

## **Divine King 24**

### Chapter 24 The Goddamn Egg Thief

Earth Dragon Nests are generally located within hard rock caves, so the canyon ahead is an ideal place for an Earth Dragon to reside.

According to the map provided by the Academy, the marked location of the Earth Dragon Nest was indeed the canyon ahead, where a female Earth Dragon that had recently laid her eggs was living.

And sure enough, there was a hole about three meters in diameter on the hard rock walls of the canyon.

If their guess was correct, that should be the site of the Earth Dragon Nest.

At this moment, Xu Nian and the other four members of his team were crouched under a tree in front of the canyon, discussing their strategy. Facing a Nine-star level Earth Dragon, they could only outsmart it, not fight it head-on.

"Earth Dragons prefer solitude, only coming together to mate. Now that the female has laid the Earth Dragon Egg, the male should have already left. That means only the female Earth Dragon is in the cave. If we can lure her out, engage her, and have someone enter the Earth Dragon Nest to take the Earth Dragon Egg, then we won't have to confront the female Earth Dragon directly and can get the egg," Lin Feng began explaining.

Everyone nodded; it was the most sensible approach.

"But who should sneak into the Earth Dragon Nest to steal the egg?" Murong Xue inquired.

"I will!" Lu Morning immediately volunteered.

Yet Lin Feng shook his head and looked towards Xu Nian, saying, "Junior Brother Xu Nian, you should go. Your Gale Dragon Step has reached a Subtle level, as swift as the wind, making you the least likely to be detected by the Earth Dragon. I also have some Dragon Rock Powder here. When the time comes, you can sprinkle it on yourself to mask your scent. The Earth Dragon will definitely not discover you."

With that, he reached into his bosom and handed a Jade Bottle over to Xu Nian.

Xu Nian, upon seeing the Jade Bottle, couldn't help but sneer inwardly.

Dragon Rock Powder?

True, Dragon Rock Powder could conceal one's scent, but that was only before entering the cave. Once inside the dark, damp cave, the moisture would cause the powder on his body to emit a fragrance similar to ambergris, which to Demon Beasts with Dragon Bloodline, was an irresistible lure.

Most people only knew of the scent-concealing attributes of Dragon Rock Powder, unaware of its ability to attract Dragon Clan creatures.

So Lin Feng wasn't helping him but harming him. He planned to use Xu Nian to steal the egg and also to eliminate him, killing two birds with one stone.

"Alright, I'll steal the Earth Dragon Egg!"

Nevertheless, Xu Nian readily grabbed the Jade Bottle filled with Dragon Rock Powder and nodded.

In fact, even if Lin Feng hadn't suggested that he go steal the Earth Dragon Egg, he would have volunteered himself.

He came to the Demon Beast Forest not just to complete the quest but also to seek out Dragon Bloodline. Although the Earth Dragon Bloodline was far inferior to the legendary Nine Great Ancestor Dragon Bloodline, it would still somewhat benefit his Nine Dragons Body.

He wouldn't have been able to defeat the mature Earth Dragon, but the egg was something he could gladly take, as the Bloodline Power contained within was by no means inferior to that of a mature Earth Dragon.

The arrangement made by Lin Feng was exactly what he desired. As for Lin Feng's intention to use the Earth Dragon to kill him, how could Xu Nian allow him to succeed so easily? It was still up in the air as to who would be the real 'mantis stalking the cicada'.

Upon hearing Xu Nian's agreement, both Lin Feng and Yu Feng's faces broke into a triumphant grin, clearly believing Xu Nian had fallen for their ploy.

Murong Xue, who had been somewhat concerned at first and had wanted to accompany Xu Nian, was reassured upon seeing his confident demeanor and thus said no more.

Following this, they began to carry out Lin Feng's plan.

Lin Feng, along with Murong Xue, Yu Feng, and Lu Morning, set out to attack the Earth Dragon Nest, drawing out the Earth Dragon.

"Roar!"

The Earth Dragon let out a piercing roar and crawled out of its nest.

Its massive body, six meters in length, resembled that of a crocodile, covered in a dull yellow Scale Armor. With powerful limbs and razor-sharp claws, it slinked along the ground. Each step left a deep impression, and its horrific teeth were both vicious and terrifying.

Seeing that they had succeeded in luring the Earth Dragon out, Lin Feng and the others did not linger. They feinted a few attacks at the beast before sprinting at full speed towards the forest.

The Earth Dragon, enraged, let out another roar and pursued them madly.

Despite its sizable form, its speed was deceptively quick. It charged into the forest, crashing through countless trees. It was these very trees that provided enough obstruction for Lin Feng and his group to evade the Earth Dragon's onslaught.

Xu Nian, seeing that the Earth Dragon had moved far away, no longer hesitated. After sprinkling himself with the Dragon Rock Powder, he dashed toward the nest.

