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The location they had been looking for this entire time was none other than a grove of thousand year old Hong Lin trees. This would be an astounding thing if it were revealed in the Hong Lin kingdom.

A grove of hundred year old Hong Lin trees was already shocking enough and there were very few of them. As for the normal ones, forget groves, the entire kingdom had a forest, thus they had little to no value.

Even a single Thousand year old Hong Lin tree was of a great value and a grove of them would be priceless. One must know that even top sects would be interested in one if it came up anywhere.

Plus the presence of thousand year old Hong Lin trees denoted the fact that it would definitely be producing more and more Hong Lin trees. After all, the thousand year old Hong Lin trees were also called as mother trees.

Without them, it was very difficult to grow any Hong Lin trees. That was also why it was extremely rare to find them out of the Hong Lin Kingdom. With the only places, being some sects that managed to grow them using their special techniques.

But this also meant that wherever there was a Hong Lin Tree forest, there was bound to be at least a single Thousand year old Hong Lin Tree.

And now, in front of Lin Mu and Little Shrubby, there was an entire grove of them.

"Marvelous..." Lin Mu muttered in awe.

In front of him was what looked like a grotto between two broken mountains. They looked like they were struck by lightning a long time ago in the past and were thus broken. The damage caused by the lightning caused the two mountains to form a grotto between them.

And in this grotto, grew over a hundred Hong Lin trees. Each of them was over a hundred meters tall and had thick trunks that would need at least ten men to wrap around them each.

From the gaps in the roof, faint light shimmered down, gently illuminating the grotto. The red leaves of the Hong Lin trees looked beautiful and made one feel calm subconsciously.

But the roof wasn't the only source of light here. Other than that, there were rocks embedded in the ground that had red cracks in them. They let out a red glow as well. Then there was a small pond in the center of the grotto that was filled with pinkish water.

Small streams came out of the pond and went all the way around the grotto, inundating the ground of the grotto. The entire scene was picturesque and looked mesmerizing. Then there were small insects and animals that resided in the grotto as well.

But other than them, Lin Mu couldn't really sense any bigger beast or animals living there.

"The fire attribute spirit Qi is higher here too," Little Shrubby spoke.

Lin Mu checked it and nodded his head.

"Indeed, it is almost as high as that volcano." He agreed.

He then looked towards the rocks with the red cracks in them. The fire elemental spirit Qi was seeming coming from there.

"Looks like these might be the reason behind that. Hmm... what are they? Adviser Chu did say that there were some strange things here, and he didn't know what they were." Lin Mu muttered.

"They look like Earthen Flame Ores," Xukong spoke.

"Oh? So these are Earthen Flame ores... but aren't they found deep in mines?" Lin Mu asked, recalling some information about them.

"They are usually. But in some cases, their veins come to the surface naturally. There are also some that get formed at the surface. Since we have already seen a volcano before, I reckon there must actually be a pit of Earth flames deep in the bowels of this world.

They might be the reason why these ores can exist here as well." Xukong replied.

"A pit of Earth Flames... what exactly are those senior?" Lin Mu questioned.

"They are a natural phenomenon and can be formed pretty much in any world. I told you about the core and insides of a world, right? The molten rocks and metals? The heat of those things gives rise to what is called as Earth flames.

In a general sense, it is literally flames that are born within the earth. The name is exactly how it means.

They are very powerful and can harm even cultivators that are above the Immortal Ascension realm. They can be used for a wide variety of things as well and can be very valuable... but that is only if they can be accessed." Xukong explained.

Hearing all this, Lin Mu was intrigued. He felt curious about it and looked at the ground, wondering if he should use phase to check it out.

"Don't even think of it!" Xukong suddenly said.

"Huh? What?" Lin Mu replied, feeling stunned.

"Don't try to go check out the Earth Flames. They aren't something you can even come close to now. While their power might be less than tribulation lightning bolts, they are sustained flames that will continually damage you.

Your armor will not last for longer than a few seconds. Those flames are hotter than the magma that you've seen. Besides, I think even if the Earth Flames are closer to the surface here, that distance might still be several thousand meters under the earth.

Your phase won't last that long either, since your consumption increases exponentially if you go through denser and denser places." Xukong explained.

While he was fine with Lin Mu testing out things and learning on his own, he certainly did not want him to do extremely dangerous things like these. He had not said anything when Lin Mu decided to block the Tribulation Lightning bolts, which showed just how terrifying the Earth Flames would be.

"I understand, senior. I won't do it." Lin Mu stated.

"Good... now then, you best get to doing what you are here for.." Xukong replied.

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Lin Mu and Little Shrubby walked into the grotto while keeping an eye on things. Even if they had already checked the area with their spirit sense and didn't find any danger didn't mean that it wasn't there.

Even if there were no dangerous beasts, there could be other forms of danger that they could not detect. There could very well be plants or dangerous substances here. Lin Mu and Little Shrubby took an hour to check every place in the grotto and only after that did they relax.

~PHEW~

"Finally, a safer place here." Lin Mu said.

Lin Mu picked one of the trees and sat down with his back against it. Little Shrubby, on the other hand, was responsible for guarding this time and would prevent any beast from coming into the grotto.

Well... most beasts would avoid him anyway due to the bloodline suppression, but if there were Dao Shell realm beasts wanting to come here, Little Shrubby would be able to hold one back for at least a minute.

And if not that, he could very well alert Lin Mu through their link.

~HUU~

Lin Mu took a deep breath and meditated for a few minutes to reach his optimum condition. Once that was done, he began his work. He needed to break through to the third stage of the Five Treasures realm and finish refining his heart.

As for getting the wood? That was something that could be done at any time. Lin Mu just needed to place his hand, and the entire tree would be stored into the ring. And it was not like the tree that Lin Mu used for cultivating would become useless.

Its wood and other parts could still be used and if left on its own for several years, it would regain the energy that it had lost.

Lin Mu started using the Embrace of Hong Lin and followed its method. His consciousness sank into the tree and sensed the pockets of fire elemental energy within them.

He focused on them and little by little they started getting sucked into his body through his back. The warm energy felt like water to him and was quite pleasant. Lin Mu felt as if he was sitting in a tub of warm water now.

