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Chapter 751: The Treasure Vault

Fang Bai entered the Valley Master Hall of the "Ghost Doctor Valley," extending his divine sense beneath the floor of the great hall. Indeed, ten meters below the ground, he sensed wisp after wisp of Essence Energy fluctuations, which included both the Essence Energy released from Spiritual Medicines and that from Essence Stones.

"This underground treasury really does hold a considerable amount of cultivation resources!"

A gleam of wonder shone in Fang Bai's eyes as he walked over to the Valley Master's seat, his gaze intensively fixed on the armrest to the left of the seat; sure enough, he discovered a slight protrusion there. If one didn't look carefully, it would indeed be hard to notice.

Fang Bai stretched out his hand and pressed hard on the protruding area, when suddenly a "rumbling" sound echoed, and a stone slab on the eastern side of the hall slowly sank, revealing an underground entrance.

An abundance of Essence Energy spilled out from that underground entrance, quickly filling the entire Valley Master Hall and even seeping outside the hall.

How could Fang Bai let this Essence Energy slip away in vain? He immediately circulated his cultivation technique, and his body produced a strong adsorption force, swiftly absorbing the Essence Energy filling the hall into his body, transforming it into strands of pure Essence Energy that merged into the Chaos Origin Energy within his Qi Sea.

Fang Bai, having absorbed a large amount of Essence Energy, felt invigorated as if injected with adrenaline. He strode toward the underground entrance and walked down the stone steps.

After passing through a narrow corridor and walking forward for over a dozen meters, his view suddenly expanded, and a vast underground treasury the size of a soccer field appeared before him.

Since its establishment, the "Ghost Doctor Valley" had accumulated a vast amount of wealth and cultivation resources over thousands of years. The essence of these accumulations was all stored within this underground treasury, controlled by successive Valley Masters of the "Ghost Doctor Valley."

The sight Fang Bai beheld now included not only the cultivation resources that martial artists coveted but also wealth that, if taken into the mundane world, would be enough to rival the wealth of nations.

The wealth was mainly gold and jewels, piled up like mountains and dazzlingly bright. The disciples of the "Ghost Doctor Valley" gathered these items not for their own expenses, it seemed, but to create various ornaments to wear or to decorate rooms and buildings.

Fang Bai had always lacked interest in gold and jewelry, and if it weren't for considering some friends and relatives in the secular world who were keen on these things, he might not even spare them a glance.

Fang Bai planned to take a portion of the gold and jewelry that belonged to him back to the secular world for charitable causes, with the rest to be divided among the five major sects.

If the five major sects weren't interested in gold and jewelry, he would have the Dragon Guard leader Long Jingtian take some back, delivering them to the Prime Minister to benefit the people of Huaxia.

As for the cultivation resources like Spiritual Medicines and Essence Stones in the treasury, Fang Bai would not be the least bit bashful about taking them.

He stuffed his Spatial Ring with the oldest of the Spiritual Medicines and some mid-grade Essence Stones and planned to distribute the rest that he couldn't carry with the five major sects later on.

In this campaign against the "Ghost Doctor Valley," Fang Bai had contributed the most, so naturally, he should take the lion's share. Fang Bai himself felt perfectly justified in doing so, and no one would make idle comments about it.

As a mighty sect within the Hidden Sect world, the "Ghost Doctor Valley" had vanished into thin air in this war. The territory of the "Ghost Doctor Valley" had become unclaimed land which Fang Bai intended to use as one of his cultivation places from now on. When free, he could bring his friends and relatives from the secular world who were following him on the Martial Dao to cultivate together in retreat for periods.

With abundant Essence Energy and far more cultivation resources than in the mundane world, cultivating here would effectively be doubly fruitful, greatly benefitting the enhancement of the martial artists' cultivation realms.

Fang Bai was confident that the five major sects would never dare to oppose his control over the territory around the "Ghost Doctor Valley."

After all, in any world, the law of the jungle always prevails, and the strong rule. Whoever has the bigger fist, their word carries weight.

After doing a round inside the underground treasure vault, Fang Bai also discovered some cultivation techniques and martial arts inherited from "Ghost Doctor Valley," including some Heaven Level techniques. However, these were of no use to Fang Bai, so he decided to let the five major sects distribute them themselves, as a gesture of goodwill towards them.

The spiritual medicines Fang Bai stored in his spatial ring included a small amount of medium-grade ones that had matured for over five hundred years. The essence stones were mostly medium-grade Wood Element Stones. With these cultivation resources to aid him, Fang Bai believed he would be able to reach a new level of strength in the future.

By the time Fang Bai left the underground treasure vault and the Valley Master Hall, the situation outside was already decided.

The Supreme Elder Wei He from "Ghost Doctor Valley" was slain by Fang Bai; the Valley Master Li Ao was annihilated by the combined efforts of the sect masters from the five major sects; over half of the several hundred "Ghost Doctor Valley" disciples were executed, and the remaining submitted, only to have their cultivation disbanded by the disciples of the five major sects, turning them into cripples who could cause no further trouble.

"Brother Fang, how did it go? You must have found quite a fortune in the treasure vault, right?"

Seeing Fang Bai emerge, Long Jingtian approached with a smile and asked.

When Fang Bai entered the Valley Master Hall, Long Jingtian had tactfully chosen not to follow but was quite curious. He thought to himself that a millennium-strong sect like "Ghost Doctor Valley" must contain treasures incomparable to those of the sects and prominent clans of the mundane world.

Fang Bai replied with a smile, "Not bad, I did make a small fortune this time. In a while, when we head back to the treasure vault, you can also take some of the Essence Stone Elixirs, and there is also some gold and jewelry that you can bring back with you."

"Haha, this time I'm really basking in your glory, old brother!"

Long Jingtian was also a martial artist and, similarly, didn't care much for wealth, but the Essence Stone Elixirs genuinely excited him. After all, such things were extremely scarce in the secular world, and as a Heaven Level martial artist, he needed them to assist with his cultivation.

Spying Mu Xiantian and others tidying up the aftermath, Fang Bai suddenly remembered something. He darted to the small island at the center of the lake and took the "Jade Soul Hook Rod" that Wei He had used, storing it in his spatial ring to later gift to Su Linglong.

The "Jade Soul Hook Rod" was a Wood Element attack spiritual artifact, and Su Linglong possessed an Innate Wood Spirit Root. For a Wood Spirit Root martial artist to use a Wood Element spiritual artifact was supremely beneficial; it couldn't be more suitable.

It wasn't long before Mu Xiantian and the other sect masters from the five major sects eagerly joined up with Fang Bai and Long Jingtian.

"With 'Ghost Doctor Valley' gone, our major worry has been eliminated. From now on, the Hidden Sect World in the Kunlun Mountains region will be much more peaceful,"

Mu Xiantian said with a smile.

"Indeed, all this has been made possible thanks to Senior Fang!" Gui Hongzhi added.

The other sect masters nodded in agreement, looking at Fang Bai with both awe and excitement.

Slaying a high-rank Heaven Level powerhouse with Earth Level Perfection cultivation was not something unheard of in the Hidden Sect World, but it was certainly unprecedented, and such a peerless genius had boundless prospects. Given time, he was sure to become a dominant power within the Hidden Sect World.

"I just went around the 'Ghost Doctor Valley' treasure vault, and there are quite a few items there. Let's go in together and have a look, then we can distribute them!"

Fang Bai said to the excited Mu Xiantian and the others.

Chapter 752: Resource Allocation

Those qualified to enter the "Ghost Doctor Valley" underground treasure vault included Fang Bai, Long Jingtian, and the leaders of the five great sects headed by Mu Xiantian, along with some elder-level figures from various major sects.

When these people entered the underground treasure vault and saw the mountainous piles of wealth and Spirit Medicine Essence Stones and other cultivation resources, they were stunned.

Although they were also major sects in the Hidden Sect World, their overall strength was significantly weaker compared to Ghost Doctor Valley. While each sect had its own treasure vault, none could compare to the vast underground treasure vault of Ghost Doctor Valley.

It could be said without exaggeration that if any of the sects present could transfer all these cultivation resources back to their own place, their overall strength would surge significantly in a short period of time.

However, the sect leaders understood that this was not possible. These cultivation resources had to be distributed, and how they would be distributed mainly depended on Fang Bai.

Even if Fang Bai claimed all these cultivation resources for himself, none of them would have any way to oppose it. If they did, based on Fang Bai's effortless strength in killing Wei He, he could slap them to death with a single palm.

"Three-tenths of the items here will be for Brother Long and me, and the remaining seven-tenths for you five major sects to divide among yourselves," said Fang Bai, scanning the excited, agitated, and anxious faces of Mu Xiantian and the others with a smile.

Upon hearing this, Mu Xiantian and the others were overjoyed.