The Earth Dragon's cave was vast, stretching up over ten meters with several glowing crystals suspended from above, bathing the entire cave in light.

However, the cave's dampness had begun to alter the scent coming off Xu Nian's body.

"There's not much time; we need to complete the plan before the Earth Dragon returns," Xu Nian muttered to himself. Then he began to search around, finally discovering three silvery-white Earth Dragon Eggs hidden deep within the grass of the dragon's nest.

These Earth Dragon Eggs were not small; each was as large as Xu Nian's head.

Upon seeing the eggs, Xu Nian was overjoyed. Without a moment's hesitation, he stepped forward, cracked one of the Earth Dragon Eggs open, and began to gulp down its contents.

The liquid inside the Earth Dragon Egg shone with a crystal-clear luster, containing extremely potent power that made Xu Nian's blood and Qi surge rapidly within him.

"Awesome!"

With one breath, Xu Nian swallowed an entire Dragon Egg and spat out a single word.

He could feel the Dragon Egg enter his body, making his whole being seem to boil with energy, showing signs of breakthrough in his Body Cultivation, which had already reached the First-star of Star Realm.

Xu Nian was inwardly ecstatic, promptly cracking open another Dragon Egg and pouring it into his belly.

"Roar!"

Just as Xu Nian had consumed over half of the second Dragon Egg, a furious roar erupted from outside.

Xu Nian knew that the Earth Dragon had caught the scent of its broken egg and was rushing back.

Without the slightest hesitation, Xu Nian grabbed the half-drunk Dragon Egg with one hand and the remaining intact one from the ground with the other, and dashed toward the cave exit.

He couldn't let the Earth Dragon trap him inside the cave; that would truly be a dead end.

The moment Xu Nian fled from the Earth Dragon Nest, he saw the dragon burst out from the forest.

Xu Nian and the Earth Dragon locked eyes. When the dragon glanced at the egg in Xu Nian's arms, its eyes instantly turned blood red with rage, and it let out a fearsome roar as it charged frantically towards him.

Frightened, Xu Nian hastily fled in another direction through the forest; if he didn't escape now, the Earth Dragon would likely tear him to pieces.

Avenging the death of its child!

The Earth Dragon's eyes were completely bloodshot as it relentlessly pursued Xu Nian.

Lin Feng and the others, who had already turned back and observed the scene, were shocked. The Earth Dragon was pursuing Xu Nian with a ferocity more than ten times greater than when it chased them, as if it were fighting for its life.

"Why is the Earth Dragon chasing Xu Nian like mad? Even if a Dragon Egg was stolen, it shouldn't be this extreme, right?" whispered Yu Feng to Lin Feng.

"Who cares? That's the power of ambergris at work; not every member of the Dragon Clan can resist its lure. With the Dragon Egg in our hands, the Earth Dragon will continue to chase after Xu Nian," Lin Feng said with a cold laugh.

After speaking, he pursued in the direction of Xu Nian.

"Xu Nian, hurry, throw the Dragon Egg here; if you do, the Earth Dragon will stop chasing you," Lin Feng called out to Xu Nian as he took a shortcut to catch up.

"But... but what about you? I can't betray you like that!" Xu Nian pretended to be torn.

"It's fine, I have my ways to escape; if we continue like this, we'll both die," Lin Feng urged hastily, but inwardly sneered, "What about me? Once you throw the Dragon Egg, the Earth Dragon will still chase after you, and you can wait to be devoured alive by it!"

"Alright then, take care!" Xu Nian, feigning difficulty, relented and then tossed one of the Dragon Eggs he was holding.

Seeing Xu Nian throw the Dragon Egg, Lin Feng felt a rush of delight and quickly reached out to catch it.

Having caught the Dragon Egg, Lin Feng's joy grew. Just as he was about to ask Xu Nian to throw the other egg, he heard the Earth Dragon let out a furious roar and saw it charging towards him like an avenger seeking blood.

"How... how could this be?" Lin Feng's eyes widened as he watched the crazed Earth Dragon pounce, confusion filling his mind.

The Earth Dragon should have been attracted by the scent of ambergris and continued chasing Xu Nian, not turning back to pursue him.

But now, with the Earth Dragon swiftly approaching, Lin Feng had no time to ponder and turned to run.

As he fled, Lin Feng felt a liquid spraying from the Dragon Egg onto his body. Looking down, his vision darkened, and he nearly stumbled and fell.

On the surface of the Dragon Egg was a hole the size of a thumb, and less than half of the egg liquid was left inside.

He finally realized why the Earth Dragon had pursued Xu Nian with such madness. At this moment, he only had one thought in his mind.

"Damn it, what on earth did Xu Nian do?"