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Chapter 251: Bone Demon Wilderness

“Is this a Thunder Stone?”

Chen Yu stared at the silver-gray stone, a look of surprise appearing on his face.

"Do you actually know about it?"

Kong Zhong was slightly surprised, not expecting Chen Yu to recognize the name of the stone.

Thunder Stones are legendary spirit stones, born in the absolute realm of thunder, gathering the power of the natural thunder and lightning between heaven and earth.

This stone has many uses; if integrated into a treasure, it can enhance the quality of the treasure and endow it with the power of thunder and lightning.

Thunder and lightning is one of the most powerful forces in nature, particularly effective against beings of the Evil Ghost Path, making treasures imbued with such power exceedingly rare.

Moreover, the Thunder Stone can also be used in special arrays to bestow them with the might of thunder.

Additionally, ancient texts from ancient times mentioned that body cultivators used Thunder Stones for body refinement.

Chen Yu knew another use for the Thunder Stone.

On the fifth prescription written in the “Copper Statue Technique,” the main ingredient listed was the “Thunder Stone.” It mentioned that if Thunder Stones were too rare, other materials like “Thunder Light Grass” could be substituted. However, if a Thunder Stone was used as the main ingredient, the efficacy of the fifth prescription would increase by at least forty to fifty percent.

It was precisely because of the fifth prescription that Chen Yu could recognize the stone Kong Zhong presented.

"Since you know the Thunder Stone, you should also know its uses, so I need not elaborate further!"

Kong Zhong expressed confidently.

Even if Chen Yu did not know how to use the Thunder Stone for body refinement, merely integrating this Thunder Stone into a treasure would significantly elevate the quality of the treasure and give it the power of thunder and lightning.

The value of the Thunder Stone was such that even those in the Guiyuan Realm would be moved by it; he did not believe Chen Yu would give up such a stone for a mere puppet.

"All right, I'll trade!"

Chen Yu took out a metal sphere from his storage bag.

This sword and shield puppet was a spoils of war from when he had killed Lu Zhuo, and since Chen Yu himself was not a Puppet Master, he could not maximize the puppet's potential.

Using this puppet to trade for a fist-sized Thunder Stone was a good deal.

Furthermore, Chen Yu guessed that Kong Zhong would unearth value from the sword and shield puppet that surpassed that of one Thunder Stone; otherwise, he would not agree to the trade.

Seeing the metal sphere, Kong Zhong's eyes flashed with eagerness, and subsequently, the two exchanged items.

Chen Yu focused on the Thunder Stone in his hand.

He could feel the astonishing thunder energy within this small stone; if it all burst out, it could likely directly annihilate a regular Innate Strong person.

Buzzing hiss!

Streams of thunder power emanated from the Thunder Stone, coursing through Chen Yu's arm and causing a tingling sensation.

"I didn't expect my body's resistance to thunder to be so low!"

Chen Yu muttered to himself.

Thinking about it, thunder was a naturally powerful force, and moreover, metal conducted electricity.

However, once Chen Yu used the fifth prescription later, he would probably develop resistance to lightning.

"The trade has been pleasant, and since we are both at No Demon Academy, we will inevitably run into each other again. Let's put our past grievances behind us

Kong Zhong said with a smile.

With Chen Yu's terrifying potential, Kong Zhong naturally wanted to turn an enemy into a friend.

He knew that if Chen Yu displayed all his strength, reaching the twenty-first level in the Ten Thousand Demon Tower wouldn't be a challenge, perhaps even advancing beyond was possible.

"I don't really care!"

Chen Yu waved his hand.

After the trade ended, both parties went their separate ways.

On his way back, Chen Yu visited the Wumo Sub-Hall.

After reaching the twentieth level, besides the No Demon Points reward, there were other prizes to be collected at the Wumo Sub-Hall.

"Are you Chen Yu? You've passed the twentieth level, here's your reward of five thousand lower Grade Essence Stones!"

The person in charge curiously sized up Chen Yu.

Although five thousand lower Grade Essence Stones wasn't a lot, combined with the No Demon Points that Chen Yu had earned, it amounted to a very substantial reward.

His cultivation manse rental was about to expire, and Chen Yu immediately paid with Grade Essence Stones and No Demon Points and switched to a larger and more spacious manse. The cultivation effects were slightly improved, and likewise, the cost increased by a hundred No Demon Points. For Chen Yu, who now owned a vast amount of No Demon Points, this was trivial.

After moving to the new manse, Chen Yu consumed half a bottle of Ice and Fire Body Tempering Liquid and started cultivating.

Consecutively passing twenty levels in the Ten Thousand Demon Tower had polished his Copper Statue Gang Body significantly; now was the best time to cultivate.

Three days later, just as Chen Yu came out of his retreat, he overheard fellow students discussing matters concerning the Ten Thousand Demon Tower.

However, the discussion wasn't about Chen Yu but about Duan Hao and Situ Lin Yu.

It turned out that the day after Chen Yu's tower challenge, Duan Hao also attempted the tower and passed the twentieth level!

"With Duan Hao's strength, he only reached the twentieth level?"

Chen Yu's expression remained calm.

With Duan Hao's strength, if he utilized his lineage's power, he could fight at the Early Innate level, but he also only reached the twentieth level and failed at the twenty-first level.

As anyone progressed climbing up to twenty levels, their physical and True Qi energy would deplete extensively, increasingly feeling powerless. Unlike Chen Yu, who dominated the first fifteen levels with sheer strength, preserving his physical strength and True Qi almost unscathed.

Furthermore, Situ Lin Yu attempted the tower yesterday.

And he even made it more impressively to the twenty-first level, astonishing the academy.

"When I did my tower run, Situ Lin Yu was there but didn't attempt it; it looks like he spent a few days preparing!"

Chen Yu speculated.

Situ Lin Yu must have gathered information and prepared in advance, thus he managed a higher tier than Duan Hao, reaching the twenty-first level.

Chen Yu didn't pay much attention to this.