The energy moved through his skin, into his muscles, and then into his blood. The blood swiftly took it all the way around his body, and eventually reach its destination... the heart. Lin Mu felt a wave of heat spreading through his chest and felt a bit uncomfortable now.

It was a sudden change, but knew that it was just his heart's cells changing little by little. It wasn't exactly painful this Lin Mu could withstand it easily. Hours passed by in the blink of an eye as more and more energy was absorbed by Lin Mu.

His progression in the refinement of his heart was moving at a slow pace. He didn't know how long it would take, but he knew that with the number of thousand year old Hong Lin trees he had; it was just inevitable.

'If I didn't get these thousand year old Hong Lin trees, I doubt the hundred year ones would have even made a dent at this point. Their energy content was just getting too low for my body to make use of.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

The first day passed quickly and when the second day arrived, Lin Mu had finished using up all the energy of the Hong Lin tree.

~hUU~

Lin Mu opened his eyes and took a breath.

"It just gets slower and slower huh... no wonder even the first King didn't practice it beyond the Body tempering realm..." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

He stood up and went to the next tree before sitting down below it with his back to the tree. The same process began and Lin Mu spent the rest of the day absorbing all of the energy from the thousand year old Hong Lin tree.

Soon this tree was empty as well, and Lin Mu switched to another one. He kept on repeating this as more of his heart was refined. Within his chest, a different scene could be seen right now.

Lin Mu's heart had several fine lines on it that spread in a unique manner. These lines were seemingly demarcating the tissues of the heart that had been refined and the ones that were yet to be refined.

The color difference was also quite obvious, with the part that was refined being rather vibrant and the one that was not, being dull. With each tree, that line of demarcation was increasing and after about a week, it finally reached the 75% mark.

It was now that Lin Mu felt a change in his body. Before he felt like there was a slight hesitance in his body, that slowed down the speed of absorption. But now it was gone and his speed of absorption increased.

~SHUA~

The same tree that would have taken an entire day to absorb was done in less than ten hours.

"Huh? What exactly is this? Did my body get attuned to it now?" Lin Mu wondered.

Even though he was a bit confused, he was happy as well. As this just meant that he would break through faster. Lin Mu continued his task and went from tree to tree absorbing its energy.

But even the increased speed was not helping him as much after a few days. Even though his absorption speed was high, his refinement speed wasn't increasing and had instead slowed down.

"Ninety percent complete... just need some more and I'll reach the end." Lin Mu said to himself.

He didn't lose motivation and kept it up. Finally... an entire month had passed since Lin Mu had arrived at the grotto and started absorbing the energy of the Hong Lin trees. His progress had slowed down to a snail's pace, but he was now at the very edge.

"Just a little bit more... 99.9%!"

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Lin Mu soldiered on and finally reached the end point.

~HONG~

The moment, the process was complete, a loud hum was heard. The sound came from Lin Mu's heart. The sound slowly got louder and louder and its tone changed. Before it was like a light bell, but slowly it was morphing.

~Rumble~

~HONG~

Soon Lin Mu's heart was beating like the thunders of summer storms. It was as if a roaring fire was burning within his heart and it had become a furnace. The sounds were like the call of prominence and were heard in an area of over a hundred kilometers.

Little Shrubby was the closest and heard it the clearest. He quickly rushed to Lin Mu's side and checked upon him. Finding that Lin Mu was good, just in a unique state, he took a breath of relief.

But at this point, his ears twitched.

~GRRR~

Little Shrubby bared his fangs and looked towards the distance. In the forest away from the grotto, he could see several glowing lights and if one looked closely, they would see pupils within those lights.

~ROAR~

Little Shrubby let out his own roar and shot out towards the glowing eyes. Soon a battle ensued and fire raged. Lin Mu though, was completely unaware of it and was in a strange state right now.

He had no sense of the external world and was within the space of his mind. There he floated calmly. In front of him, he could see a body floating.

"Is that... my own body?" Lin Mu questioned.

At his current position, the body looked a bit blurry and thus hard to tell who it belonged to, but from the silhouette, he could kinda tell that it was none other than himself. He thus got close and finally confirmed it.

"It really is my body!" Lin Mu said in shock.

He was shocked because his body looked massive to him now. It was as if his body was that of a giant and was the size of a mountain. The only thing that was as big as this that Lin Mu had seen before was none other than the main body of Senior Xukong.

Lin Mu focused on his body and saw that he could zoom into certain parts if he wanted to and could also look into the different organs of the body. It was like he was able to separate out the different layers of his body.

He thus checked them and went through each layer one by one. But when he arrived at the internal level after having passed through the skin, and muscles, he saw two eye catching things.

The first was none other than his Spleen. It was tucked under his left lung and was almost touching his liver. But that was not the thing that caught his attention, rather it was the heaviness that was exuding from it.

Lin Mu was not even holding it and yet could tell that it was heavy. And not only that, but now that he was looking at it, he could see a brown glow coming from it as well.

"Is this perhaps the effect caused by the Five Treasure realm?" Lin Mu wondered.

He then looked at the second thing that was pulling his attention, which was none other than his heart. It was a vibrant red in color and each and every vein on it was prominent. It beat with vitality and seemed powerful.

It also emanated a heat that was like the depths of a furnace. Focusing on it, Lin Mu could see a ball of fire burning within it that looked like a sun. Seeing this, Lin Mu was now sure of what it was.

"It truly is the effect of the Five Treasures realm... every organ that is refined will gain a property like that it seems... the only thing is why am I seeing this?" Lin Mu muttered.

~HONG~

It was at this moment that his heart let out a humming sound again.

~SHUA~

Then it spontaneously combusted and let out a torrent of flames. These flames spread all over Lin Mu's body and threatened to burn him.

"ARGH! GODDAMMIT! WHAT IS THIS!?" Lin Mu cursed in pain.

His entire self felt like it was burning and felt incredibly hot. He couldn't even do anything and simply held on. And while in pain, a memory came to him. It was about the time he had broken through to the second stage of the Five Treasures realm and had just finished the refinement of his Spleen.

"IT'S THAT!" Lin Mu remembered.

When he had finished his spleen's refinement, it was like a very heavy gravity was placed on him. He felt like he would be pressed into a flat pancake. But he had borne through it and had eventually come out on top.