They had initially thought that Fang Bai would take at least half for himself and then leave the rest for them to divide. To their surprise, Fang Bai was so generous, only wanting three-tenths along with Long Jingtian, which meant each of the five major sects would get more than one-tenth.

"This seems a bit inappropriate," Mu Xiantian said, with a serious tone. "If it weren't for Senior Fang in this campaign against Ghost Doctor Valley, the consequences would have been unimaginable. I think that Senior Fang and Brother Long taking only three-tenths is too little... How about this? You two take half, and the remaining half we five major sects will divide equally! As for the gold and jewels, we have little use for them; they should all belong to Senior Fang!"

Although the other four sect masters were somewhat reluctant, they vocally agreed.

Fang Bai laughed and said, "Each of you also made significant efforts in eliminating Ghost Doctor Valley. If I take too much, it would seem unkind. So, I'll take all the gold and jewels, and the rest will be distributed as I said!"

After a pause, he pointed toward Myriad Medicines Mountain near Ghost Doctor Valley and continued, "That Myriad Medicines Mountain will belong to me from now on. However, I will not monopolize the spiritual medicines that come from the mountain; they will be distributed to you all according to the method we discussed earlier. Any objections?"

Myriad Medicines Mountain had countless spiritual medicines, which the martial artists of the Hidden Sect World coveted. Previously, it was occupied by Ghost Doctor Valley, leaving others to only sigh and long for it.

Now that Ghost Doctor Valley no longer existed, if Myriad Medicines Mountain became an ownerless mountain, the martial artists of the Hidden Sect World would definitely fight over the mountain's resources, plunging the Hidden Sect World into bloody chaos, something all sects, including Spirit Crane Sect, didn't want to see.

If Fang Bai became the master of Myriad Medicines Mountain, with his strength, naturally no one would dare to covet the mountain anymore.

Fang Bai's proposed distribution plan for the spiritual medicine resources on Myriad Medicines Mountain eliminated the previous anxiety of Mu Xiantian and others, which they found to be very fair and reasonable.

Of course, Mu Xiantian and the others were not told by Fang Bai that there was an Essence Stone Mine beneath Myriad Medicines Mountain, and with their capabilities, they could not detect the presence of a massive quantity of Essence Stones within the mountain.

Fang Bai was not in a hurry to exploit the Essence Stones in Myriad Medicines Mountain, planning to wait until the cultivation resources at hand were nearly depleted.

Right then, disciples from the five major sects started to transport the cultivation resources from the underground treasure vault of Ghost Doctor Valley outside and back to their own sects.

Fang Bai's Space Ring was already packed full, unable to carry back the gold, jewels, and cultivation resources that belonged to him for the time being.

Fang Bai had initially planned to deal with it later, but Mu Xiantian and the other sect masters took the initiative to have their subordinates transport those items to the outskirts of the Kunlun Mountains. Then, Long Jingtian got in touch with the Dragon Maiden in Yanjing, who arranged for several planes to land at the nearest airport and transport the gold, jewels, and cultivation resources back to Yanjing overnight, storing them in a secret warehouse.

"Sect Leaders, I may spend most of my time in the secular world in the future. I will entrust Myriad Medicines Mountain to your care! If any difficult situations arise, you can send someone to relay a message to me, and I will come to assist in the shortest time possible!" said Fang Bai after everything had been arranged.

"Senior Fang, please rest assured, everything will be well-guarded by us, and there won't be any problems! Heh heh, with Ghost Doctor Valley annihilated, the other sects will surely become much more obedient and dare not offend us easily!" Mu Xiantian said, patting his chest.

"Does Sect Leader Mu know where the Yunnv Sect is?" asked Fang Bai suddenly.

The Baili Zhan couple were disciples from Ghost Doctor Valley and Yunnv Sect. Since both sects had sent disciples to hunt down the couple, now that Ghost Doctor Valley had been destroyed, Fang Bai intended to visit Yunnv Sect to settle the grievances between Jiang Yuzhi and Yunnv Sect as well. This would ensure that the Baili family no longer had to live in fear.

Fang Bai did not plan to destroy the entire Yunnv Sect, as according to Jiang Yuzhi, the reason Yunnv Sect's reputation deteriorated was entirely due to the malicious heart of the Sect Leader Yu Meiyong, who led some disciples astray. Still, a considerable number of disciples were pure and untainted.

Since Yunnv Sect's Sect Leader Yu Meiyong had already died at Fang Bai's hands, Yunnv Sect was now leaderless and likely in disarray.

When Jiang Yuzhi talked with Fang Bai about Yunnv Sect, she mentioned that her master, Luo Min, was kind-hearted and one of the elders of Yunnv Sect. She had vehemently opposed Sect Leader Yu Meiyong, which led to her imprisonment by the furious Yu Meiyong. Luo Min had not been released, even by the time Jiang Yuzhi escaped, and her life or death was unknown.

Fang Bai's trip to Yunnv Sect was also to check on Luo Min's situation, and if possible, Fang Bai was ready to lend a helping hand.

Upon hearing Fang Bai ask about Yunnv Sect, Mu Xiantian was taken aback and then sighed, "The previous Yunnv Sect was once one of the prestigious and righteous sects of the Hidden Sect World in the Kunlun Mountains, admired by all for delivering justice and performing good deeds. But now... due to the new Sect Leader Yu Meiyong, Yunnv Sect's discipline took a turn for the worse, and its reputation suffered heavily, truly heartbreaking! Why does Senior Fang ask about Yunnv Sect?"

Chapter 753: Heading to the Yunnv Sect

Fang Bai didn't hide anything and recounted the vendetta between Baili Zhan's family and the "Yunnv Sect".

"The Sect Leader of 'Yunnv Sect' is Yu Meiyong, right? She came into the secular world with two other 'Yunnv Sect' Elders to kill Baili Zhan's family, and I took them down!"

Fang Bai said at last.

Yu Meiyong, along with Mu Xiantian and others, were experts of the same caliber, so if Fang Bai could slay the more powerful Wei He, naturally he could easily kill her. Mu Xiantian and the others weren't surprised by this at all.

Mu Xiantian said, "No wonder there have been rumors that the 'Yunnv Sect' has been rather chaotic internally lately, so it turns out that Yu Meiyong is dead! But for Yu Meiyong to dare provoke Senior Fang's friend, she deserved to die!"

"Why don't we accompany Senior Fang to eradicate the 'Yunnv Sect' together? Although the foundation of 'Yunnv Sect' is not as deep as 'Ghost Doctor Valley,' it is still an ancient sect of a thousand years, so there must be considerable accumulated wealth and cultivation resources!"

Gui Hongzhi, the Sect Master of "Guiyuan Sect," clenched his fist and said excitedly.

The other Sect Leaders present were also quite tempted upon hearing this.

From their recent extermination of "Ghost Doctor Valley," each sect had gained substantially. If they could take advantage of the situation and annihilate the "Yunnv Sect" as well, they would definitely be in for a sizeable reward.

Fang Bai shook his head and said, "Creating more killings will ultimately harm the Heavenly Dao; it's not a good thing. What's more, the friend of mine who comes from 'Yunnv Sect' said that there are quite a few disciples in the sect who are truly kind-hearted. Instead of eradicating them, it would be better to help them, to guide 'Yunnv Sect' back onto the right path."

After he finished speaking, he turned his gaze to Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe, two disciples from the "Spirit Crane Sect," and asked with a smile, "Do you two know where 'Yunnv Sect' is located?"

"Yes!"

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe nodded together.

Originally, the two of them were just among the many disciples of the "Spirit Crane Sect," not attracting much attention. But after they encountered Fang Bai and brought him back to the "Spirit Crane Sect," even the Sect Leader began to take them seriously and privately told them that after the matter was settled, he would take them in as Direct Disciples and cultivate them with great efforts.

It was foreseeable that in the future within the "Spirit Crane Sect," their status would be greatly elevated.

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe both understood that all these changes were due to their acquaintance with Fang Bai, an influential figure from the secular world who stood above Hidden Sect experts.

After Fang Bai decisively slew Wei He, the Supreme Elder of "Ghost Doctor Valley," they could clearly feel that everyone, including the Sect Leader, admired Fang Bai even more.

While Fang Bai talked with the Sect Leader Mu Xiantian and the others, the two of them stood among a group of "Spirit Crane Sect" disciples, looking up to Fang Bai with admiration and feeling that he was out of their league, thinking that it would be difficult to have a casual conversation with him as they had when they first met.

However, to their surprise, Fang Bai actually took the initiative to speak with them, which filled them with immense joy and excitement, as if their hearts might leap out of their chests.

Fang Bai said with a smile, "Then good, are you two willing to accompany me on a trip to the 'Yunnv Sect'?"

"We are willing!"

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe glanced at their Sect Leader, saw him nod, and thus excitedly agreed.