His own tower run to the twentieth level wasn't very taxing. If he used his Innate True Fire, lineage power, and other trump cards, he could still progress further.

If he went all out, Chen Yu was confident he could reach the twenty-fourth level!

But achieving such a result would be too shocking, and whether it was good fortune or a curse for Chen Yu to do so remained uncertain.

"I didn't believe it before, but now I am truly convinced. This year's freshmen are full of monsters, indeed the strongest batch in decades!"

"I wonder who among these freshmen is the strongest!"

"In five months, at the freshmen competition, we will see. Then, this batch of freshmen will also compete with the previous two batches of seniors. I am really looking forward to it!"

The brilliance of this batch of freshmen made No Demon Academy place great importance on the upcoming freshmen competition.

Meanwhile, stimulated by this, the seniors from the last two batches had become much more diligent. Imagine, if during the freshmen competition, they were to lose to those who had just enrolled, it would be a total disgrace.

Leaving his residence, Chen Yu headed towards Evil Wind Valley to cultivate the "Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow."

Arriving at his previous cultivation spot, Chen Yu felt that the intensity of the Evil Wind was slightly weaker and moved forward a dozen steps.

"This spot is just right!"

Chen Yu said with a smile.

From this, it was evident that his Copper Statue Gang Body had indeed improved.

Roar~

Stimulating his physical strength, Chen Yu transformed into a black Evil Wind and rushed out.

After his movement technique had been executed for a while, two swift black shadows were faintly seen sprinting wildly within Evil Wind Valley.

However, before long, a third shadow appeared.

Actually, all these were afterimages.

The quicker the speed of the movement technique, the more afterimages would appear!

Currently, Chen Yu had mastered the second form of the secret technique, but it was still not fluent.

These days, he had basically stayed in Evil Wind Valley, practicing the second form of “Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow” and the “Yuan Sha Divine Skill.”

Humming~

In his Qi Sea, the center of the Primordial Evil True Qi cluster, the black True Qi was growing more and more massive.

"It seems this black True Qi is definitely the ‘True Evil Qi’ of the Innate level!"

Chen Yu could now confirm this.

As early as the Postnatal Early Stage, he had condensed this cluster of black True Qi.

At this rate, he feared that before reaching Innate, he might completely transform the Primordial Evil True Qi into True Evil Qi.

After some time, Chen Yu also practiced the combat techniques in the “Cloud Evil Divine Skill.”

Boom!

A punch was thrown, and a huge, solid black python roared and burst forth, ferocious and vivid.

Compared to before, Chen Yu felt that the Evil Qi in his techniques had grown stronger, all thanks to the assistance from Evil Wind Valley.

In the cultivation of the Evil Path, the stronger the Evil Qi, the stronger the techniques.

In the blink of an eye, a month passed.

Chen Yu had made significant progress in his secret techniques, Body Refinement, and Cultivation Techniques.

During this period, he attended a lecture by Qiu Qihong, an instructor from Blood Slaughter Institute.

Qiu Qihong was a Blood Dao Practitioner, but she was somewhat helpful to Chen Yu, given that he possessed innate bloodline and the Blood Dao Innate Spiritual Flame, Blood Crystal Flame.

But he had not revealed these yet and did not ask directly about related questions.

One day, Chen Yu went to Wumo Sub-Hall to undertake a mission, intending to enhance through practical combat.

Additionally, as a member of No Demon Academy, there was a strict mandate that every three months, one must complete a mission corresponding to one’s cultivation level.

At Wumo Sub-Hall, the mission delegate area.

When Chen Yu arrived, there were already quite a few people.

Inside the academy, besides completing corresponding assessments and training to earn No Demon Points, the most common method was through missions.

Furthermore, most students at No Demon Academy were not of the leisurely kind; they preferred combat and discipline.

The giant stone wall was filled with missions of various difficulties.

Chen Yu looked up, searching for one suitable for himself.

His strength had reached the Innate level, and general missions were somewhat uninteresting to him.

Just then.

A blood-red figure hastened over; he was clad in a bloody robe, his eyes cold, emitting an astonishing, bloody stench as if emerging from a mountain of corpses and sea of blood.

The arrival of this person immediately drew the attention of the students gathered here.

"That's 'Jin Zhuo Peak,' the top student among those from Blood Slaughter Institute!"

"Rumors say he undertook the highest difficulty mission three months ago and went alone to 'Demon Bone Wilderness.' It seems he has completed it!"

Most here were students from Blood Slaughter Peak, thus they admired Jin Zhuo Peak greatly.

"The number one student from Blood Slaughter Institute?"

Chen Yu gave him a few more glances.

As a member of Blood Slaughter Institute, he might interact with Jin Zhuo Peak in the future.

After collecting his mission rewards, Jin Zhuo Peak left.

"Demon Bone Wilderness?"

Unintentionally, Chen Yu spotted a mission related to Bone Demon Wilderness.

Bone Demon Wilderness, one of the three perilous places in Tianhe Prefecture, and that Jin Zhuo Peak had just returned from there.

"This is the mission, heading to the edge of Bone Demon Wilderness to hunt the 'Giant Demon Tiger' for precious materials like tiger claws and teeth

Chen Yu made his decision.

"You want to take this mission?"

At the mission registration area, an old man with a long beard showed a look of surprise.

Bone Demon Wilderness, as one of the three dangerous places in Tianhe Prefecture, was notoriously perilous. Although the mission range was just at its edge, sudden occurrences often happened in Bone Demon Wilderness, and very few freshmen would venture there.

"That's right!"

Chen Yu confirmed resolutely.

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"I advise you to team up with others for this journey!"

The bearded elder cautioned.

"No, I alone am enough!"

Chen Yu immediately refused.

With his current strength, he was by no means weaker than an average Early Innate cultivator; it's just that he had not revealed his true power.

For Chen Yu, ordinary missions posed no difficulty, it was only those at the Innate level that could temper him.

However, taking on Innate-level missions while being merely at the Postnatal Middle Stage was too noticeable.