'It's like a tribulation... but at every stage of the Five Treasures realm? No wonder it's so difficult for others...' Lin Mu thought.

Going along with this assumption of his, Lin Mu just gritted his teeth and decided to endure it till the end. He had confidence that he would be able to come out on top again and won't lose now.

The fire crackled, and the pain continued.

Lin Mu had lost track of the time a while ago and didn't know just how long it had been. It could have been hours, or it could have been days, he did not know. All he knew was that he had to endure.

Time passed...

In the real world, the sounds of battle could be heard.

The forest near the grotto of the Thousand year old Hong Lin Trees was burning. A scene of devastation and death could be witnessed. Broken and burnt trees were laying on the ground along with several beast corpses.

Some were mangled, some burnt, some crushed.

~ROAR~

A thunderous roar burst through the raging flames as the face of a beast appeared.. Its eyes were a glowing red and red flames burnt all over it.

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~WHOOSH~

A wall of flames was spat out by the beast which burnt down a swarm of beasts that was heading towards the grotto.

~SHUA~

Then in the next moment, the beast disappeared, leaving behind a mere blur. A few seconds later, it appeared in a different location where more beasts were gathering and spat out more flames burning all of them down.

The beasts that were dying were not weak either. There was a mix of Qi refinement, Core condensation, and even Nascent soul realm beasts in them. Their cultivation bases varied, but their numbers were in the thousands.

All of them were in a strange, frenzied state and tried to rush towards the grotto.

~GRRR~

"I WON'T LET YOU GET CLOSE!" Little Shrubby let out an angry growl.

He had sensed the beasts appearing and had stopped them before they could even get within two kilometers of the grotto. He had killed and fought thousands of them by now, but their numbers were just endless.

Little Shrubby could tell that they were being attracted by Lin Mu, since the aura that he was releasing right now was irresistible to all the beasts. It was as if someone had thrown a pile of bloodied meat in the center of starving beasts.

Like sharks rushing towards blood, the beasts all rushed towards the grotto. Even Little Shrubby himself could feel the temptation. But he felt it differently. To him, he felt that it was precocious and nothing should happen to it.

~ROAR~

Little Shrubby burst through a herd of beasts and tore them to shreds. His claws had been ripping into flesh non stop and were now stained with blood. Due to their heat, they were constantly drying out the blood that covered them.

And now a layer of dried blood had caked up on them. Little Shrubby's entire body was lit with flames as well, thus if any beast tried to get close or touch him, they would get injured too.

If they were weak, they would be burned even before touching him just due to the sheer heat. As for those that were stronger and a bit more durable, they would experience their skin and bones being scorched upon touching Little Shrubby.

Of course, this was IF they even managed to do that. So far, Little Shrubby had the advantage due to his greatly superior speed. But he had now been fighting for several days now and was getting tired.

While his spirit Qi consumption was not at the same level as when they fought the Bronze Tribe Wolf, it was certainly getting closer and closer.

~TREMBLE~

And just as he was fighting yet another horde of beasts, a loud tremor shook the ground. It was as if a mountain was falling and caused the beasts to shiver involuntarily. Little Shrubby instantly sensed it and knew what it was.

~Shua~

He disappeared and reached the sky in a couple of seconds and gazed upon the large beast that was approaching. It had three legs that looked like that of an elephant, a fat body that had bulging rolls of skin, and warts that looked like bubbles.

Its back had a strange greenish black fur that emanated a foul stench and at the bottom of it, there was also a short tail that looked like that of a donkey. Then there were its arms that were covered in rough and rugged skin.

It looked like it was made out of stones but the power in them could be felt as well. The torso of the beast had small hard bumps on it as well that were Grey colored. Then there was the beast's head.

Its head looked mismatched with its body and was relatively smaller. It had a wide mouth that opened all the way to its ears and two bulging eyes that had horizontal pupils like that of a goat.

They were colored yellow and the sclera around it was a black-red in color with the veins popping up every now and then. At the top of its head, there were three horns as well. Two of the horns were short and stubby, but the one at the center was long and sharp.

Every step of the beast shook the ground and made it crack. It was three times the size of the Bronze Tribe Wolf that Little Shrubby and Lin Mu had fought before and looked far more powerful than as well.

Little Shrubby narrowed his eyes and felt a sense of danger from the beast.

'It's at the Dao Shell realm... but stronger than the wolf...' Little Shrubby thought to himself.

~GRRR~

But then he showed his fangs and let out a threatening growl.

"I won't let you go further!" He said staunchly.

The ugly and large beast had reached closer by now. It looked at Little Shrubby, who was standing in the air and opened its mouth. Its teeth were of different sizes and were black and yellow in color, looking utterly repulsive.

"GRARARARRARARAARAR!"

"GRARARARARARARARAR!"

The beast let out a loud cry that sounded like laughter. It was eerie and would make one feel goosebumps.

"Humph!"

~BOOM~

Little Shrubby didn't hold back and shot out a fireball from his mouth. The fireball hit the beast on its face and exploded, causing an explosion.

~whoosh~

But then, in the next second, the ugly beast swiped its hands, blowing away the smoke of the explosion. It was unharmed and looked to be the same as before. Its face now had an ugly frown on its face that suited its ugly appearance.

"BUG! KILL!" The Ugly actually spoke some words.

It then swung its large arms towards Little Shrubby.

~WHOOSH~

Strong winds were knocked up due to the force behind them and actually pushed Little Shrubby behind.

And while Little Shrubby was distracted due to this momentarily, the Ugly beast moved at an astonishingly fast speed and appeared right above Little Shrubby.. It then lifted its hand and slammed them towards Little Shrubby like a hammer.

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The hands of the ugly beast descended like a hammer and Little Shrubby could not react to it due to still recovering from the previous attack. For the first time, he was unable to use his speed and was helpless.

It watched as the fists descended, anger burning in his eyes. But at the same time, a hint of helplessness and sorrow was also present there. He didn't know if he'll be able to survive this or not, but he just thought about Lin Mu instead.

"Sorry I won't be to protect you master..." Little Shrubby muttered.

He closed his eyes and waited for the inevitable... but instead of that, something else happened.