Fang Bai was someone who had slain a High Rank Heaven Level expert, so his martial prowess was self-evident. If they could receive his guidance while accompanying him to "Yunnv Sect," the benefits would be incalculable. Neither Wu Caiyun nor Zhao Yuhe were fools; of course, they were more than willing.

The other disciples from the various great sects present also understood this truth and couldn't help but envy Wu Caiyun and the two women; even the Sect Leader Mu Xiantian of the Spirit Crane Sect lamented that these two disciples in his sect had encountered such a good opportunity.

"After the matters of the Yunnv Sect are settled, I might travel to other places for a training journey, and I likely won't return here in the short term. I'll leave the care of Myriad Medicines Mountain to Sect Leader Mu and the other sect leaders. Everyone, until we meet again!"

Fang Bai said, clasping his hands towards Mu Xiantian and the others before drifting away.

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe walked up to Sect Leader Mu Xiantian, bowed to say their goodbyes, and hurried to catch up with Fang Bai.

Long Jingtian had previously taken the trove of gold, jewelry, spiritual medicine essence stones, and other items, returning to Yanjing by plane, then carefully arranging them as Fang Bai had instructed. Thus, the ones headed to the Yunnv Sect were only Fang Bai and the two women, Wu Caiyun.

The Yunnv Sect was four to five hundred miles away from Ghost Doctor Valley. If it were plain terrain, this distance could be quickly covered by transportation, which wouldn't be much at all.

But in the belly of the Kunlun Mountains, with its lofty peaks and deep rivers, the journey was fraught with peril. They had to cross many snow-capped mountains and trek through numerous marshes, making these hundreds of miles incredibly difficult to traverse.

Fortunately, all three of them were martial artists with no ordinary strength, so climbing mountains and scaling ridges wasn't too big of a problem. Despite this, the two women, Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe, still found the harsh natural environment physically exhausting.

If they had been three ordinary people, they might not have lost their lives to the brutal weather, but they could have ended up as a feast for the wild beasts in the mountains.

However, their efforts were well compensated by Fang Bai.

Not only did he give them several elixirs and some essence stones, he also each taught them a set of martial arts techniques and gave them some guidance in the martial dao.

The gifts and guidance from Fang Bai played a huge role in the progress of the two women's martial dao. Midway through their journey, during a moment of meditation, both women had a breakthrough, each advancing a minor realm.

According to their own estimates, without Fang Bai's support and relying solely on their own cultivation, breaking through this minor realm could have taken them at least three to five years, if not longer.

Now, in less than a day, they had already achieved this goal, which was nothing short of a miracle.

As they journeyed, the trio took breaks to hunt down some small game and roasted it to stave off hunger.

The game from the mountains, nourished by the essence energy of the mountains, was not only delicious when roasted but also greatly replenished their bodies.

"Senior, that ahead is the Blazing Flame Mountain we talked about before. Fire Wolves Valley lies cradled within it!"

After a day and night of traversing, on this clear morning, the three of them stood on a slope, with Wu Caiyun pointing towards a few majestic peaks basking in the morning light and speaking.

Fang Bai's heart stirred as he looked. He saw that the peaks all appeared fiery red, and at first glance, it looked as though they were giant flames raging.

And the clouds floating above those peaks were also tinged with the colors of the mountain, turning into stretches of fiery clouds.

"So many Blazing Flame Scarlet Heart Fruits..."

Fang Bai could sense strands of fire primordial qi wafting over from Blazing Flame Mountain from afar, and with excitement flickering in his eyes, he murmured to himself.

Chapter 754: Entering "Fire Wolves Valley"

The reason "Blazing Flame Mountain" is all red is not because it's on fire, but because there are many "Blazing Flame Scarlet Heart Fruits" growing on the mountain.

In Fang Bai's previous life in the Cultivation World and the Immortal Realm, "Blazing Flame Scarlet Heart Fruit" was the main ingredient used to refine "Fire Yuan Pills," extremely precious. Fang Bai never imagined that he would see so many of these spiritual medicines in the Kunlun Mountains.

What delighted Fang Bai even more was that among the countless "Blazing Flame Scarlet Heart Fruits" on those few mountains, many had a medicinal age of over five hundred years, which already belonged to the category of mid-grade spiritual medicine.

With so many "Blazing Flame Scarlet Heart Fruits," even without refining them into "Fire Yuan Pills," simply consuming them directly would benefit Fang Bai immensely.

Fang Bai believed that with the help of these "Blazing Flame Scarlet Heart Fruits," the Fire Primordial Qi in the Chaos Origin Energy within his Qi Sea would take a significant lead over the other types of Essence Energy. The enhancement of the Fire Primordial Qi would surely drive the improvement of his overall strength.

"Senior, what is a 'Blazing Flame Scarlet Heart Fruit'?"

Zhao Yuhe asked curiously.

Fang Bai raised his hand and pointed towards "Blazing Flame Mountain" and said, "The fiery red color that covers the mountains, those are the 'Blazing Flame Scarlet Heart Fruits.' 'Blazing Flame Scarlet Heart Fruits' are a type of Fire Attribute Spiritual Medicine. The Fire Primordial Qi contained within is very beneficial to martial artists' cultivation. Especially for Fire Spirit Root Martial Artists, it's an invaluable treasure!"

"What is an Innate Fire Spirit Root?"

Zhao Yuhe asked again.

The longer Zhao Yuhe spent with Fang Bai, the more mysterious and knowledgeable she felt he was. On this journey, many things Fang Bai talked about were unheard of for her, which had broadened her horizons immensely.

Fang Bai smiled and said, "An Innate Spiritual Root is what we call those born with a special sensitivity to a certain type of Heaven and Earth Origin Energy. Those with an Innate Spiritual Root will advance much faster than ordinary martial artists after they step onto the Martial Dao. Their achievements on the path of Martial Dao will also surpass ordinary martial artists."

Zhao Yuhe said, "Senior, with your great strength, you must have an Innate Spiritual Root, right?"

Seeing Fang Bai nod with a smile, Zhao Yuhe sighed and said despondently, "Then I definitely don't have an Innate Spiritual Root... My master said my natural talent is average, and reaching Earth Level Perfection in this lifetime might just be a wishful thinking."

Fang Bai laughed and said, "Nothing is absolute! Those with Innate Spiritual Roots certainly have a natural advantage in Martial Dao Cultivation, but if they don't cultivate diligently or lack good opportunities, they still have a hard time achieving great success. On the other hand, ordinary martial artists might achieve extraordinary feats on the path of Martial Dao if they encounter good opportunities and practice diligently."

Wu Caiyun smiled and said, "Meeting Senior is an opportunity for me and Junior Sister Zhao. Without Senior's help, we could never have advanced in rank in such a short time! After we return, many of our fellow disciples will surely envy us for having traveled with Senior!"

Zhao Yuhe deeply agreed, nodding vigorously.

Fang Bai said, "Among the elixirs I gave you, there are ones for Marrow Cleansing to improve your physique. Even though you don't have Innate Spiritual Roots, after Marrow Cleansing, your physique will

far exceed ordinary people, and your cultivation will progress twice as fast. Therefore, your future achievements in Martial Dao will definitely not stop at the Earth Level Realm!"

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe exchanged eager glances, seeing excitement and joy in each other's eyes,

If Fang Bai said their Martial Dao achievements would not stop at the Earth Level Realm, then that meant they too could become Heaven Level Martial Artists like Sect Master Mu Xiantian.

And only by becoming a Heaven Level Martial Artist could one truly be considered a powerhouse within the Hidden Sect World; otherwise, they would be seen as beings to be looked down upon and oppressed.

"'Fire Wolves Valley' is nestled within 'Blazing Flame Mountain'? Let's go and take a look!"

After surveying the Blazing Flame Mountain in the distance for a moment, Fang Bai finally said.

"Fire Wolves Valley" is a "forbidden realm" in the Hidden Sect World. Over the years, countless martial artists have fallen near "Fire Wolves Valley" in search of the spiritual medicine found within and without. Even a Heaven Level Martial Artist as strong as Mu Xiantian dared not enter the valley lightly.

Upon hearing that Fang Bai wanted to take them into "Fire Wolves Valley," Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe couldn't help but feel a sense of dread. Nevertheless, thinking of Fang Bai's extraordinary strength, they mustered their courage and followed him forward.

There was only one entrance to "Fire Wolves Valley," located on the southern side of the surrounding "Blazing Flame Mountain." The valley entrance was narrow and secluded, only allowing two or three people to pass through at a time.

Fang Bai, Wu Caiyun, and Zhao Yuhe walked through the narrow and secluded mountain path at the entrance of the valley, occasionally seeing scattered wild animal and human skeletons along the way.

Near those human skeletons, weapons such as knives and swords could be found, indicating they were the remains of fallen martial artists.