Therefore, Chen Yu selected this mission, to go to the Demon Bone Wilderness and hunt the Giant Demon Tiger.

This mission was the most difficult among the Postnatal Level, and most would team up to undertake it.

Chen Yu planned that if the hunt for the Giant Demon Tiger was completed quickly, he could also stay in the Demon Bone Wilderness a bit longer, venturing alone into other dangerous areas.

"Do as you see fit!"

Seeing Chen Yu insist on going alone, the bearded elder did not say much more.

After accepting the mission, Chen Yu went back to prepare. That day, he rode a fine Snow Trampling Horse towards the Demon Bone Wilderness.

Ten days later.

Chen Yu arrived at a desolate plain with dark clouds looming in the sky, while the air was filled with a heavy, desolate, and ferocious aura.

"Is this the Demon Bone Wilderness, one of the three great dangers in Tianhe Prefecture?"

Chen Yu felt a tinge of anticipation and proceeded with caution.

The Demon Bone Wilderness was located on the edge of Tianhe Prefecture and was extremely vast, stretching into parts of the neighboring prefectures.

The environment in the Demon Bone Wilderness was harsh, and the beasts that lived there were exceedingly ferocious. Given its long existence, there were not only Guiyuan Realm beasts but also ancient creatures. Even Jin Zhuo Peak, the top student from the Blood Slaughter Institute, did not dare to venture deep into it.

It wasn't long before.

Ahead, more than a dozen large hyenas appeared; their bodies were emaciated, allowing a view of their sturdy bones, adding an even more ferocious appearance.

Upon seeing Chen Yu, these hyena beasts let out a fierce howl and surrounded him, launching an attack.

"Entering the Demon Bone Wilderness, and already encountering a group of Postnatal Early Stage fierce beasts!"

Chen Yu couldn't help but exclaim at the danger the Bone Demon Wilderness presented.

Kill!

Activating the Copper Statue Technique, Chen Yu rushed out like a human-shaped beast, charging straight into one of the hyena beasts.

Boom!

The hyena beast let out a howl of agony as it was thrown dozens of feet, its flesh and blood a blur.

Seeing this, the other hyenas halted, ready to flee, clearly feeling a deadly threat from Chen Yu instantly killing one of their own.

As they escaped, two of the hyenas even dragged away the dead body, ready to feast upon it later.

Chen Yu did not bother with them and continued on.

After encountering several Postnatal Middle Stage and later stage fierce beasts, Chen Yu finally spotted his mission target—the Giant Demon Tiger!

Its massive form was like a small mountain, with pitch-black fur, a pair of blood-red eyes that could captivate souls, and tiger teeth as sharp as hooks stained with mottled blood.

The Giant Demon Tiger, a Postnatal Peak fierce beast, possessed tremendous strength and brutality. Its teeth, in a full-force bite, could even pose a threat to Qi Transformation Innate beings.

Roar~

The tiger's roar was like thunder, intimidating all around.

An average Postnatal Middle Stage cultivator would have had their spirit shaken under the Giant Demon Tiger's roar.

With that roar, the Giant Demon Tiger's form charged forth.

Suddenly, the spot where Chen Yu stood was shrouded by a shadow of Evil Qi.

"Such speed!"

Chen Yu looked up at the mountainous Giant Demon Tiger barreling down on him.

From this close range, he felt an overwhelming surge of the tiger's fierce Blood Evil Qi and its domineering presence.

Hum!

Fully activating the Copper Statue Technique, Chen Yu's body was covered in a layer of precise copper patterns, with an invisible force field enveloping his copperized form.

Immediately, Chen Yu leaped up, proactively charging towards the descending Giant Demon Tiger.

The Giant Demon Tiger itself showed a hint of surprise; did this human really dare to take a head-on collision against it at a disadvantage?

Boom!

Chen Yu dodged the Giant Demon Tiger's claw and landed a punch on its leg.

In their first exchange, Chen Yu forced the Giant Demon Tiger back.

"So tough!"

Chen Yu was astonished; the bones of the Giant Demon Tiger were incredibly sturdy, making him feel as though he was punching iron bones.

Roar!

Not gaining an upper hand in the first clash, the Giant Demon Tiger glared at Chen Yu with bloodshot eyes as it expanded its stomach and spat out an astonishing swirl of black Evil Qi.

This strike contained the might of a fierce beast, along with Blood Evil Qi, approaching the power of an Early Innate.

"Break!"

Faced with this attack, Chen Yu went on the offensive.

Boom!

A punch was thrown, and a black serpent made of Evil Qi emerged, wrapped in a layer of dark halo, almost lifelike.

Against a Postnatal Peak savage beast, Chen Yu didn't hold back. This form manifested in his Evil Qi, intermingled with a wisp of dark True Qi, enhancing the strike's power to be comparable to an average Innate attack.

Boom bang pong!

The Evil Qi black serpent shot forth, shattering the Evil Qi swirl with unstoppable momentum.

The Giant Demon Tiger had not expected Chen Yu to be so overbearing; unable to evade quickly enough, it was hit by the remaining punch's force.

However, the beasts of the Demon Bone Wilderness possessed extreme vitality. Chen Yu's powerful strike did not inflict a grave injury on the Giant Demon Tiger.

Swoosh!

A flash of dark light appeared in Chen Yu's hand, and a wide, pitch-black greatsword materialized—the Xuan Heavy Sword.

Against the immensely vital Giant Demon Tiger, the damage dealt by his fists was limited.

Approaching the Giant Demon Tiger, he swung his sword.

Boom hiss!

A magnificent crescent-shaped black and silver sword rainbow, over two zhang in diameter, encircled by a roaring wave of dark Evil Qi, struck the mountain-like black tiger, leaving behind wounds.

Moreover, the astonishing force of the attack even damaged the Giant Demon Tiger's internal organs.

With the Xuan Heavy Sword in hand, the ferocity of Chen Yu's blows made even the Giant Demon Tiger feel a trace of wariness.