~DENG~

As if a bronze bell had been rung, sound waves spread in the area. A jet of wind also spread along with it, prompting Little Shrubby to open his eyes. And when he did, so he saw something shocking.

Standing there was Lin Mu, the top half of his robes were missing and his head was lowered. A shadow was cast on his face, making it impossible to see his appearance. He had extended his right hand up and had held up the fists of the Ugly beast.

If anyone were to see it right now, they would be shocked. Lin Mu was blocking an attack of a Dao Shell realm beast with a single hand. His torso, left bare, rippled under the force as vitality and spirit Qi stirred like a stormy ocean.

"Master...?" Little Shrubby spoke.

Lin Mu turned his head and looked at him as a smile appeared on his face.

"It will be fine now..." He said before turning to look at the ugly beast who was a bit bewildered and confused.

~CRACK~

Lin Mu brought his fingers together and made a fist with his left hand before punching out.

Boulder Collapsing Fist: First Form- Impact!

~BOOM~

The skill hit the Ugly beast's hand like a truck, knocking him back and making him trip over the trees behind him.

~Crash~

The beast fell to the ground, crushing many beasts and trees beneath it.

"UGGGAAAAAAAAA!" The Beast let out an angry cry and flailed his hands before using them to prop himself up again.

Lin Mu finally got to take a proper look around him, now that he had gotten a full hold of himself.

"Are you fine?" He asked Little Shrubby.

"I'm good... just a bit tired," Little Shrubby replied.

Lin Mu nodded his head and saw the thousands of beasts that were present here. All of the beasts were now looking at him as well, as if he was a juicy piece of meat.

"What exactly is happening here, senior?" Lin Mu questioned.

"~Sigh~ I had hoped this would not happen, but it seems like it is." Xukong replied.

"What do you mean, senior?" Lin Mu said, feeling confused.

"This is the effect of the Five Treasures realm," Xukong stated.

"Huh? How?" Lin Mu was even more confused now.

"Well, the Five Treasures realm refines your organs, right? Well, while it does increase your own power, those organs are also very valuable to others. If a beast or cultivator can get them by killing you, they will be able to use it to further their own cultivation.

This is another reason why Body cultivators can be considered to be a bit rare. The ones that reach a higher level are sometimes hunted down for their bodies. For example, in the five treasures realm, your organs will literally become a treasure for cultivators.

Of course, normally most cultivators would not be able to sense it, but the beasts in this minor plane are rather different and have a higher sensitivity, it seems. All of them desire your treasured organs and want to kill you." Xukong explained.

Hearing this, Lin Mu was quite stunned. He had not expected there to be a reason like this.

"Then... does it mean I'll be hunted down all the time now?" Lin Mu questioned.

"No... fortunately, this effect on the beast is only temporary. I reckon it happened due to the aura flare up during your breakthrough. That was like a tribulation, you could say. After all, now that your heart is also refined and you've completed two treasured organs, your body is now equivalent to that of an Adult Soul stage Nascent soul realm cultivator." Xukong answered.

~pew~

Hearing this, Lin Mu took a breath of relief. While he was not that afraid of fighting beasts, if he had to constantly do this, even he would get annoyed. But knowing that this was just a temporary thing felt better to him.

"GUARARAR!" The Ugly beast looked at Lin Mu and shouted at him, spittle flying all over.

Lin Mu blinked at that moment and dodged the disgusting spit.

"Ugh, what is this beast even?" Lin Mu said as he took note of the different features of the beast.

The beast had too many different things on its body, which made it difficult to estimate what kind of a beast it was.

"Huh? That's a Demon beast. It seems like... an impure one though." Xukong spoke.

"That's a demon beast? Aren't they supposed to be a bit more... normal?" Lin Mu said.

"Yeah, as I said, it is impure. While it did manage to awaken its demon bloodline, it was far too impure and muddled. That's why it has so many mixed features and parts. If it had awakened a more pure or refined demon bloodline, it would have looked far more normal." Xukong replied.

Lin Mu had learned about demon beasts before and had also read about them in the memoirs of the Lost Immortal. Demon beasts were nothing but beasts that had the bloodlines of demons in them.

Similar to how humans could have beast bloodlines, the beasts could also have demon bloodlines. This was usually due to a beast having an ancestor that managed to reach a high enough cultivation base so as to transform into a humanoid form.

The offspring of a transformed Beast and Demon was a Demon beast.

[Chapter 766 - A Mixed Troll Demon Beast](#)

Demon beasts were a rather peculiar breed of creatures. Due to how proliferated the demon race and the beast race were across the many worlds, they could be found almost everywhere.

Many beasts often had traces of demon bloodlines in them and the only thing that mattered was if it was pure enough or not. If it was pure, they would be able to awaken it and become a Demon Beast.

If it was not pure enough and had a lot of bloodlines mixed, it was called impure. Beasts with this were unable to awaken it, but there were still some beasts who, through some stroke of luck or a fortunate encounter, manage to awaken that bloodline.

The Ugly beast in front of Lin Mu could be considered to be one of those lucky beasts. It very clearly had a muddled bloodline, and its effects could be seen on its physique. The most common difference that was there between Demon beasts and normal beasts was the fact that they could actually gain humanoid forms way faster.

Even in the Nascent Soul realm, there were several demon beasts who managed to gain a humanoid form. And the higher their cultivator base went, the closer they could get to a true human form.

Lin Mu looked at the ugly beast who looked like a mix between a goat, an elephant, and heavens know what other demons. It was now rushing towards Lin Mu with certain anger in its eyes.

"Let's get rid of this ugly beast first..." Lin Mu said as he blinked to the back of the beast.

~THUD~

A punch hit the back of the ugly beast, making it flinch in pain.

~GRRR~

~CRACKLE~

Sparks flew as Little Shrubby's claws tore into the sides of the beast. But its thick skin prevented it from getting injured. The rock like skin was almost impenetrable to attacks and only Lin Mu's blunt attacks seem to be working.

"A thick skinned one huh... well I've seen more thick skinned people than this," Lin Mu said as he blinked to the side of the beast's head and punched again.

~DENG~

Its head was rung like a bell, and it let out a loud cry.

"UGAAAAAA! HURTS!" The Beast said.