The closer they got to the valley, the more wild animal and human skeletons they could see. By the time the trio emerged from the mountain path and stood within the vast expanse of "Fire Wolves Valley," they were greeted by a sight of bones everywhere, giving the impression of a 'Human Hell' and sending chills down one's spine.

"Sister Wu, this place is so gloomy and terrifying! We... we..."

Zhao Yuhe was timid, clutching onto one of Sister Wu Caiyun's arms with hands sweating from fear. She wanted to say "let's leave," but after glancing at Fang Bai, she ultimately did not speak those words.

Wu Caiyun patted Zhao Yuhe's hand and said softly, "What's there to be afraid of? Senior Fang is here! If there's any danger, Senior Fang will protect us!"

"Hmm..."

Fang Bai did not listen to the conversation between Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe. His divine sense was focused on a stretch of constructions in the center of the valley.

To be precise, those could not be called "constructions," for they were simply made of wild grasses, leaves, and some stones piled up haphazardly, extremely crude and barely enough to provide shelter from the wind and rain, not fit for human dwelling.

What Fang Bai was interested in was not the rudimentary "constructions," but the "residents" inside them.

Those "residents" were not human, but a pack of wolves.

A pack of wolves with fiery red fur all over their bodies.

Fang Bai knew that these wolves must be the "Fire Wolves" mentioned by Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe, and also the guardians of "Blazing Flame Mountain."

From the pack of "Fire Wolves," Fang Bai sensed fluctuations of essence energy similar to those of martial artists, some strong and some weak.

To Fang Bai's surprise, as his divine sense swept over the pack of Fire Wolves, he discovered that the strongest-looking one among them had an essence energy fluctuation that was comparable to a martial artist with mid-Heaven Level strength.

Besides that most powerful Fire Wolf, there were four other Fire Wolves whose essence energy fluctuations were comparable to those of early Heaven Level martial artists like Mu Xiantian.

The other dozen or so Fire Wolves were also on par with Earth Level high-rank or perfection martial artists.

In Fang Bai's former life in the Cultivation World, beasts like the Fire Wolves that could absorb Heaven and Earth Origin Energy and possessed strong offensive capabilities were known as Spirit Beasts.

With such a group of powerful Fire Wolves, comparable to Earth Level and Heaven Level martial artists, inside "Fire Wolves Valley," even a high-rank Heaven Level Martial Artist as strong as Wei He dared not enter easily, let alone other martial artists.

Chapter 755: Wolf Clan Attack

Fang Bai knew that the reason why the Spiritual Medicines on "Blazing Flame Mountain," especially the Blazing Flame Scarlet Heart Fruit, were preserved so well and not extensively harvested by the Martial Artists of the Hidden Sect World, was very likely because of the group of Fire Wolves protecting them.

Wolves that live in groups usually have a Wolf King leading them. Fang Bai guessed that the strongest of the Fire Wolves must be the "Wolf King" of the pack.

To harvest the Spiritual Medicines of "Blazing Flame Mountain," one would have to drive away the Fire Wolves guarding the area, and the quickest way to do so would be to kill the Wolf King.

However, Fang Bai's Space Ring was already stuffed to the brim with various Cultivation Resources, leaving him no room to accommodate more. Therefore, he decided not to touch those Fire Wolves and

let them continue guarding the Spiritual Medicines of "Blazing Flame Mountain." He planned to come back and harvest them when he had some spare time in the future.

When Fang Bai wanted to lead Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe out of "Fire Wolves Valley," he realized it was too late.

The sensory abilities of Spirit Beasts far exceed those of human Martial Artists. The moment Fang Bai and the two women, Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe, had entered "Fire Wolves Valley," the pack of Fire Wolves had become alert. Led by the Wolf King, they had silently emerged from their den and, from various directions, rushed towards Fang Bai and the two women.

About a dozen Fire Wolves turned into a dozen streaks of long flames, their speed so fast it was unbelievable. In the blink of an eye, they had surrounded Fang Bai and the two women in the middle.

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe looked at the dozen or so Fire Wolves rapidly closing in from all sides, their sharp fangs reflecting a terrifying glint in the sunlight, causing an inevitable fear in their hearts, and they moved closer to Fang Bai's side.

"Senior Fang, what should we... what should we do?"

The intense Essence Energy emanating from the bodies of the dozen Fire Wolves was akin to the overwhelming pressure of a dozen powerful beings, making it difficult for Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe to bear.

They knew that their intrusion into "Fire Wolves Valley" was seen as an encroachment on the Fire Wolves' territory, which had ignited their fury. They were about to face a fight to the death against the Fire Wolves' relentless attacks.

With Fang Bai's strength, even if he couldn't withstand the siege of these Fire Wolves, escaping should be no problem, but whether he would be able to protect the two of them was another question altogether.

"Senior Fang, if you get a chance, just run! Don't worry about us anymore!"

Wu Caiyun clenched her teeth and said with a firm tone.

For her, if it weren't for Fang Bai rescuing them from the disciples of Ghost Doctor Valley, they might have already become the Furnace Cauldrons for those disciples. Now, fighting a desperate battle against the Fire Wolves, even if they ultimately fell, would still be better than dying humiliated and tortured by the Ghost Doctor Valley disciples.

Zhao Yuhe was a bit younger and felt a fear of death. Although she tried to maintain a strong front like her senior sister, facing the approaching Fire Wolves with a sword in hand, her delicate body couldn't help trembling slightly.

Seeing the two women's tragic readiness to face death, Fang Bai couldn't help but laugh, "What's to fear from a mere dozen or so beasts? Without even lifting a finger, I can subdue them!"

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe managed a bitter smile, thinking Fang Bai was joking with them.

They were facing not a dozen human Martial Artists, but a dozen Fire Wolves that were a hundred times more ferocious than human Martial Artists. In Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe's view, Fang Bai's claim of subduing more than a dozen Fire Wolves without lifting a finger was nothing more than a boast.

This Senior Fang, whose strength was so formidable that they could only look up to him, was still somewhat rash and impetuous after all!

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe could even predict that, under the ferocious attack of the dozen or so Fire Wolves, Fang Bai would at most only be able to save himself. Subduing them was essentially impossible.

Ao—

Just then, from the side of the Fire Wolves, the leading Fire Wolf King let out a long howl that reached the sky. In the broad daylight, the sound was enough to send shivers down one's spine and make one's blood run cold.

"The Fire Wolves are attacking!"

Wu Caiyun murmured, her long sword gripped tightly in her hand, held across her chest. She knew once the Fire Wolves launched their attack, it was very likely that both she and her sister would die, but they were determined to fight to the end.

"Senior sister, I want to die with you!"

Zhao Yuhe, seeing the Fire Wolves surrounding them with ferocity in their eyes and itching to pounce, moved even closer to Wu Caiyun.

Whoosh—

Whoosh—

Whoosh—

Three Fire Wolves attacked from three different directions, each lunging at Fang Bai and Wu Caiyun, Zhao Yuhe.

Feeding off the Heaven and Earth Origin Energy in this area and the Fire Primordial Qi released from the Blazing Flame Scarlet Heart Fruits on Blazing Flame Mountain, the Fire Wolves were not only alarmingly strong in their attacks but had also developed a hint of cunning intellect.

After surrounding Fang Bai and his group, they didn't rush in all at once but sent out three of their number to launch a probing attack, then planned the follow-up assault based on the strength of Fang Bai's group.

The three Fire Wolves shot forward with incredible speed, dragging a long trail of fiery red afterimages behind them. In the blink of an eye, they were already upon them.

At this distance, it was crystal clear—their sharp teeth and claws— one could even smell the nauseating stench emanating from their mouths.

The primary weapons the Fire Wolves used to attack were, first, their sharp teeth, second, their claws, and third, their tails, which lashed like steel whips.

Especially their front pair of claws, which when swung, were as deadly as swift swords, capable of easily slicing deep gashes in their opponent's body.

The Essence Energy fluctuation of the three Fire Wolves was on par with that of a middle-rank Earth Level martial artist. However, their attack power surpassed even that of a high-rank Earth Level human martial artist.

Against such fierce Fire Wolves, Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe were naturally no match. The sight of the two bull-sized Fire Wolves baring their teeth and claws in a fearsome leap toward them, their claw tips filled with an exceedingly sharp Essence Energy, was like the grim reaper swinging his scythe to harvest their lives. Despair flashed in the women's hearts, and their faces turned ashen.

Just then, they felt their arms tighten as Fang Bai's firm grip yanked them, shifting them several yards to the side to avoid the ferocious pounce of the three Fire Wolves.

Boom—

The three Fire Wolves clearly didn't expect Fang Bai and his group to evade their sharp assault. Unable to stop their momentum, the powerful wolf bodies crashed into each other from three directions, colliding fiercely in mid-air.

If three martial artists had collided in such a way, they likely would have been thrown into confusion, their heads spinning, taking quite some time to recover. But the Fire Wolves' bodies were as tough as steel. After the collision, they shook their fur as if nothing had happened, turned their bodies, and continued to lunge towards Fang Bai and his companions.

