukong said. Immortal Beasts will have no bottleneck until they reach the Immortal realm and will progress as long as given enough time. Even the Great Slumber Bear from back then was just a juvenile and still in the Immortal realm.

If it weren't for the fact that it was infected by the Invader, Shadow Gloom Bone lord it would have been the strongest being on Xiaofan world back then.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

Then after another day's travel, Lin Mu finally reached the location that the Chasm Beasts were searching for.

And how did he know this for sure?

"Well... damn. That's a LOT of Chasm Beasts." Lin Mu was stunned.

He was standing on top of a small hill and observing what was basically a blanket of Chasm Beasts spread for nearly two to three square kilometers. They were all circling around a specific area, but that was a little too far for Lin Mu to see clearly.

Not to mention, the Chasm Beasts at that distance were very strong, being at the Dao Treading realm along with a few Immortal Ascension realm ones mixed in. Lin Mu couldn't sense that directly with his spirit sense, but the mass of aura coming from there was the obvious warning.

But much unlike his reaction, the Twins were excited. Their eyes glowed with hunger while their tongues kept on flickering nonstop. If it weren't for the fact that Lin Mu was holding them back, they would have already pounced ahead.

To them, it wasn't an army of Chasm Beasts, but rather a large-scale unlimited buffet.

"Hmm... doesn't seem like there are any Chasm beasts that are equivalent to an Immortal here right now." Lin Mu concluded.

He could tell this for sure because if there were any, he would see them.

According to the records of the Haima tribe, the Chasm Beasts that were equivalent to that of Immortal realm cultivators were huge, being over ten meters tall!

Chapter 1279 The Twins Breakthrough And Continued Slaughter

Having made sure that there were no 'Dangerous' Chasm Beasts here, Lin Mu decided to let the Twin snakes free.

"Go on, you two. I'll be right behind you." Lin Mu permitted.

~hiss~

The twins zoomed ahead in the very next instant and began their routine of piercing through the Chasm Beasts nonstop. The Chasm Beasts at this point were weak, being equivalent to around Qi refining to core condensation realm beasts so Lin Mu had no worries.

"I gotta keep up with them though." Lin Mu sprinted through the empty corridor created by the twin snakes.

The Chasm Beasts were startled by the sudden intrusion of Lin Mu and the Twin snakes.

~ROAR~

~GUAGAUAGUAGAUG~

A cacophony of cries and roars were heard as the Chasm Beasts nearby all pounced on the twins and Lin Mu. Unfortunately for them, they were far too weak to do anything to them.

The twin snakes were like a sharp scythe cleaving through dried crops during a harvest. Hundreds of Chasm beasts were killed every second and soon an empty circle of about two hundred meters wide was created.

At the center of this circle stood Lin Mu who beckoned for the twins to return.

~WHOOSH~

The two snakes wrapped around Lin Mu's arms and looked at their handiwork. While more Chasm Beasts were rushing towards them, it would still take them a minute to do that. And that was more than enough time for what they wanted to do.

"Go on, eat. I'll hold them back if they get close." Lin Mu said.

~hiss~

Xiao Yin sucked in all the dark dusty fog and cleared out the entire area in less than twenty seconds. In this time, the Chasm beasts had covered around half the distance towards where they stood.

But there was still enough time for Xiao Yin to convert a part of the energy into pure Yang spirit Qi and feed it to her brother.

~ZOOM~

By the time the twins were done eating, there was still some time left, time that the twins' didn't want to wait and rushed back into the fray.

This process of harvesting and consuming continued five more times, before the numbers of the Chasm beasts had thinned a little.

"Hmm... around seven hundred meters wide." Lin Mu estimated the distance from the closest Chasm Beast.

The twins returned to Lin Mu's arms, but this time they were undergoing a change.

"Oh? Ready for a breakthrough?" Lin Mu sensed the rise in their energy and aura.

Dense spirit Qi fluctuations came from their bodies and resonated with the spirit Qi within the air.

If anyone looked at this scene they might not believe their eyes. What was basically an army of Chasm Beasts tried to drown out Lin Mu and the snakes, while they causally had a breakthrough without a care for the danger.

Lin Mu sensed their Dantians and saw two Dao Shell outlines forming.

'That was fast!' Lin Mu felt like he had merely blinked and there was already an outline floating above their nascent souls.

The outline was rather large too, spanning nearly eight meters.

One must know in the Shell Initiation stage, an outline was not fixed and was usually small. It might not even be a foot wide for a lot of cultivators. And yet, the twin snakes both had Dao Shell outlines at the eight meter point.

A majority of the Dao Shell realm experts couldn't even expand their Dao Shells to four meters not to mention eight meters. But here there were two infant snakes defying the common understanding.

Lin Mu almost felt a little jealous of their speed of breakthrough.

'Their bloodline is certainly not normal if they can progress this fast.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

~GUAUAUAUAUAUA~

The Chasm Beasts Terre greatly agitated now, and the stronger one's among them were approaching. The number of the Chasm beasts that were at the Nascent soul realm and below were already thinned out to the low hundreds, leaving only the stronger kin to attack them now.

"Let's get started then." Lin Mu had to join in the fight at this time.

~ZOOM~

The twins sped out again, beginning their reaping process, albeit a little slower this time. But even that slow speed was still at one Chasm beast every couple of seconds. It was only the Chasm Beasts at the Dao Shell realm that made them slow down.

As for those equivalent to the Dao Treading realm?

~GUAGAUGAUGAUGA~

The Twins were attacked by one such Chasm Beast that was about eight meters tall. It was many times larger than them in size, but to the twins, it was the same as any other prey. Just that it was a little bigger and would feed them longer.

The chasm beast swung its claws at the twins but was unable to get close to them. It couldn't even be in a one-meter range since the twins were just too fast for it to react to.