Hearing this though, Lin Mu was surprised.

"Huh, it speaks?" Lin Mu said.

"Oh? This is a surprise... impure demon beasts like these are usually mindless and act on instinct. In fact, their intelligence can be even lower than normal beasts as a side effect of a mixed and muddled bloodline." Xukong replied.

~ROAR~

Little Shrubby took the opportunity while the beast was crying to shoot out a fireball.

~BOOM~

The fireball exploded on the ugly beast's face and some of it even got into its mouth that was open due to it crying out in pain.

"UGAAWWWWWWW!" The beast cried even more and shook his head around.

Lin Mu dodged its blind swings effortlessly and looked at the beast with curiosity.

"Wait a minute though... it's fine that he's speaking... but he's speaking in Dao Script, isn't he?" Lin Mu realized.

"It must have learned it from somewhere. It can't just do it spontaneously, can he?" Lin Mu added.

"Actually... that's probably how it did. Just like Little Shrubby, it must have had some bloodline memories." Xukong replied.

Lin Mu nodded his head and decided to focus on the task at hand.

~deng~deng~deng~

Each of his fist attacks was powerful and made the ugly beast flinch.

"Let's try the weapons..." Lin Mu said as he drew out the Short sword.

~CLANG~

But the moment he hit the beast, the sword was blocked by its tough skin. Lin Mu furrowed his brows and drew out the Iron Thorn Spear instead. He then sped ahead and thrust it towards the Ugly beast.

~WENG~

In another surprise to Lin Mu, even the strong and sharp Iron Thorn Spear was unable to do much to the beast's skin.

"Just what the heck is this beast?" Lin Mu wondered.

"Hmm... this is indeed quite peculiar. For it to resist High grade weapons like this... I can only think of a few demon beasts that might be able to do so. And if this beast has their bloodline, then it is quite likely the reason for his high defenses." Xukong replied.

"Seems like blunt attacks are the way to go for now," Lin Mu said and put away the weapons for now.

He steeled his fists and blinked to the beast's forehead.

~DENG~

"GUARAAA! Die BUG!" The ugly base replied and blocked with his fists.

Lin Mu's fist and the ugly beast's arms made contact, and both of them were pushed back slightly. The brown armor of the Mortal Strengthening Scripture appeared and blocked the recoil for Lin Mu, but the Ugly beast was not so fortunate.

~CRACK~

A crack appeared on its rocky skin and a faint red layer could be seen beneath it.

"So Qi amplification works... need to target the weaker spots and seams in its skin," Lin Mu learned.

But as he was looking, his eyes widened.

"Huh? He's already healing?!" Lin Mu observed the crack in its skin closing up and whatever blood that was about to drip out was absorbed back in.

"I now know what Demon beast that is... it's definitely a Demon beast with a troll's bloodline. They have strong defenses like this and good regeneration. But on the other hand, they have low intelligence, no talent in using spirit Qi for Qi skills and are also greatly dependent on their bodies." Xukong said.

"A troll... I'll keep that in mind." Lin Mu said, as he quickly thought of some possible solutions.

Since the beast could regenerate whatever wounds Lin Mu made, he reckoned he would have to either make bigger wounds that took longer to heal or prevent them from healing somehow.

While thinking, he continued to dodge and attack the Ugly beast which Lin Mu now knew was a mixed Troll Demon Beast.

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Lin Mu's attacks were certainly doing some level of damage to the beast and the attack that did the most damage was none other than the Boulder Collapsing Fist. Though Lin Mu also wondered if other skills could damage the beast or not.

"Let's try meld..." Lin Mu muttered and put some distance between himself and the beast.

Meld!

In the next moment, space started to move and froze the Mixed Troll beast in place.

"It does work—" But just as Lin Mu was about to say it, he saw something shocking.

A layer of spirit Qi was being emanated by the beast's skin, which was now pushing the mixed troll demon beast away from the area under the influence of meld.

"Huh? What the hell?" Lin Mu was shocked.

He tried to focus and realized that the space around the beast was being repelled by its skin. It was a strange phenomenon that Lin Mu had not seen before in a beast, but he had certainly seen it with his other skills before.

"Is it actually resisting it?" Lin Mu realized.

"Your proficiency with Meld is still too low for you to be able to break through the defense of a demon beast that is specialized in defense. It can actively use its spirit Qi in this manner even if its proficiency with Qi skills is non-existent.

If it were some other Dao Shell realm being, you might have been able to do it." Xukong replied.

Hearing this, Lin Mu felt enlightened. He knew that while the ring and its skills were very strong, the bottleneck that limited its potential was none other than Lin Mu himself. If Lin Mu's proficiency and cultivation grew, the power of the skill would also grow.

Having learned that Meld did not really work on the Troll, Lin Mu decided to use the direct method of fighting.

"But since I've used it already... I may as well take advantage of it. MELD!" Lin Mu flicked his hand, and the ground rose up around the Troll.

Meld had shifted the ground and blocked the legs of the Troll.

"GURAAAAAA!" The Troll was certainly irritated due to it and had to spend some time getting out of the obstacle.

Lin Mu thought took full advantage and let out another barrage of blows.

One after the other, Boulder Collapsing fists hit the beast.

~Crack~

~Crack~

~Crack~

Soon the damage was starting to pile up and wounds started to appear on the body of the Troll.

~SHUA~

And just as the wounds appeared, Little Shrubby took the opportunity to singe them with his flames. This way, the wounds were not able to heal right away and was slowing down the troll even more.

"NICE! Keep on doing that!" Lin Mu told Little Shrubby.

"Okay!" He replied and flew away.

Since he was rather exhausted, Little Shrubby could not use the full potential of his cultivation base. Thus, Lin Mu had to handle the troll while Little Shrubby took the safe opportunities.

The battle continued for hours on end. This was the longest Lin Mu had actually fought non stop till now and he was still feeling good.

"I can do this all day!" Lin Mu taunted.

"GURAAAAA!" The Troll growled in anger.

The nearby beasts that approached Lin Mu were also killed due to him and Meld was getting used to that since it could decimate hundreds of beasts at once. Little Shrubby was also recovering little by little, using the spirit stones that he had and was keeping the other beasts away.