The Fire Wolves hurt their prey with two primary advantages: formidable attack power and speed. However, before Fang Bai's exceptional movement technique, their advantage in speed proved ineffective.

Because Fang Bai was even faster than them.

Chapter 756: Beast Taming Scripture

Howl—

Seeing the three Fire Wolves' repeated lunges fall empty, not even grazing the hem of Fang Bai and his company's clothing, the Wolf King amidst the wolf pack let out a howl into the sky.

Hearing the Wolf King's howl, the three Fire Wolves rapidly retreated, standing at their previous locations, and then each let out a series of howls as if responding to the Wolf King's call.

Men have their words, beasts have their language.

Fang Bai and his two companions knew that this was likely the three Fire Wolves communicating with the Wolf King.

The initial attacks of the three Fire Wolves were as swift as lightning and thunder, impressively powerful, and yet Fang Bai, along with Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe, darted and weaved through the wolves' cross lunges with movements smooth as drifting clouds and flowing water. Though the entire encounter was spine-chilling, none of the three sustained any injuries.

Seeing how Fang Bai led them to dodge and weave through the Fire Wolves' attacks with ease, Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe's fear finally vanished, and their understanding of Fang Bai's prowess deepened further.

They knew that, with Fang Bai's superb movement technique, leading them both to safety out of "Fire Wolves Valley" was evidently not an issue.

Only, Fang Bai's expression didn't seem to indicate any intention of leaving.

The Wolf King also seemed to realize that Fang Bai was no easy human to deal with; with several low howls, it summoned the Fire Wolves that surrounded Fang Bai and his group back to its side. Then, a dozen Fire Wolves lined up, channeling their Essence Energy, with cold light in their eyes and their fiery-red fur bristling, they slowly advanced towards Fang Bai and his companions.

The dozen Fire Wolves, as if trained, formed a line, their released Essence Energy converging together and pressing towards where Fang Bai and the others stood. Wherever they passed, grass and stones on the ground were stirred up by the energy.

Fire Primordial Qi is the most scorching force among the Heaven and Earth Origin Energy; the combined Fire Primordial Qi of the dozen Fire Wolves seemed like waves of heat lashing out. Both Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe could feel the temperature around them rapidly rising, their exposed skin on their hands and faces feeling scorched; their clothing also seemed as though it could ignite at any moment.

"Stand behind me!"

Fang Bai said this calmly while keeping his gaze on the pack of Fire Wolves opposite him.

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe obeyed Fang Bai's words without second thoughts and quickly positioned themselves behind him.

To their astonishment, it was as if behind Fang Bai was another world entirely; as they stood there, the feeling of being scalded by high temperatures disappeared, replaced by a cool sensation.

They didn't realize that this was because Fang Bai had released a strand of his Water Element Qi, countering the onslaught of Fire Primordial Qi from the Fire Wolves.

"These Fire Wolves are quite cunning! They've realized they can't kill us, so they've changed their tactics, trying to force us out of 'Blazing Flame Valley'!"

Fang Bai said with a smile as he watched the menacing, slowly advancing Fire Wolves.

"Then... then, Senior Fang, should we leave?"

Zhao Yuhe asked timidly.

To be honest, as soon as Zhao Yuhe saw those Fire Wolves, she felt frightened at heart and very much wanted to turn around and leave this dreadful place for good.

Fang Bai said, "We can leave after I subdue these Fire Wolves. There's no rush!"

Zhao Yuhe had been relieved to think they could leave 'Fire Wolves Valley' safely, and never expected Fang Bai to still consider slaughtering the wolves; she said with a distressed face, "Senior Fang, there are so many Fire Wolves, they're not easy to kill!"

Fang Bai responded in surprise, "Who said I was going to kill them?"

"You say 'subdue,' but isn't that just killing them?"

Zhao Yuhe wore a look of confusion.

Fang Bai couldn't help but laugh and said, "When I say 'subdue,' I mean to tame them, to have them listen to me from now on!"

"What?"

Not only was Zhao Yuhe stunned, but Wu Caiyun also looked shocked. Both women thought they had heard wrong.

Zhao Yuhe said, "Have them... listen to you? How is that possible? They're not cats or dogs, but ferociously savage Fire Wolves! They eat people..."

Fang Bai smiled and replied, "Fire Wolves are not like common beasts. Having absorbed the Heaven and Earth Origin Energy here, they have gained a hint of spiritual awareness. As long as they can be subdued, they will be more obedient and loyal than those cats and dogs!"

After a pause, he added, "My plan is to tame them so that they continue to guard the Spiritual Medicine on Blazing Flame Mountain. That way, we won't have to worry about other martial artists picking them!"

While Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe were still trying to process what Fang Bai had said, Fang Bai had already taken a few steps forward to meet the dozen or so Fire Wolves.

Fang Bai's eyes shone with a strange light, extending his Divine Sense stealthily to envelop the dozen Fire Wolves while letting out a series of rising and falling howls.

What Fang Bai was using was a secret technique known as the Beast Taming Scripture. This technique first controlled the beast's brain domain through Divine Sense, and then communicated with the beast through howls, to achieve complete control over it.

The howls emitted by Fang Bai were a very peculiar language, said to be created by a deity with Heaven Opening and Earth Splitting powers in the ancient times, capable of communicating with all creatures in the universe. Fang Bai had learned this miraculous ability during an opportunity in his past life.

The Beast Taming Scripture could even tame Immortal Beasts in the Immortal Realm that could command wind and rain, let alone the Spirit Beasts in the Hidden Sect World that had just developed a hint of spiritual awareness. Even though Fang Bai's current Cultivation Level was far inferior to that in the Immortal Realm, subduing these few Fire Wolves was still an easy task.

In an instant, the dozen Fire Wolves were controlled by Fang Bai's Divine Sense. He communicated with them using his howls, calming them down.

Very soon, the scorching Fire Primordial Qi on the bodies of the Fire Wolves dissipated, the fierce light in their eyes vanished, replaced by reverence and submission.

Fang Bai stopped his howling and strode up to the dozen Fire Wolves, pausing beside the Wolf King.

"Senior, be careful!"

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe, who stood in place without daring to move, exclaimed with a gasp when they saw Fang Bai reach out to touch the Wolf King's head.

However, the women's worries were obviously unnecessary. When Fang Bai reached out to touch the Wolf King's head, not only did it show no sign of resisting, but it also obediently laid down. As Fang Bai's palm stroked it, it let out a low "woo woo" sound and wagged its tail high, resembling a cat or dog trying to please its master.

"This..."

Watching the most powerful Wolf King among the Fire Wolves become as docile and obedient as a kitten under Fang Bai's touch, Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe were dumbstruck as if in a dream.

"You two come here!"

Fang Bai beckoned to the stupefied Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe.

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe exchanged glances, sheathed their long swords, and then cautiously approached Fang Bai, who was standing among a group of Fire Wolves.

Chapter 757: Submission

"Don't be afraid! These Fire Wolves now consider you as friends!"

Fang Bai saw the two girls jittery and extremely nervous and said with a smile, "You can try to touch them. If you're brave enough, you could even use them as mounts. I think they would be very pleased!"

Although Zhao Yuhe was timid, her curiosity was stronger. Seeing that the dozen or so Fire Wolves around really had no hostility towards the three of them, she plucked up the courage to touch one of the Fire Wolves nearby, saying, "Little Wolf, I won't hurt you... Hmm, I'll just pet you gently, you don't mind, right?"

The Fire Wolf made several "woo woo" sounds, lying submissively on the ground, affectionately rubbing its head on Zhao Yuhe's legs and wagging its tail back and forth in a pleasing manner.

Zhao Yuhe was overjoyed. The tension she had initially felt disappeared in an instant, and she said to Fang Bai, "Senior, can I really ride it?"

Fang Bai nodded, "Of course!"

"Then... I'll give it a try!"

Once Zhao Yuhe let go of her inhibitions, she became fearless. After seeking Fang Bai's opinion, she didn't hesitate, pointed her toes, flipped onto the back of the Fire Wolf, grabbed its mane, and exclaimed excitedly, "Little Wolf, could you take me for a run?"

The Fire Wolf seemed to understand human speech. As soon as Zhao Yuhe finished speaking, it stood up abruptly and dashed out like the wind, circling Fire Wolves Valley before returning to its original spot, lying down to let Zhao Yuhe dismount.

Wu Caiyun, although a few years older than Zhao Yuhe, also had a curious heart and, like other girls, enjoyed playing around. Seeing this, she also tried riding a Fire Wolf, taking a lap around the valley.

The once ferocious Fire Wolves had now become obedient pets, which filled Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe with excitement and added several degrees of admiration for Fang Bai.