Gradually, the injuries on the Giant Demon Tiger accumulated, diminishing its combat strength.

At a certain moment, the Giant Demon Tiger transformed into a black shadow and turned to flee.

"Thinking of escaping?"

Chen Yu's lips curled into a smile.

Roar~

A gust of Evil Qi picked up, and Chen Yu, like a lightning-black panther, chased after the Giant Demon Tiger with astonishing speed.

"The Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow," as a secret movement technique, boasted incredible speed and was even better at straight-line pursuit.

In less than a moment, Chen Yu caught up with the Giant Demon Tiger.

Boom~

Chen Yu mobilized his nearly pitch-black True Qi, brewing a powerful strike, and fiercely swung the Xuan Heavy Sword.

The black evil Sword Qi, like a tsunami, surged forward, smashing into the Giant Demon Tiger.

The immense force of the impact aggravated its other injuries, causing the Giant Demon Tiger's body to deform as blood spattered out.

Afterward, Chen Yu began to collect the precious parts from the Giant Demon Tiger's body.

Giant Demon Tigers were not herd beasts; after killing one, Chen Yu continued his search.

In one day, Chen Yu hunted three Giant Demon Tigers, among others of varying strength.

At night, Chen Yu hurried outwards, finding a hillside to rest for a short while.

"My Blood Evil Qi has gotten stronger!"

While cultivating in Evil Wind Valley, the Killing Qi Realm within Chen Yu's techniques had strengthened, but now, through combat, it had been further solidified and enhanced.

The following day.

Chen Yu went deeper again in search of Giant Demon Tigers.

Through the previous day's combat, Chen Yu had already grasped the advantages and weaknesses of the Giant Demon Tigers.

At this point, he was so confident that he didn't even need the Xuan Heavy Sword to swiftly hunt down the Giant Demon Tigers.

Roar roar~

The Giant Demon Tiger continued to roar, exhaling a giant black tornado from its mouth.

"Hmph, futile struggle!"

Chen Yu's figure swiftly plunged to the right, dodging the attack, and once again burst forth with astonishing speed in a straight line.

During the combat, Chen Yu's use of "Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow" became even more seamless, versatile, and adaptable.

Boom bang!

A Qi-transformed giant python roared out, blasting the Giant Demon Tiger back dozens of yards.

This Giant Demon Tiger was slightly weaker than the first one Chen Yu encountered, and its size was also smaller; it had clearly just advanced to the Postnatal Peak.

"Hmm?"

Chen Yu didn't seize the opportunity to attack; his keen senses picked up on something unusual.

Hundreds of yards away.

Three men and one woman, drawn by the sound of the fight, approached cautiously.

"It's the sound of a Giant Demon Tiger fighting. If we're lucky, we might get an easy kill!"

Within the group, a Green-clothed Youth couldn't hide his delight.

"Let's go take a look!"

A young man holding a gray-white bone sword, his expression placid, led the team, clearly the captain of the group.

Gradually, the four of them got a clear view of the situation.

The one battling the Giant Demon Tiger wasn't another beast, but a youth in beast armor.

"It's him!"

In the team, a young man with blood-red bandages wrapped around his hands, showed a look of shock.

This person was the Blood Demon Hand.

Previously, Shi Wei and others had asked him to cause trouble for the freshmen, mainly targeting Chen Yu, but he ended up being chastised by Duan Hao.

"Do you know him?"

The team leader, Zhang Nan, asked.

"Blood Slaughter Institute newbie!"

Blood Demon Hand's face darkened.

After exiting seclusion, he had been itching to find trouble with Chen Yu, only to hear the news of Chen Yu passing the twentieth floor of the Ten Thousand Demon Tower.

This was, without a doubt, a tremendous blow to him.

From then on, Blood Demon Hand secluded himself to consolidate his cultivation, until he took on the Giant Demon Tiger hunting mission this time and joined "Zhang Nan's" team.

Blood Demon Hand himself had to join a team to dare venture into the Demon Bone Wilderness, yet Chen Yu had come here alone.

"Let's just watch for now!"

Zhang Nan murmured in a low voice.

From Blood Demon Hand's expression, it seemed he had a poor relationship with this person, perhaps even enemies.

"I heard that among the Blood Slaughter Institute's new students, aside from Duan Hao of the Ancient Clan, there's another who became quite famous for passing twenty levels on his first tower run. Could this be him?"

A tall, cold-looking woman in the team spoke with a hint of interest.

"Wow, this guy is impressive. He's taking on a Giant Demon Tiger alone, and he's leaving it with no power to fight back!"

The Green-clothed Youth whispered in admiration, his words laced with a touch of jealousy.

"Brother Zhang, this kid must have quite a few Giant Demon Tiger materials on him. If we snatch them away, we could at least cut our mission time in half!"

Blood Demon Hand suddenly spoke up.

The other three team members turned towards him with surprise etched on their faces.

No Demon Academy's competition was ruthless, with feuds and fights among the students often left to their own devices, provided they weren't too severe. Deaths or disappearances while on missions were also common occurrences.

However, Chen Yu's potential was too great, and they didn't want to offend him.

"This kid's at the Postnatal Middle Stage yet possesses such strength; there must be a great opportunity behind it, otherwise, with no background, how could he challenge the likes of Duan Hao and Situ Lin Yu, those super geniuses!"

Blood Demon Hand spoke again.

Even if this was just his suspicion without concrete evidence, it was still worth contemplating.

"Brother Zhang, the four of us take action, this kid, no matter how tough, won't leave this place alive. Also, I'll give you the 'Bone Spirit Ore' in my hands

Blood Demon Hand spat out through gritted teeth.

The other three could tell that Blood Demon Hand intended not only to rob Chen Yu of his resources but also to take his life!

After all, Blood Demon Hand was known for being ruthless and quick to kill over small matters. Given the chance, he would certainly take his enemy's life.

The Green-clothed Youth and the tall woman both turned to look at Zhang Nan.