This prevented Lin Mu from getting disturbed, and the focus was on the troll. Lin Mu also realized something else during this fight. The longer he fought, the better his control over his body was getting.

He had not realized it at first, but after the breakthrough, his body's power had increased day quite a lot and he had yet to reach its limits. This fight was helping him accommodate that.

'May as well take full advantage, I won't get an opponent like this easily.' Lin Mu thought to himself and continued the battle.

He had used the Boulder Collapsing fist about 20 times till now, and that was the most he had used in a short time. Boulders collapsing fist was increasing in power too little by little.

'No, it's not power... it's efficiency...' Lin Mu thought.

He discovered that when he used the skill a certain amount of energy was wasted in it. For example, if he used ten percent of his spirit Qi, only five percent was actually used and the rest of it was wasted in the execution.

"Never thought I had been wasting so much of it... how did I not realize it till now?" Lin Mu wondered.

"It could be due to the fact that the Boulder Collapsing fist is a rather volatile skill. I mean, normal cultivators won't even be able to use it without injuring themselves. You can only do it due to being a body cultivator." Xukong spoke.

"Hmm... it seems like it senior. But now that I think of it, perhaps the Boulder Collapsing fist was always meant for body cultivators. Maybe its lack of requirements was just an open point, but not a recommendation." Lin Mu replied.

"That may be true seeing as how you are able to use it fully without being injured," Xukong said.

"Well... only the first two forms leave me uninjured. The third one, though..." Lin Mu muttered.

"Perhaps that may have changed too? You have completed two treasured organs after all." Xukong added.

Hearing this Lin Mu's eyes lit up, and he wondered if it really was true. He now wanted to use the skill and end the Troll beast. But there was a problem with that... unlike the first 2 forms, the Third form wasn't exactly instantaneous in its execution.

Lin Mu needed to prepare it for a few seconds before it could be used.. And that time was something he did not have in a fight like this.

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Lin Mu was now using just his own body to fight the troll and had stopped using his spirit Qi, completely. He wasn't even flying now and was just walking and jumping around the ground.

He had completely taken to the challenge and wanted to see if he could deal with the beast using just his body. It was a personal challenge that he had made up during the fight and was now doing his best.

~huu~

"This is certainly a different experience." Lin Mu said.

If someone knew what Lin Mu was doing, they would think that he was a fool. But Lin Mu knew exactly what he was doing. He was moving away from relying on just spirit Qi all the time.

He knew that if he wanted to fully explore the potential of the Body cultivation and the five treasures realm, he had to depend on his body to do so. Besides, while the troll demon beast did look rather intimidating at first, Lin Mu had now learned most of its actions and behaviors.

The beast certainly had a ton of stamina and vitality as they had been fighting for two days straight now. The area around them had been left barren and no more beasts were approaching, either.

All of them had either been killed or were now too scared to approach. The attractive aura that Lin Mu was exuding before had long since faded away. And now that he had just been using his body to fight, a different kind of an aura was appearing on it.

It was one of dominance and intimidated every beast around him other than Little Shrubby and the troll. And the more he fought, the more it was increasing. Lin Mu had gone quite far in his challenge and had even dropped the armor of the Mortal Strengthening scripture.

A few bruises and marks were now visible on his bare chest, a testimony of his fight.

"Ahhaha! This is fun!" Lin Mu said as his blood flowed with adrenaline and endorphins.

It was a strange state he had not experienced before and it was actually giving him joy.

Xukong who had been observing the entire thing, had some other thoughts though.

~Sigh~

"This boy... he's getting infected by that muscle-hotheadedness as well." Xukong shook his head.

"Seems like the saying is true... all Body cultivators will love fighting and may become addicted to it." Xukong continued.

He looked back at the scene and saw the wide smile on Lin Mu's face.

"Well... at least he's enjoying it. And it doesn't seem like he'll lose any time soon. Plus... he's actually progressing in his cultivation and he doesn't know it yet." Xukong said as his eyes narrowed.

A thin wisp of spirit sense rose up from his body and entered Lin Mu's body. There, it could observe the activity of the cells that were all bursting with vitality. It was as if they were doped up with drugs and were functioning at their optimum potential

They were even replicating and increasing in number, healing the injuries that were gained by Lin Mu during the fight. It was an astounding scene for most of the people. But Xukong could observe the depths of it and realized what was actually happening.

"His body cultivation is actually increasing even now... fighting puts his body under strain, which activates the cells to work harder, which stimulates their potential and progresses the refinement.

All the vitality gathered into his body due to all the beasts he ate is now fueling it little by little. If he really keeps this up, he might not even need a cultivation technique to progress in the five treasures realm.

Though it will be slow..." Xukong analyzed in depth.

~Sigh~

He let out another sigh and looked back at the altar in the distance.

"Perhaps... he will show more miracles? What do you say?" Xukong asked, but received no answer.

Five days had passed since Lin Mu had started his battle. The wounds on his body had relatively healed up and new ones were not really occurring anymore.

"GURAAAAA! DIE!" The Troll Demon beast punched with his wide fist.

~shua~

~thud~

But before the fist could even reach Lin Mu, he dodged it like a rabbit. He moved very fast such that only a blur was left behind. The most surprising thing was the fact that he was actually not using Blink.

He had stopped using the ring's skill as well a while ago. His tendons were strengthened as well and could retract at a very fast speed, allowing him to dodge attacks even better.

"Hehe, that won't work anymore." Lin Mu said as he smiled and rushed forward to punch again.

While he was fighting, Little Shrubby was lying on a rock nearby.

~Yawn~

"Master~ How long will you fight? Can't you just end it now? I'm bored~" Little Shrubby spoke.

"Just a little while more. I'm nearly done." Lin Mu said.

And he was actually saying the truth. He could now tell that he had fully controlled the aspects of his body that he was unable to before. He truly was twice as strong as when he was five days ago.

And despite the continual battle, he was full of energy and the vital energy was just filling his body nonstop. All the beast corpses that he had eaten were showing their effect.

'Practicing the Nameless technique of the Lost immortal certainly has its additional hidden benefits...'
Lin Mu thought to himself.

Since he had never actually fought this long, he had not known that his vitality would continue to be restored by his stomach. It was as if there was a massive stockpile of vital energy hidden within his body, and it was just waiting for Lin Mu to stress it a bit.