"From now on, the Blazing Flame Mountain area will continue to be guarded by these Fire Wolves. When you're not busy, you can also come here to visit. The place is abundant in Essence Energy, which makes it a great cultivation spot! If you encounter any troubles in the future, you can also bring these Fire Wolves out as helpers!"

Fang Bai told Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe.

The original "owners" of Blazing Flame Mountain were a dozen Fire Wolves, but now that Fang Bai had tamed them, Blazing Flame Mountain naturally became Fang Bai's "private territory." He allowed Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe to cultivate there and even to command the Fire Wolves. For the two girls, this was a great opportunity presented to them on a silver platter.

It was well known that the area around Blazing Flame Mountain was an excellent cultivation spot for martial artists, where one could achieve twice the results with half the effort; and the combat power of those dozen or so Fire Wolves was equivalent to a High Rank Heaven Level Martial Artist. Being able to

command them meant having a group of powerful bodyguards by their side. From now on, it was likely no one in the Hidden Sect World would dare to provoke them.

Both girls were bright and understood that Fang Bai was supporting them. They couldn't help but be overjoyed and, in unison, they bowed deeply to thank him.

Fang Bai stroked the huge head of the Fire Wolf King, emitting a series of low whistles, as if he was "instructing" the Fire Wolf King about something.

The Fire Wolf King seemed to understand Fang Bai's words, nodded its head a few times, affectionately rubbed against Fang Bai's body, and in its wolf eyes, there was actually a hint of reluctance to part.

"Sometimes, beasts are more loyal and easier to get along with than humans. Moreover, once a beast recognizes its master, it often remains faithful until death. In the future, when you interact with the Fire Wolves, treat them as friends, not as livestock!"

Fang Bai walked with Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe to the entrance of Fire Wolves Valley, turned his head to look back at the dozen or so Fire Wolves that were seeing them off, and said thoughtfully.

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe nodded silently.

Subduing the Fire Wolves in Fire Wolves Valley of Blazing Flame Mountain was just a minor interlude that occurred on the way to the Yunnv Sect for Fang Bai and his two companions; their true destination remained the Yunnv Sect.

That very evening, Fang Bai and his two companions appeared at the outer edge of Goddess Gorge, where the Yunnv Sect was located.

The so-called Goddess Gorge was actually a large canyon, approximately three li wide from north to south and nine li long from east to west, with towering peaks on either side, walls as sharp as knife cuts, impassable to ordinary people, and even ordinary martial artists couldn't scale the cliffs.

The interior of the large canyon teemed with lush vegetation, chirping birds, fragrant flowers, babbling streams, and wildflowers and grasses everywhere; occasionally, small animals could be seen darting through the plants and trees in the valley, and exquisite halls and houses built in the central area of the canyon...

Had it not been for the stench of blood in the air and the faint sounds of slaughter, this place would seem a veritable land of bliss, an earthly paradise.

"Why have the Yunnv Sect disciples started infighting?"

When Fang Bai and his companions appeared at the eastern entrance of the Yunnv Sect, they looked forward with expressions of surprise on their faces.

From the valley entrance, they could see many bodies lying haphazardly near the dwellings of the Yunnv Sect disciples, and many more disciples of the sect were fighting beside those bodies, with the shrill and tragic screams of women occasionally ringing out.

Some corpses had fallen into the creek that meandered through the valley, staining the water red.

"Let's go and take a look!"

Fang Bai frowned slightly and took the lead, sweeping toward the halls and houses ahead.

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe, with long swords in hand, quickly followed suit.

During his time in Yanjing, Jiang Yuzhi had mentioned her master Luo Min from the Yunnv Sect to Fang Bai more than once. Luo Min had been imprisoned by the ruthless Sect Master Yu Meiyong for opposing her way of doing things, and her fate was unknown. Although Jiang Yuzhi later escaped from the Yunnv Sect, she had always been worried about her master.

This time, having entered the Hidden Sect World because members of the Dragon Guard had been harmed and after destroying the Ghost Doctor Valley, Fang Bai planned to visit the Yunnv Sect as well,

firstly to completely resolve the hidden danger for Baili Zhan and his family, and secondly to inquire into the circumstances of Luo Min, Jiang Yuzhi's master.

If Luo Min was still alive, he would lend a hand; if Luo Min had died, he would pay tribute on her behalf, thus fulfilling one of Jiang Yuzhi's wishes.

At this moment, the Yunnv Sect was in complete chaos, with the sect disciples divided into two factions, fighting each other, and no one attempted to stop and question the arrival of Fang Bai's party.

Fang Bai rushed up to two Yunnv Sect disciples who were absorbed in battle, immobilized them by sealing their acupoints, and then sternly asked one of them, "Do you recognize Luo Min?"

Upon hearing the name "Luo Min," a harsh light flashed in the disciple's eyes, and she responded icily, "Who are you to Luo Min?"

At the same time, the other disciple urgently said, "Elder Luo is still imprisoned in the dungeon, we are on our way to rescue her, but we are blocked by disciples loyal to the Sect Leader... Are you a friend of Elder Luo?"

Chapter 758: Melee

The two fervently battling disciples from the Yunnv Sect were both High Rank Earth Level Martial Artists. To resolve their mutual attacks and subdue them in a single move, only a Heaven Level Martial Artist could achieve that. Thus, the female disciple who spoke later referred to Fang Bai as "Senior."

After hearing how the two Yunnv Sect disciples addressed Luo Min, Fang Bai knew which one was the enemy and which the ally.

"I have no relation to your Elder Luo, but Jiang Yuzhi is indeed a friend of mine... May I ask how to address this young lady?"

Fang Bai slightly raised his arm, releasing the sealed acupoints of the Yunnv Sect disciple who had spoken later, smiling as he asked.

"So Senior is Sister Jiang's friend! That's wonderful! Oh, my name is Liu Ying! What is your esteemed name, Senior?"

Liu Ying, upon learning that Fang Bai was a friend rather than a foe, was visibly excited.

"My name is Fang Bai. Miss Liu, what happened to your 'Yunnv Sect'? Why are the disciples fighting amongst themselves?"

Fang Bai, newly arrived at the 'Yunnv Sect,' intended first to understand the situation before deciding whether to intervene.

Liu Ying glanced around, seeing that many Yunnv Sect disciples were still fighting. Anxious to assist them, she quickly said, "Sect Master Yu went to the mundane world a while ago and hasn't returned for over half a year. Elder Chi and Elder Zhang speculated that the Sect Leader might have fallen there. Elder Chi wanted to proclaim herself the Sect Leader, while Elder Zhang wished to release Elder Luo from the dungeon to temporarily assume the position of Sect Leader..."

Pausing with a sigh that revealed a sorrowful expression, she continued, "In recent years, Sect Master Yu has been leading the Yunnv Sect down a wicked path, causing dissatisfaction among many disciples. As a result, a good number of disciples support the kind-hearted Elder Luo to become the next Sect Leader. Elder Chi also has her own supporters. When the two sides disagreed, they started fighting... Many of my fellow sisters have already died..."

By the end of her explanation, Liu Ying was overcome with sadness, her voice turning into a low sob.

Relieved to hear that Luo Min was alive, Fang Bai said, "Where is the dungeon where Elder Luo is imprisoned? Take me to rescue her!"

"But here..."

Liu Ying gestured toward the battling factions, her voice filled with sorrow, "Our side is at a disadvantage in terms of strength and numbers..."

"That's easy to solve! Tell me who supports Sect Master Yu and Elder Chi, and I'll restrain them!"

Saying this, Fang Bai grabbed Liu Ying's arm, whisking her away to a pair of Yunnv Sect disciples locked in combat, asking, "Which one supports Sect Master Yu and Elder Chi?"

Taken by Fang Bai, Liu Ying instantaneously moved twenty to thirty meters away. Startled by his miraculous speed, her confidence in him grew. She pointed to a female disciple on the left and said, "She's a Direct Disciple of the Sect Leader!"

"Good!"

Since the disciple was a personal follower of Sect Master Yu, she was clearly an adversary. Fang Bai didn't hesitate, letting out a soft shout as he darted forward like lightning. His fingers curled like talons, aiming for the shoulders of the Yunnv Sect disciple Liu Ying had pointed out.

Although the Yunnv Sect disciple was somewhat stronger than Liu Ying, she was no match for Fang Bai, who had slain High Rank Heaven Level Martial Artists. She watched helplessly as his hands grasped her shoulders, her body going limp as she collapsed, losing her ability to fight.

"Let me tell you, your Sect Master Yu Meiying, along with Elders Zhuo Lanfeng and Ren Liqun who sneaked into the mundane world intending to harm Jiang Yuzhi's family, have been slain by me!"

Fang Bai looked at the subdued but stubbornly defiant direct disciple of Sect Master Yu, sneering as he spoke.

The apprehended Yu Meiying's personal transmission disciple turned pale upon hearing this, finally showing a look of fear in her eyes.