The three of them, coming from the same branch, often executed missions together, plundering resources, and had also engaged in treacherous activities, including killing other cultivators.

However, given Chen Yu's immense potential and his not-so-ordinary combat abilities, this was no trivial matter, and Zhang Nan needed to make the decision.

After a long contemplation.

"Everyone prepare!"

Zhang Nan finally spoke up.

He had long had his eye on Blood Demon Hand's "Bone Spirit Ore" and had even planned to target Blood Demon Hand during this mission.

But now, he shifted his aim to a much bigger prey.

Chapter 253: One Punch Double Kill

Bone Demon Wilderness.

Boom! Bang!

Chen Yu faced the Giant Demon Tiger alone, the two viciously tangled in fierce combat.

"Aren't you coming out yet?"

Chen Yu murmured in his heart.

He had detected the presence of others nearby quite early on, hiding not too far away.

At that moment.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

The people hidden in the shadows made their move.

A tall woman and a Green-clothed Youth swiftly sprang out, blocking the sides of the Giant Demon Tiger.

Subsequently, two men slowly walked out from behind.

"So you're Chen Yu, the genius freshman from Blood Slaughter Institute? I've heard much about you, and it seems your reputation is well-deserved!"

Zhang Nan said with a gentle chuckle, his tone mild.

"Hmm?"

Chen Yu glanced at Zhang Nan and at the Blood Demon Hand beside him, his eyes filled with suspicion.

He saw that Zhang Nan's bone sword was placed at the neck of the Blood Demon Hand, as if completely controlling him.

"Chen, you should have some grievances with the Blood Demon Hand, right? We three happened to team up with the Blood Demon Hand to hunt the Giant Demon Tiger. When we saw you fighting the tiger, the Blood Demon Hand urged us to make a move against you!"

Zhang Nan voluntarily explained.

"That's right, the Blood Demon Hand is indeed a fool. With Chen's bravery as he ventured alone into the Demon Bone Wilderness to face the Giant Demon Tiger, how could we be his match!"

The tall woman chimed in.

"Moreover, Chen, with your exceptional talent, you're destined to become a great Demon Lord one day!"

The tall woman sent an autumn wave with her eyes, her voice mellifluous and captivating.

"So, we three subdued the Blood Demon Hand, wanting to owe you a favor!"

Zhang Nan laughed heartily.

"Hmph, you despicable and shameless people, I, Blood Demon Hand, will not let you go!"

The Blood Demon Hand's face was hideously resentful, overtaken by extreme rage and unwillingness.

"It's true, I have some grievances with the Blood Demon Hand, but I never expected he would want my life!"

Chen Yu looked toward the Blood Demon Hand.

Between him and the Blood Demon Hand were trivial matters— they hadn't even spoken a proper word to each other before.

"The Blood Demon Hand has been subdued by me, and I will hand him over to you for disposal. However, the Demon Bone Wilderness is extremely dangerous. Chen, you also took on the task of hunting the Giant Demon Tiger, didn't you? How about we move together from here?"

Zhang Nan brought the Blood Demon Hand in front of Chen Yu and extended an invitation to team up.

"Sure, let me dispose of this man first!"

Chen Yu agreed, his eyes focusing on the Blood Demon Hand.

"Hehe, alright, however you decide to dispose of him, we ensure that no one else will know."

Zhang Nan flattered.

In fact, he was secretly pleased. Talents are indeed proud and presumptuous.

They sold a favor to Chen Yu, a little flattery was enough to lower the young genius's guard; it was too easy to take advantage.

As Chen Yu drew closer, Zhang Nan and the Blood Demon Hand could hardly contain themselves.

"Attack now!"

Zhang Nan uttered a low shout, and his bone sword suddenly thrust forward with an astonishing ferocity.

Simultaneously, the Blood Demon Hand burst out with a strong aura and extended his hands, sending blood-red bandages along with vivid blood flowing toward Chen Yu.

At the same time, the tall woman and the Green-clothed Youth behind Chen Yu each unleashed their treasures with lethal moves.

At this moment, they did not bother to hide their expressions, their faces showing greedy joy, as if they were already victorious.

However.

Just as the four of them attacked, Chen Yu unexpectedly made the first move!

Roar~

A gust of black evil Qi suddenly erupted, and Chen Yu propelled forward, instantly closing the distance to Zhang Nan and the Blood Demon Hand.

"Not good, this kid was on guard all along!"

Zhang Nan's face drastically changed.

He had been careless!

Everything had gone too smoothly from the start; he didn't realize it.

But it was his own fault for never having slipped up before; he would have noticed if it had been the past him.

However, they hadn't lost yet.

Zhang Nan was extremely strong, having already reached the Postnatal Peak and was preparing to break through to the Innate stage.

The Blood Demon Hand and the tall woman had only recently advanced to the Postnatal Peak, with the Green-clothed Youth in the Postnatal Late Stage.

Facing head-on, could their four-person team really be afraid of this kid?

Boom!

Chen Yu punched out, his arm erupting with an immensely powerful force, an apparitional giant python, its mouth wide open, roaring forth.

With this punch, Chen Yu showed no mercy, his heart powered up, and he mobilized a bit of dark True Qi, the attack's potency reaching the Early Innate stage.

"Too strong!"

Zhang Nan's face changed again as he had not observed such power in Chen Yu when watching secretly.

On the other side.

The Blood Demon Hand felt something unusual underground and immediately felt a piercing pain at the bottom of his foot, as if stepping on a nail.

Before he could inspect it...

Boom! Bang!

Chen Yu's punch arrived.

Their powerful moves intertwined.

Bang~

The blood-red bandages shattered first, the Blood Demon Hand's figure giving way as he spat out a mouthful of fresh blood.

Originally, with Blood Demon Hand and Zhang Nan combined, they hoped to suppress Chen Yu.

But unfortunately, something had bitten the Blood Demon Hand's foot just now, causing him to be distracted.

Zhang Nan was relatively fine.