~DENG~

A strong punch hit the Troll beast in his stomach and it spat out a mouthful of blood.

"GU HA!" The Demon beast cried in pain.

It then stepped back for the first time and looked apprehensively at Lin Mu.. Then, in the next moment, a sphere appeared from its body.

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Lin Mu could see that the sphere that had just appeared from the Troll's body was incomplete. It only had half of its structure actually solid, while the other half was just made out of a glowing outline.

"So he's mid way through the Shell Genesis stage of the Dao Shell realm." Lin Mu muttered, seeing the sphere.

But now that the Troll had just released its Dao Shell, Lin Mu knew that it was time to end it. Usually, a cultivator or a beast would not use their Dao Shell directly until it was in the Shell completion stage.

Only after it was in that stage would its true power would be unleashed. If used before that, while the Dao shell was very strong, it was still a bit sensitive and if damaged could kill the cultivator in the worst case and regress their cultivation base in the best case.

"GURAAAAA!" The Troll raised the Half formed Dao Shell over its head and swung it towards Lin Mu.

Lin Mu's eyes widened as the Dao Shell moved at a great speed.

~SHUA~

He dodged at the best speed he could with his body but was still a tad bit slower.

"Dammit, BLINK!" he was forced to use his Ring's skills again.

"You can stop now. You should have already gotten used to your body. Best end this fight now." Xukong recommended.

"Yes senior." Lin Mu said as a serious look appeared on his face.

He blinked several hundred meters away and got ready for the next part.

~BOOM~

The Dao Shell crashed into the spot Lin Mu was in previously and created a loud explosion. Rocks, stones, and soil were shot everywhere as clouds of dust covered the area.

"UGUAAAAAA!" The Troll beast shouted as the Dao Shell rose back up into the air.

This cleared up the dust and one could now see a crater that was over ten meters deep and a hundred meters wide.

"That... is certainly strong." Lin Wu muttered.

"It is indeed... but that is also the crudest way one can use their Dao Shell. If they had a special kind of a Dao Shell or if they changed its shape, it could have far more power." Xukong replied.

Lin Mu took note of this and decided to ask Senior Xukong more about it later in the future. He had known that there were several different ways of using the Dao Shell and different forms that could be made.

Some cultivators even decided which form to make depending on the kind of a Dao Embryo they had the confidence to form. Though there were many more that just stayed with the default shape which was that of a sphere and went with it.

A sphere shaped Dao Shell could technically contain each and every Dao Embryo, but the size of it would often need to be far larger than it would have to be if that Dao Shell was specific to that Dao Embryo.

For example, if someone's Dao Embryo was in the form of an Axe, it would make far more sense to make a Dao Shell that was in the shape of a rectangular rather than a sphere. Not only would this take far less energy, but it would also be a lot more time saving.

There were some that would take it even farther and make their Dao Shell the same shape as that of their Dao Embryo. This would make their Dao embryo fit into the Shell very snugly, like a sword in a sheath.

But in the case of a low intelligence beast like the Troll here... it was evident that it would never be doing something like that. Its decision to pull out a Dao Shell at this stage was already plenty of evidence that it was not really thinking properly.

If it were any other Cultivator or even a beast, they would have likely thought of ending the fight far earlier. And if they had no confidence to do so, they would have chosen to retreat.

But the Mixed Blood Troll Demon beast had its strong body in his favor. Its low intelligence was covered by its defenses and allowed it to fight without a care for a long time.

"UGAAAAAA!" The Troll yelled again as it raised the Dao Shell and shot it towards where Lin Mu was.

Lin Mu had already taken this time to rest his body. The Mortal Strengthening scripture was back in full power and the armor had been awakened. The spirit Qi was also seething within his body and flowed like gushing rivers within his meridians.

"Oho! This is far better than before." Lin Mu said.

"Of course, now you have control over both aspects of your cultivation, the spirit Qi and the physique. It will only get better from now." Xukong said.

Lin Mu clenched his fist and felt the air explode within it.

"This is way better... I feel like I'm four times as strong as I was earlier." Lin Mu said in disbelief.

"That might not be that off from the reality. There is a reason why Qi and body dual cultivators are so strong and hard to find. Many people yearn for it but only a few are able to reach that point." Xukong replied.

Lin Mu nodded his head and felt the spirit Qi seethe within his meridians and Dantian. It was as if it was excited to act and was asking Lin Mu to use it. But the surprises were just about to start.

Within Lin Mu's Dantian, there were three different colored pools of spirit Qi. One of the pools was mostly colorless and looked like water. This was the attribute less spirit Qi. It was in the majority and covered over eighty percent of the total volume.

Then there was brown colored spirit Qi pool. This was the earth attribute or earth elemental spirit Qi. Its volume was around fifteen percent of the total spirit Qi present in his body.

And then finally there was a red pool of spirit Qi. This was none other than the fire attribute or the fire elemental spirit Qi. This was in the smallest quantity, being a mere five percent of the total.

But it was also this very spirit Qi that was currently the most excited. Ripples could be seen in the pool and some parts of it were even fizzing over. Seeing this, Lin Mu suddenly got an idea.

"It's worth a try. Maybe I'll get to learn something new." Lin Mu muttered to himself before looking towards the troll beast.

His eyes narrowed, and he flew back while also using blink as much as he could.

"UGUAAAAAAAA!" The Troll Beast was of course, pissed again since Lin Mu ran away.

It didn't leave Lin Mu and ran towards him. Of course, by now Lin Mu had already put about two kilometers of a distance between him and the Troll. After gaining this distance, he did not move as he had enough of it now.

"Let's try it now..." Lin Mu said and placed his fists on his sides.

He stood in the horse stance and closed his eyes.

~THUD~THUD~THUD~

The Troll ran toward Lin Mu, who had closed his eyes as if he didn't care about it anymore. Every step of the Troll shook the earth, and tremors spread far and wide from it. Lin Mu though, didn't care for any of it and just focused on himself.

A change was occurring within his body right now. The spirit Qi and vital energy both were agitated. Spirit Qi started to enter his hands and so did the vital energy. But here, the vital energy went into another reaction and started to collide with itself.