Standing behind Fang Bai, Liu Ying at first was taken aback, but then a look of joy quickly spread across her face.

Before this, from the Yunnv Sect's elders to the disciples, everyone had been guessing whether the Sect Leader had fallen in the secular world. It wasn't until now that they received confirmation.

Months ago, the Sect Leader entered the secular world with Elder Ren and Elder Zhuo, a highly secretive matter known to but a few. Fang Bai, however, named all three individuals and their titles, leaving no doubt about the truthfulness of his claim to have killed them easily.

"Which one of these two is it?"

After subduing a Yunnv Sect disciple loyal to Yu Meiying and Elder Chi, Fang Bai carried Liu Ying to the next pair of fighting disciples and asked again.

"It's her!"

Liu Ying pointed towards the female disciple on the right and then Fang Bai made his move, once again subduing the enemy with one technique.

Fang Bai, leading Liu Ying, moved swiftly between the halls and houses scattered throughout the canyon. In a short span of a mere ten minutes or so, nearly a hundred Yunnv Sect disciples loyal to the Sect Leader and Elder Chi were subdued by him, collapsing to the ground, rendered powerless.

Even Elder Chi, who aspired to proclaim herself Sect Leader, could not escape the fate of being subdued by Fang Bai.

Other Yunnv Sect disciples, some dozens in number, quickly gathered around Elder Zhang, watching Fang Bai uncertainly.

"Senior, this is Elder Zhang. Elder Zhang and these Yunnv Sect disciples by her side support Elder Luo, just like me! Elder Zhang, Senior Fang here is Jiang Yuzhi's friend from the secular world. He's come to help us!"

Seeing Fang Bai's invincible prowess and how quickly he handled Elder Chi and the others, Liu Ying was overjoyed. She led Fang Bai to Elder Zhang and the others and introduced them to each other.

"Thank you for your assistance, Senior! Now there's hope for Elder Luo!"

Elder Zhang, seeing her equal, Elder Chi, subdued by Fang Bai in a single move, knew she was in the presence of a Heaven Level Expert and addressed him respectfully as "Senior".

Fang Bai wanted to quickly rescue Luo Min to see her condition and didn't waste words, saying, "Elder Zhang, let's go check on Elder Luo together!"

Elder Zhang and Luo Min were sworn sisters with a deep bond. After Luo Min was imprisoned, Elder Zhang had repeatedly pleaded for her to no avail, being consistently refused by Sect Leader Yu Meiying. Seizing the opportunity of the Sect Leader's "disappearance," Elder Zhang wanted to rescue Luo Min, asking her to take control of the Yunnv Sect's affairs. This had led to a fierce conflict with the faction led by Elder Chi, and if Fang Bai had not intervened in time, their situation would've been dire.

"Good, let's go to the dungeon now and see how Elder Luo is doing!"

Elder Zhang left a group of her supportive disciples to guard Elder Chi and the others, while she, accompanied by Fang Bai and some trusted disciples, rushed toward the dungeon.

The Yunnv Sect's dungeon, situated next to the Sect Leader's palace, was originally meant to detain those disciples who had committed serious offenses. However, since Yu Meiying became the Sect Leader, any disciple who disagreed with her was imprisoned therein, leading a life devoid of light.

Under normal circumstances, unless pardoned by the Sect Leader, a Yunnv Sect disciple confined to the dungeon would never see the light of day again.

Chapter 759: The Dungeon

In the depths of the dungeon, due to the lack of ventilation for many years, the air was thick with a nauseating stench.

However, more terrifying than the foul air was the darkness and solitude.

Although the dungeon was divided into multiple rooms, and more than one Yunnv Sect disciple was imprisoned, each cell was very far from the others, making communication impossible. Once you were locked up in the dungeon, it was as if the entire world left you alone.

That feeling of darkness and loneliness was fearsome, unimaginable to the average person.

When Fang Bai and Elder Zhang, Liu Ying, and other Yunnv Sect disciples went down into the dungeon, they heard from the leading Elder Zhang that some disciples who lacked strong wills went mad soon after their imprisonment due to mental breakdowns.

"Elder Luo has been locked up for many years, her condition must not be too good, right?"

Fang Bai frowned and asked.

Although Luo Min was a Heaven Level Perfection martial artist and more strong-willed than most, the lack of sunlight and infrequent meals had most certainly taken a toll on her body, but it was unclear to what extent it had deteriorated.

However, for Fang Bai, as long as Luo Min was still breathing, everything was manageable.

Elder Zhang sighed, "Months ago, when Sect Master Yu and Elders Zhuo and Chi went to the secular world, I overcame Elder Chi's obstruction and visited Elder Luo in the dungeon once. Elder Luo looked... skin and bones, barely humanlike, and even speaking seemed to take much effort from her!"

After pausing, he sighed again, "At that time, I estimated that Elder Luo might not live past a year, and I was very anxious. Hence, I contacted a group of disciples in hopes of rescuing her, resulting in a fierce battle with Elder Chi's people... After rescuing Elder Luo this time, I don't know how long it will take her to recover to normal."

Fang Bai nodded, thinking that being alive was good news and that there must be a way for her to recover fully.

"Liu Ying, release all the disciples imprisoned here! These disciples, who were dissatisfied with the actions of the Sect Master and spoke against her, were locked up here and have suffered greatly!"

As they passed a cell, Elder Zhang lifted the oil lamp in his hand to shine inside, then spoke sternly.

"Yes!"

Liu Ying obeyed the order, and with several disciples, sequentially unlocked the sturdy steel locks thicker than an arm on each of the cell doors.

Fang Bai heard the cell doors behind him open one after the other, and soon the cries of the imprisoned disciples arose.

Those cries held no sadness, only the joy of regained freedom.

"This is the cell where Elder Luo is imprisoned!"

Holding their oil lamps aloft, they made their way to the deepest part of the dungeon, where Elder Zhang pointed to the cell door on the very inside.

Fang Bai looked intently, and saw that the lock on the dungeon door was thicker and longer, making it impossible to escape, even for a Heaven Level martial artist.

When the door of the cell imprisoning Luo Min was opened, what Fang Bai saw was even more startling.

Luo Min's hands and feet were chained to an iron pillar as thick as a person, her range of movement limited to less than two meters, clearly showing that Sect Master Yu Meiyang had not given her any chance to escape.

She was slumped on the ground, leaning against the iron pillar, barefoot, with the cold and hard stone beneath her.

Her hair was disheveled and stark white. Although she was only in her early fifties, her face appeared aged and withered, resembling a septuagenarian or an octogenarian.

A martial artist at Earth Level Perfection should exude a sharp brilliance and an overwhelming presence, yet Luo Min had almost completely lost her vigor. She looked like a gravely ill patient teetering on the brink of death, with just a breath of life left, ready to fade at any moment.

"Senior Sister Luo..."

Elder Zhang's heart ached as she saw her fellow sister even more worn than when they had met a few months ago, her life's flame flickering close to extinguishment. She called out with a quivering voice, nearly shedding tears.

Hearing Elder Zhang's voice, Luo Min struggled to lift her head and look in her direction. When she saw Junior Sister Zhang holding the oil lamp standing before her, a glimmer of joy surfaced in her otherwise dull eyes, and her lips moved slightly, uttering a faint sound.

Fang Bai, with his acute senses, heard her say the words "Junior Sister Zhang."

"Senior Sister Luo, Sect Master Yu is dead, Elder Zhuo, Elder Yu, Elder Chi, they're all dead too. We're here to rescue you. This is..."

Elder Zhang intended to introduce Fang Bai to Luo Min but was interrupted by Fang Bai's wave of the hand.

"Elder Luo's body is too weak, now is not the time to talk!"

Fang Bai grabbed Luo Min's right hand, checked her pulse, and then said, "I will give her a brief examination first, otherwise I'm afraid she won't make it through today and may perish..."

Elder Zhang was shocked and pleaded anxiously, "Please, senior, save my Senior Sister Luo's life!"

"Don't worry, within three days, I will restore her to her former self!"

Fang Bai smiled, ignoring the astonished Elder Zhang, who was staring with disbelief, and turned to Luo Min, speaking earnestly, "Elder Luo, my name is Fang Bai. I am a friend of Jiang Yuzhi's family in the secular world. I have come into the Hidden Sect to take care of some matters and thought I would check on you... Rest assured, your issue is not severe, and I will have you well again very soon!"

As he spoke, he channeled a wisp of Chaos Origin Energy into Luo Min's body.

All things in heaven and earth are inseparable from the principles of Yin Yang Five Elements, so are human bodies. Having been locked in a dark environment for years, Luo Min's internal balance of the Five Elements was disrupted, leaving her on the verge of death.

The Chaos Origin Energy within Fang Bai contained Five Elements Origin Qi. Once transferred into Luo Min's body, it miraculously and rapidly restored her internal equilibrium, allowing her body to heal quickly.