Additionally, the Giant Demon Tiger, originally doomed, seized the opportunity as the five humans started fighting among themselves and immediately fled.

"Young man, we showed no flaws just now, how did you find out!"

Zhang Nan's face looked incredibly serious.

"Hehe."

Chen Yu chuckled softly.

Whoosh!

From the underground afar, a blue light shot out, landing in Chen Yu's hand, revealing itself to be a bug.

It turned out that after detecting the presence of others nearby, Chen Yu had sent out a bug to investigate the situation secretly.

He clearly understood Zhang Nan and Blood Demon Hand's conspiracy through his observation with the bug.

"It was this bug that bit me just now!"

The Blood Demon Hand quickly realized and inspected his wound.

Instantly, his face drastically changed.

The small wound festered rapidly in red and blue, the poison spreading alarmingly fast.

The Blood Demon Hand immediately swallowed an Elixir and circulated True Qi and Blood Path Secret Techniques to stop the spread of the poison.

"Kill him quickly!"

The Blood Demon Hand screamed in agony.

At this moment, the cards were on the table, and Chen Yu had to be killed, otherwise endless trouble would ensue.

Additionally, the poison in his feet was too severe, even he practicing the Blood Path couldn't suppress it.

Perhaps Chen Yu had an antidote on him.

"Let's attack together!"

Zhang Nan coldly shouted.

Chen Yu's talent, methods, and intellect frightened him—he must not let him leave here alive.

Swoosh swoosh swoosh~

The four of them had a grave expression, clearly planning to go all out to eliminate Chen Yu.

"Ha ha, just with you guys?"

Chen Yu burst out laughing.

His heart gathered strength and melded with dark True Qi, then Chen Yu suddenly roared.

Roar~

A shocking loud noise vibrated in all directions.

Even though the four were prepared and had blocked their ears and other vital points, they were still stunned by Chen Yu's roar.

Among them, this "Copper Lion Roar" was mainly aimed at Zhang Nan and Blood Demon Hand.

Zhang Nan, being strong, was not greatly troubled.

But Blood Demon Hand suffered the consequences, his whole body's blood boiled, his internal organs trembled, and the poison he had just managed to suppress spread again.

Swoosh!

Having gained the upper hand, Chen Yu quickly charged towards Blood Demon Hand, taking the initiative to attack.

Facing the siege of four people was somewhat troublesome; if he could eliminate one person first, it would be much easier.

Among them, Blood Demon Hand, because of being bitten by the Iron Moon Corpse Worm and injured by his fist, now had to devote much of his focus to suppress the poison, significantly weakening his strength.

"No way!"

Zhang Nan was very close to Blood Demon Hand, and upon perceiving Chen Yu's intention, immediately launched an attack.

Swoosh swoosh swoosh~

The bone sword swung, generating layers of dim sword glows, rapidly shooting towards Chen Yu.

The sword glows were fierce and intimidating, and they even emitted a corrupt aura.

As a Sword Dao expert, Zhang Nan's attacks were always powerful, and Chen Yu did not dare to take it lightly.

Boom~

Pulling out the Xuan Heavy Sword, he fiercely swung it, layers of Evil Qi sword aura formed a pitch-black aura wall, blocking Zhang Nan's Sword Dao attacks.

But at that moment, the green-clothed youth and the tall woman attacked him.

The green-clothed youth used a knife, and the tall woman used a whip; both of their attacks were exceptionally ferocious.

For a time, Chen Yu was entangled by the attacks of the three and had no opportunity to launch an offensive.

However, the attacks of the three did not cause any injury to Chen Yu.

Chen Yu mainly blocked Zhang Nan's attacks, followed by the tall woman, and as for the green-clothed youth's attacks, he fully operated the Copper Statue Technique and was able to directly withstand them.

As for Blood Demon Hand, he was in the back pressing down the poison and healing, not participating in the battle.

After a short moment of combat, Zhang Nan and the other two were extremely alarmed.

Chen Yu swung the Xuan Heavy Sword, his defense solid as gold, coupled with his astonishing speed and strong evasive ability.

Few attacks hit him, and at most, they left a shallow mark on his body surface.

"Is this kid made of iron?"

The green-clothed youth complained.

"Attack with all your might, don't slack!"

Zhang Nan yelled.

The three of them were fighting one and had not injured Chen Yu even after a long time.

At this moment, Zhang Nan dared not be careless.

"It's a futile effort!"

Chen Yu snorted coldly.

Roar!

Chen Yu accumulated True Qi and power, suddenly bursting forth, his figure surging out explosively.

Zhang Nan and the others had been wary of Chen Yu's movement technique all along and immediately tightened their formation.

No matter whom Chen Yu attacked, they could provide timely support.

"Hehe!"

Chen Yu, running at full speed, let out a light laugh.

His speed increased more and more, lifting up an infinite Evil Qi windstorm with a terrifying momentum.

Gradually.

They saw three Chen Yus.

"What kind of movement technique is this?"

The three of them were shocked.

Chen Yu's previously displayed movement technique was already astonishing; this time with his speed increasing again and producing false images, it made it difficult to distinguish the real from the fake.

Suddenly.

The three Chen Yus each attacked Zhang Nan and the other two, but only one was the real body.

"Be careful!"

Zhang Nan looked towards the green-clothed youth and shouted loudly.

Only to see.

The Chen Yu attacking the green-clothed youth, his arms wrapped around with astonishing black Evil Qi wind.

And beneath that black wind, the fist covered with a layer of semi-transparent dragon scale blood patterns.

Ao!

The aura on Chen Yu's body surged wildly and faintly, with a dragon chant heard, emitting an aura like that of an Ancient Beast True Dragon.

One punch struck out.

Roar~

On the transformed giant python, a layer of dark red blood-patterned scales condensed, the force was staggering as it burst forth.

The power of this strike was enough to move someone at the Early Innate stage.

"No

The green-clothed youth trembled in mind and spirit, feeling the threat of death.

The strike from Chen Yu made it difficult for him to even muster resistance.