If it were anyone else, their body would have been greatly damaged due to this, But Lin Mu's was beyond tough at this point. The vital energy wisps collided and twisted around each other like snakes in a pit.

Soon, they melded together and released waves of energy. A few moments later, they had turned into a liquid form and were no longer in the form of wisps. The Vital energy had turned into Vital essence!

Once this was done, the vital essence started to grow and spin inside Lin Mu's right hand. It reached a specific orbit and stayed there while spinning. The spirit Qi that had arrived in his hand from the meridians also did something similar and picked an orbit of itself.

At this point, both of the energies tried to collide together due to being so close and spinning, but Lin Mu forcefully prevented that. He gritted his teeth and pulled them apart while letting them continue to spin.

It was like holding two strong magnets apart and pulling a third one at the same time. It was not an easy task. Lin Mu put a part of his attention on this while using another part to control something else.

His spirit sense went to his Dantian and pulled out some of the Fire Attribute spirit Qi that he had stored there. With just a little prodding, the fire elemental spirit Qi ran like an eager child awaiting candy and arrived in his hand.

There it pushed its way between the spirit Qi and the vital essence and caused a new change. The red energy spun rapidly and formed the axis between the two other energies that were spinning.

~shua~

As if a certain equilibrium was achieved, the three energies merged perfectly and Lin Mu opened his eyes.

At this moment, the troll was just in front of him.

BLINK!

Lin Mu arrived at the top of the troll's head and punched straight down.

"BOULDER COLLAPSING FIST: Third Form- Flaming Devastator!"

In the next moment, it was as if a lance of fire shot out of Lin Mu's hand, letting out a blinding red light.

[Chapter 770 - Effect Of The Flaming Devastator And Future Growth](#)

This was the move that Lin Mu had come up with. He had an inkling of what would happen if he added a bit of the fire attribute spirit Qi into it, but the effect was far more powerful than he had expected.

It was as if the catalytic change caused during the formation of the combined energy ribbon had turned it even more volatile. Lin Mu could feel the recoil of the attack in his hand as well.

While it was being shot out of his hand, his hand was also being pushed back at the same time. He had to put a lot of effort to counteract that or he felt like he would be sent shooting up into the sky.

"Argh!" Lin Mu gritted his teeth and held on.

The light was blinding, and he was forced to close his eyes, but his spirit sense was still working to keep his vision. The Flaming Devastator entered through the top of the Troll Demon beast's head and pierced through it easily.

Like a Thermic Lance piercing through solid concrete, it cleaved through the skull of the troll beast and went all the way through the body, before coming out from below. But its moment had not lessened at all.

It entered the ground below with even more ease and disappeared into the depths, its fate unknown.

~shua~

~Sizzle~

With the attack completed, Lin Mu Blinked away as he heard several nasty sounds coming from the body of the Troll.

~Pop~ pop~

He then saw the eyes of the troll boil over and explode from the immense heat. A few more popping sounds could be heard coming from the inside of the body, but nothing spilled outside, most likely due to the fact that the channel from where the flaming devastator had entered had already been turned into solid ash.

~huu~huu~huu~

"That was... something else..." Lin Mu muttered as he took deep breaths.

He winced in pain and raised his right hand before taking a look at it. It was a rather gruesome sight as well. The bones of his knuckles were fully visible and were now charred black as well.

The flesh had been burned enough to turn black, but some of the more further parts were still a raw red. No blood oozed out, as it had been heated enough to either be dried or fully cauterized.

"Yeah... this is still not something my body can handle freely." Lin Mu said, taking a look at his injury.

For a normal person, an injury like this was crippling, if not deadly. After all, even if it was distant, a person would still die from the sheer pain and shock of it, not to mention the pain that would knock them out.

And if they were knocked out in an area like this, they would be a free meal for other beasts.

But for Lin Mu, it was still something manageable. He took out a couple of healing pills and swallowed them down. He had a rather large stock of alchemical pills and herbs by now, and injuries such as these were just light at this point.

"This is rather unexpected. I thought your body would be able to resist it now that you have completed two treasured organs." Xukong said.

"I thought so too... but the power of this move was certainly too much. Even the armor of the Mortal Strengthening scripture collapsed the moment I used it." Lin Mu repelled.

"Hmm... how much did it take?" Xukong questioned.

"Since I didn't know how the effect would be, I used a little less than before. I used half of the fire attribute spirit Qi which was 2.5% of the total spirit Qi I had, then used 7.5% of the attribute less spirit Qi and 10% of the vital essence." Lin Mu answered.

"Huh... you've used it at thirty percent before too, right? 15% of spirit Qi and 15% of vital energy?" Xukong asked.

"I've used it, yes. But even while reducing the fuel, its power still increased. Seems like mixing in more types of energies increases its power by multiple times. But it also makes it far more volatile and hard to handle." Lin Mu replied.

"Seems like there might be a lot more to the Boulder Collapsing first than we earlier thought. I'm sure this technique is certainly not from a low leveled world... it's functionality is far too high for that." Xukong said.

"I think so too, senior Xukong. In fact, while combining the three energies, I felt like I learned something more." Lin Mu said, hesitating a bit.

"Eh? What did you learn?" Xukong asked.

"I... I think I know how to take the technique to the next level..." Lin Mu spoke.

"What?" Xukong was a bit surprised.

Lin Mu nodded his head and pulled out the old torn booklet from which he had readable the boulder collapsing fist. He flipped to the center of the book. While only the starting part of the booklet was fully intact, there were still some fragments of pages left in the center and in the end.

"I've read this before but didn't understand it back then. But now... I think I can kind of relate the words to the next stage of the technique. Of course... it'll take a long time before I can fully decipher it enough to learn on my own, but I now have a direction." Lin Mu explained.

Hearing this, Xukong was surprised once again.

'His comprehension ability is certainly higher than before... to extrapolate and learn without the next part and comprehend from something that he made on his own... I wonder just how his progress with the Dao will be in the future.' Xukong thought to himself but did not speak.

After thinking for a few seconds, he nodded his head and spoke again.

"Very well... you can comprehend it a bit more and try it out to see if it works. But seeing as how much damage it can cause... it might be better to wait till you get stronger.." Xukong suggested.