Elder Zhang's eyes widened as he watched Senior Sister Luo's complexion improve and her spirit rekindle, no longer the dying woman from moments ago, now seemingly revived as if by the coming of spring. He was amazed and looked at Fang Bai with awe as if he were a deity.

"Thank you, senior... I, Luo Min, will never forget this kindness in my lifetime!"

Moments later, a bit of vibrancy returned to Luo Min's eyes. After Fang Bai retracted his hand, she stood up, bowed to express her gratitude, her voice much stronger than before. It was hard to imagine that only a moment ago, she was barely clinging to life.

Fang Bai waved his hand, saying, "This is not the place for conversation, let's leave first, and then I will treat you again. The rest of the time, you will recover on your own. In three days, everything will be back to normal."

Thereupon, Elder Zhang personally supported Luo Min, and along with Fang Bai and the others, they left the dungeon to enter the main hall of the Yunnv Sect.

The Yunnv Sect disciples, who supported Elder Zhang and Elder Luo, had already gathered in the main hall. When they saw Elder Luo appear, there was a hush followed by a surge of cheers.

After the cheers, Elder Zhang spoke a few words on behalf of Elder Luo to the Yunnv Sect disciples, then instructed them to return to their duties and properly address the aftermath of the internal conflicts within the Yunnv Sect.

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Nearly a hundred disciples loyal to the Sect Leader and Elder Chi of the Yunnv Sect, who had been subdued by Fang Bai, were crippled in their cultivation by Elder Zhang and then expelled from the Yunnv Sect.

After this battle, the Yunnv Sect was greatly weakened, and it would probably take some time to recover to its heyday.

Once everything was settled, Luo Min, with the support of Elder Zhang and other disciples of the Yunnv Sect, became the new Sect Leader of the Yunnv Sect.

Seeing that the affairs of the Yunnv Sect were concluded, Fang Bai used his Chaos Origin Energy to treat Luo Min's body again, and then prepared to leave with Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe.

"If Senior Fang returns to the secular world, please relay a message to Yuzhi. If she wishes to return to the Yunnv Sect, we will welcome her at any time. I offer her the position of an Elder, and even the position of Sect Leader, I am willing to yield to her!"

Luo Min escorted Fang Bai and the others to the entrance of the valley where the Yunnv Sect was located, mentioning Jiang Yuzhi, and solemnly said.

"I will surely convey Sect Leader Luo's words!"

Fang Bai smiled, nodded to Luo Min, Elder Zhang, and the other Yunnv Sect disciples, then turned and strode away.

Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe quickly followed.

"I am returning to the secular world, so let's part here!"

Having escorted Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe near the Spirit Crane Sect, Fang Bai said to them.

"When will Senior leave, and when will you come back?"

Although they knew that Fang Bai came from the secular world and had to return there, the prospect of parting made the two women reluctant to let go.

Along the way, Fang Bai had given them elixirs, guided them in the Martial Dao, and even taught them each a set of Martial Arts Techniques. Although Fang Bai was not their master, he was no different from one in their eyes.

"I will come when I have time! I am still thinking about those Spiritual Medicines on Myriad Medicines Mountain and Blazing Flame Mountain! I hope to see you both make greater progress in your strength when we meet again!"

Fang Bai said with a smile.

"Senior, you've bestowed upon us a great kindness in teaching us. We, sisters, have nothing to offer in return but our gratitude. Please accept our bow!"

Knowing they couldn't keep Fang Bai, Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe exchanged glances, then knelt together and solemnly kowtowed several times to Fang Bai.

When they raised their heads, they found that Fang Bai had already disappeared, and his clear voice came from afar: "The green mountains remain unchanged, the flowing water continues on, we'll meet again in the future!"

"Senior has left!"

The two women looked in the direction Fang Bai's voice had come from, sighed after a moment, and turned to head towards the Spirit Crane Sect.

After parting with Wu Caiyun and Zhao Yuhe, Fang Bai did not immediately return to the secular world but went to Ghost Doctor Valley and climbed Myriad Medicines Mountain near it, intending to figure out the approximate reserves of the Essence Stones inside.

The Essence Stones within "Myriad Medicines Mountain," although mostly comprised of low-grade Essence Stones, were nevertheless abundant in quantity. If mined, they would be sufficient for Fang Bai and his friends and relatives, who practiced Martial Dao, to use for a very long time.

After the destruction of "Ghost Doctor Valley," the disciples from the five major sects jointly guarded "Myriad Medicines Mountain." They could pick the Spiritual Medicine that belonged to their portion on the mountain, but no one dared to touch what belonged to Fang Bai and Long Jingtian.

Fang Bai's strength was simply too imposing, intimidating the five major sects into submission, not daring to offend such a peerless powerhouse and risk bringing about the disaster of sect annihilation.

When Fang Bai arrived at "Myriad Medicines Mountain," he still chose to come at night, unbeknownst to anyone. He approached the cliff-side in the north of "Myriad Medicines Mountain," circulated Earth Element Qi, his palms acting like shovels, dug through the rock as if it were tofu, and like a pangolin, quickly burrowed into the interior of the mountain.

Once a Martial Artist with Earth affinity reached a profound level of cultivation, their body could sink into the earth and rocks as effortlessly as the mythological figure, Tuxing Sun, moving freely under the ground without hindrance, no different from fish swimming in water.

Fang Bai possessed the exceedingly rare "Chaos True Body," embodying seven types of Innate Spiritual Roots. Although his Cultivation Level had not reached the realm of overturning rivers and drilling through the earth, penetrating dozens of meters into the mountain was still an effortless feat for him.

In just a few minutes, Fang Bai's body had reached twenty to thirty meters deep into "Myriad Medicines Mountain." The continuous digging motions of his palms also came to a halt.

"It really is an Essence Stone Mine! It's a pity the grade is a bit low, but thankfully, the reserves are plentiful!"

Fang Bai was pleased to see the closely packed Essence Stones in front of him, radiating Essence Energy, but he also felt a tinge of regret.

Fang Bai placed his hands tightly against the Essence Stone Mine before him, his Divine Sense scattered to probe the general extent of the Essence Stone Mine. After a rough estimate, he believed that the mine could yield hundreds of thousands of Essence Stones.

However, considering that the Essence Stones here were also needed to nourish the Spiritual Medicines on the mountain, Fang Bai didn't plan on mining them all in the future. He needed to leave at least a small portion intact, otherwise, "Myriad Medicines Mountain" might become an ordinary barren hill.

In this Essence Stone Mine, Wood Element Stones were predominant and there were few other types of Essence Stones. Fang Bai's body was enveloped in the vast Essence Energy released by the Essence Stone Mine, and the ball of Chaos Origin Energy within his Qi Sea seemed to sense it and began to stir.

Fang Bai knew that another opportunity for a breakthrough had come.

Next to the Essence Stone Mine, Fang Bai carved out a space large enough for him to sit cross-legged. Then, facing the Essence Stone Mine with both palms tightly pressed against it, he began to circulate his Cultivation Technique, absorbing the massive quantity of Essence Energy from within the Essence Stone Mine.

A tremendous surge of Essence Energy poured into Fang Bai's body, ultimately transforming into a strand of pure Essence Energy that entered his Qi Sea, merging with the ball of Chaos Origin Energy.

The moment that strand of pure Essence Energy merged with the Chaos Origin Energy, Fang Bai felt as though he'd been struck by lightning, his body trembled slightly, and then the aura around him soared exponentially. The Essence Energy dispersed in all directions before gradually subsiding, calming down after a few breaths.

"My Cultivation Level has reached the 'Absorbing Essence Realm'... Hmm, which is probably equivalent to the initial stage of Heaven Level in this world, right? From now on in this world, I should be an invincible Heaven Level Martial Artist."

Fang Bai murmured to himself with a satisfied smile on his lips.

Ascending to the "Absorbing Essence Realm" meant Fang Bai's body could now directly absorb Essence Energy from everything in the heavens and the earth. At this stage, the ball of Chaos Origin Energy inside his Qi Sea had grown to the size of an egg and had become even more solid.

Don't be fooled by the egg-sized ball of Chaos Origin Energy; it contained unimaginable energy that, once unleashed, would be tremendously powerful.

The strand of pure Essence Energy that merged into Fang Bai's Qi Sea primarily consisted of Wood Element Qi. Therefore, when Fang Bai inspected his Divine Sense, he noticed that the area of Wood Element Qi within the ball of Chaos Origin Energy had noticeably grown larger than before.

Fang Bai's advancement caused quite a stir. The disciples from the five major sects guarding "Myriad Medicines Mountain" felt the intense fluctuation of Essence Energy and were massively shocked, thinking that a formidable enemy was invading. However, when they conducted a thorough search, the fluctuation of Essence Energy had vanished, and they found nothing.