Boom!

The dark red scale python penetrated through, shattering the green-clothed youth's internal organs completely, leaving him lifeless.

But it was not over yet.

This staggering strike, after killing the green-clothed youth, continued with hardly any loss in strength, charging towards Blood Demon Hand in the back.

Everything happened too quickly.

Blood Demon Hand, who was pressing down the poison and healing, did not expect that Zhang Nan and the others could not restrain Chen Yu.

By the time he reacted, he could only do his best to operate True Qi and use defensive techniques.

However, because he was suppressing the poison, he could hardly exert much strength.

Boom bang!

The dark red scale python charged towards Blood Demon Hand, blasting him ten meters away, causing him to spew several mouthfuls of fresh blood.

At the same time, the poison caused by the Iron Moon Strange Insect erupted again.

With dual injuries superimposed, Blood Demon Hand could no longer suppress the spread of the poison and spewed out a mouthful of dark blue blood.

"No, Chen Yu

Blood Demon Hand's face was fierce, gradually losing his breath—he died with his eyes wide open!

Chapter 254: 250 Dark Winged Wolf

A double kill with one punch!

The green-clothed youth and the Blood Demon Hand, both lifeless, dead beyond dead.

Witnessing this scene, Zhang Nan and the tall woman's hearts pounded, a chilling horror overtaking them.

Was this the strength expected from someone in the Postnatal Middle Stage?

Now upon reflection, even if the four of them had faced Chen Yu head-on, victory was not assured.

This young man's movement technique was exceedingly fast, his defense astonishing, and his attacks reached the Innate level, rendering him virtually faultless.

Additionally, Chen Yu had subtly used the power of the "Dragon Scale Bloodline," recognized only by the Blood Demon Hand who practiced the Blood Path, but he had been killed by Chen Yu before he could reveal this secret.

"Let's go!"

Zhang Nan's thoughts raced. At the moment the green-clothed youth and the Blood Demon Hand died, he snapped back to reality and made a decision.

This kid was too dangerous, possessing numerous methods, and he even liked to play possum.

If only you had shown your real strength earlier, they definitely wouldn't have provoked Chen Yu!

Whoosh!

Zhang Nan activated his movement technique and sprinted away with fierce strides.

Reminded by Zhang Nan, the tall woman also turned and fled.

"This kid is so powerful; he shouldn't have stopped at the twentieth floor of the Ten Thousand Demon Tower—he's been hiding his strength and capabilities all along!"

The tall woman was horrified.

At Yunyang Academy, people generally tried to showcase themselves, hoping to catch the academy's attention.

But Chen Yu preferred not to shine too brightly, given the many secrets he carried which, if exposed, could potentially lead to deadly peril.

"You want to kill me; how could I let you go easily!"

Chen Yu swiftly swooped toward the corpses of the green-clothed youth and the Blood Demon Hand, grabbed their storage bags, then turned to pursue the fleeing duo.

The Blood Demon Hand was at the Postnatal Peak, and the green-clothed youth was in the Postnatal Late Stage; both would surely have considerable wealth. Chen Yu, not being rich, naturally wouldn't let it go.

Roar~

After seizing the storage bags, a gust of evil wind howled around Chen Yu, transforming him into a pitch-black shadow that shot forward rapidly.

Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow was of a high rank and especially suited to straight-line movement. Chen Yu was confident that he would soon catch up with Zhang Nan and the tall woman.

Boom-hoo!

The fierce wind howled, the Evil Qi astonishing.

Feeling the sounds behind them, Zhang Nan and the tall woman's minds tensed.

"This movement technique is too fast!"

Zhang Nan's gaze deepened.

Had Chen Yu not possessed this movement technique, his overall strength would have been greatly reduced, and the four of them could have subdued him.

"Quick, attack, block him!"

Zhang Nan immediately shouted.

He was usually confident, but now he was frightened.

He knew that if Chen Yu caught up, he and the tall woman combined would likely both meet their demise.

"Ghost Bone Sword!"

Zhang Nan raised his bone sword, brewing a tremendous fluctuation, and launched into battle.

Whoosh!

In the void, a giant bone sword phantom, carrying a decaying corpse's stench, thrust toward Chen Yu.

Zhang Nan's strike was mighty, reaching the Early Innate level.

Meanwhile, the tall woman's iron whip also conjured a dense shadow of lashes, covering the path in front of Chen Yu.

"Block!"

Facing Zhang Nan's full-force strike, Chen Yu was vigilant, picked up the Xuan Heavy Sword, and began to swing it.

Layers of black gang Qi overlapped, forming a thick wall of Evil Qi that just managed to block the startling phantom of the bone sword.

The residual force of the attack fell on Chen Yu's Copper Statue Gang Body, causing little damage.

"Die, boy!"

While Chen Yu blocked the attacks and his view was obstructed, Zhang Nan produced a red blood bead in his hand.

Whoosh!

The blood bead flew out, heading straight for Chen Yu.

"Not good!"

Seeing the bead, Chen Yu immediately thought of the Ice Split Ball and similar techniques he had used before.

He instantly executed his movement technique and changed his path.

However, before the red blood bead could hit Chen Yu, it burst open.

Boom-put~

The blood bead shattered, releasing a thick spray of fresh blood.

Chen Yu, in his accelerated state, couldn't dodge in time and was drenched in red.

"This is... fresh blood!"

Chen Yu looked perplexed.

Turns out, that red blood bead wasn't an attack like the Ice Split Ball but purely fresh blood.

However, this blood was obviously specially processed, extremely sticky, and neither True Qi nor the Gang Body could cleanse it.

In the Demon Bone Wilderness, fierce beasts were extremely sensitive to the scent of blood.

Normally, after killing a beast in the Demon Bone Wilderness, one would either clean up the blood or move away immediately.

Otherwise, the smell of blood would continuously attract more fierce beasts.

At that moment, so much blood stained Chen Yu, essentially painting him as a source of danger, continually attracting beasts.