~SHUA~SHUA~SHUA~

The twins made circles around the Dao Treading realm chasm Beast, making it disoriented before shrinking their spinning radius. It reached the body of the Chasm beast, and they basically ground the Beast into a mangled mess.

~THUD~

The Dead body of the eight meter tall Chasm Beast fell to the ground, and the twins went on to the next target.

If it weren't for the fact that the Chasm Beasts didn't feel the usual kind of fear, they might have already run away.

~SHING~

~SLICK~

~THUD~

Lin Mu who was a short distance from the twin snakes watched their performance while killing another eight meter tall Chasm beast on his own. All it took was a single flick of a sword and the neck of the Chasm beast slid off easily.

'The efficiency is way better than before...' Lin Mu realized.

His control over Sword Intent had increased due to his breakthrough. And now, he could kill Dao Treading realm creatures the same way as a Nascent soul realm creature.

Chapter 1280 Another Small Breakthrough And The Target Of Search

This expedition was also a way for Lin Mu to hone his skills more and get used to his new strength. While he had tested and trained while he was in his residence at the Haima tribe, it wasn't the same as testing it out against actual enemies.

The twin snakes continued to kill more and more Chasm Beasts and Lin Mu did the same. But unlike their tactic of directly piercing through the Chasm beasts, Lin Mu used a variety of methods.

At first, he focused on his sword and utilizing the Sword intent to amplify his slashes. But after killing a handful of Dao Treading realm Chasm beasts, he felt like he had hit a plateau.

He would need to fight stronger opponents to get anything more from it.

Thus to not hang back, Lin Mu switched to his own fists. A golden color filled his fists as they started to strive against the various Chasm Beasts. His power was already at a level enough to kill a single Chasm Beast with a punch.

It was only the Chasm Beasts at the Dao Treading realm that needed a few punches to kill.

"Hmm... the efficiency is a little low compared to using Sword Intent. At least it doesn't use as much of my energy and stamina." Lin Mu continually analyzed his fighting style.

He needed to know how each method fared, so that he knew which one to use in future fights. If he knew the optimum method to use, he would have a greater chance of survival. And that was of the peak importance.

Lin Mu and the twin snakes' killing spree continued for about an hour before they were finally out of targets to kill.

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Lin Mu let out a breath and paused. His robes were a bit disheveled, but there were no injuries on his body. The twin snakes also returned to his arms, feeling exhausted as well. After all, even if they had large stores of spirit Qi, they weren't used to prolonged fights like this.

Especially one in which they needed to go against multiple stronger opponents.

"You two can eat to your heart's content now." Lin Wu said as he looked at what was basically a blanket of corpses.

The Chasm Beast corpses were dissipating into their dusty black fog form and the air was tainted with it. If anyone were to look at these scene. They would find it rather sinister. Even mortals would think that it was a scene from their nightmares.

~WHOOSH~

Xiao Yin opened her mouth wide and breathed in all the dark fog. This time, though, she couldn't suck all of it at once. She inhaled a part of it, before converting half of it to Yang spirit Qi and gave it to her brother.

Then while her brother digested that, she went back to sucking in more of the dark fog. This repeated four times before all the Dark fog had been consumed by Xiao Yin.

'So their limit is about ten Dao Treading realm equivalent Chasm beasts in one serving.' Lin Mu estimated.

From what he had observed, Xiao Yin only consumed a quarter of the Chasm beast's dark fog at once. That consisted of about ten Dao Treading realm beasts and several more Dao Shell realm beasts that Lin Mu couldn't be bothered to count.

Regardless, though, it was a massive number.

'I think I've killed more Dao Treading realm beings today than I did in the entire Xiaofan world.' Lin Mu reckoned.

Of course the Chasm Beasts couldn't really compare to a true Dao Treading realm beast or cultivator, but that didn't mean they didn't have a lot of power. In fact, if it weren't for the fact that Lin Mu had a high resistance to the toxins of the Chasm beasts due to his physique, it would be very dangerous.

Lin Mu guessed it might be a combination of his body cultivation combined with the True gold body forging arts that made him almost immune to the toxins of the Chasm Beasts.

'Perhaps the only way I would get poisoned would be if I directly ingest the toxins. But even then, my stomach might restrain that too.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

This made him realized that ever since he had truly started cultivating, he hadn't actually been poisoned. This was despite the fact that he had gone against several experts or beasts that did use poison.

Lin Mu might have even been secretly poisoned from food, and simply didn't register it.

"Now that I think of it... can I even get poisoned by eating things? I've eaten literal rocks and soil and that didn't do anything to me. The only other way would be to injure my flesh directly, but doing that is also difficult due to my defenses." Lin Mu muttered and clarified his mind.

Unknowingly, he had developed an ability and stayed completely unaware about it. Or perhaps that more accurate answer would be that Lin Mu had always had a certain level of resistance.

But the more he cultivated, the more this resistance increased and kept up with the tougher and tougher situations that he came across. Thus, even if he had been poisoned, he was simply too durable for that.

~hiss~

Lin Mu's attention was pulled by the twin snakes once more as they called out to him.

"Done eating?" Lin Mu rubbed their little heads.

His spirit sense extended and probed the bodies of the twins. Upon reaching their dantian, Lin Mu was shocked.

"Shell Genesis stage of the Dao Shell realm already?!" Lin Mu saw that their Dao Shells were now half solid.

But then, when he thought over it again, it made sense. 'They did collectively eat about a hundred Dao Treading realm beings.'

With that amount of 'nourishment' even Lin Mu might have had a breakthrough. Alas, the Chasm Beasts were unfit for his consumption.

With this situation sorted out, Lin Mu turned to investigate the main reason he had come here for.

"So, what were they searching for?"