"Chen Yu, this blood has the properties of Blood Cultivation, and it can't be cleaned off quickly. I advise you to stop chasing us, or you might not be able to protect yourself!"

Zhang Nan appeared triumphant.

He, along with the tall woman and the green-clothed youth, often engaged in murderous plundering, and they were well-prepared for it.

In the Demon Bone Wilderness, to kill someone, one didn't even need to strike; just dousing the enemy in this kind of blood was enough.

"Hmph!"

Chen Yu snorted coldly, his killing intent intensifying.

"Let's go!"

Seeing Chen Yu's expression, Zhang Nan knew the outcome and immediately retreated.

As they fled, he and the tall woman combined forces, continually launching attacks to fend off Chen Yu.

Furthermore, it wasn't long before beasts, lured by the scent of blood, began to converge on their location.

"Ha-ha, kid, I advise you to give up; otherwise, you're definitely going to die before we do!"

Zhang Nan laughed smugly.

Chen Yu's gaze was deep. Given the current situation, to kill Zhang Nan and the tall woman, he'd have to reveal his trump cards and forcefully eliminate them.

However, his keen senses detected something unusual at that moment.

Only to see.

In the distance, the wind swirled, and the Devilish Evil Qi surged, continuously spreading outward.

"What's going on?"

Zhang Nan and the tall woman also realized that something was wrong.

"Did we encounter a Guiyuan Realm beast, or some kind of extremely terrifying ancient beast?"

The tall woman's face turned pale, her expression filled with shock and concern.

Although they had not ventured deep into the Demon Bone Wilderness while fleeing, they had already left the periphery, greatly increasing the possibility of encountering a ferocious beast.

Accompanied by the swirling Devilish Evil Frenzy Wind, beast after beast, bird after bird, frantically ran out.

Even those of the Innate level were in a panic, trying to escape.

This scene made Zhang Nan and the tall woman's hearts pound with fear.

ROAR~

A soul-stirring wolf howl came, shaking the heavens and the earth, making nearby beasts even more terrified.

Then, from within that dark storm, a black giant wolf, about fifty to sixty feet long, suddenly leaped out.

Moreover, it had a pair of black wings on its back, emitting a cold and evil chill; those dark red pupils were captivating.

At the same time.

Four figures appeared in the low sky, two men and two women, each with a heroic posture and extraordinary demeanor.

"Die, Dark Winged Wolf!"

Among them, a young man in a golden robe held a golden dragon-patterned long sword, surrounded by a dragon-shaped light pattern.

He swung his sword, and a brilliant golden rainbow roared out, tearing through the Devilish Evil cloud and directly striking the Dark Winged Wolf.

"That's... the Dark Winged Wolf!"

Zhang Nan shuddered, his usual calm demeanor unable to remain stable, his face showing fear.

"Those four are wearing uniforms with the 'Yunyang Academy' emblem!"

The tall woman recognized the origins of the four.

"Run!"

At this moment, they happened to come near a grand battle. Although the four from Yunyang Academy seemed to have the upper hand, those students wouldn't care about students from No Demon Academy.

The two immediately retreated.

But with Chen Yu ahead and beasts behind, they decided to withdraw to the left, bypassing Chen Yu.

"Dark Winged Wolf, such a terrifying beast, its strength must be close to the Guiyuan Realm!"

Chen Yu also thought of retreating.

The Demon Bone Wilderness was too dangerous, and right now, he had encountered such a terrifying ancient beast. A single swipe from it could probably kill Chen Yu, so it was best to leave this place quickly.

Before retreating, Chen Yu glanced at the four fighting the Dark Winged Wolf.

Their strength, he feared, was on the same level as Jin Zhuo Peak, and Chen Yu even noticed that one of them looked very familiar.

Swoosh!

Chen Yu immediately retreated, but he headed towards Zhang Nan.

The scent of blood on him was too strong, attracting many Postnatal beasts and even some Innate-level fierce beasts.

It was better to lead them to Zhang Nan, letting them bear some of the pressure.

"Chen Yu, what are you doing?"

Zhang Nan's face showed great shock.

Looking back, Chen Yu alone had drawn nearly a stone's worth of terrifying beasts, including two Innate-level fierce beasts.

Chen Yu didn't care much, he accelerated his movement technique and moved forward quickly.

Soon, he was closing in on Zhang Nan and the woman.

However, at this moment, Chen Yu did not attack them.

After all, with beasts behind them, killing the two was not an easy task, and they could still help him share some pressure.

"I'll leave the rear guard to you!"

Chen Yu flashed a forced smile, slowly overtaking Zhang Nan and the woman.

"Damn, this kid!"

Zhang Nan clenched his teeth and cursed.

At the same time, he was greatly surprised.

Chen Yu's movement technique was so profound, and his speed so fast, it logically couldn't be sustained for long.

Yet up to now, Chen Yu hadn't even gasped for breath.

Without time to think further, Zhang Nan and the tall woman quickly changed direction.

ROAR ROAR~

Behind them, nearly ten ferocious beasts were attracted by Chen Yu, but they didn't completely ignore other prey.

Four of the giant beasts changed direction, heading towards Zhang Nan.

"We still have a chance to survive, but that kid is doomed!"

Zhang Nan told the tall woman.

Chasing them were only three beasts at the Postnatal Peak and one at the Postnatal Late Stage, but chasing Chen Yu were six beasts, including two that had reached Early Innate.

Just then, a screeching sound reached their ears.

"Not good!"

Zhang Nan's face slightly changed.

Just then.

A dark black javelin, carrying an impressive black Evil Qi wind, roared towards them.

The two hurriedly dodged, the tall woman reacting slowly, unable to evade in time, her left leg was grazed by Chen Yu's javelin, blood immediately soaking her clothes.

While moving at high speed, throwing a javelin at rapidly fleeing enemies was naturally difficult to ensure a hit.

But Chen Yu had achieved his goal.

That startling throw not only injured the tall woman but also caused them to momentarily slow down, closing the gap with the beasts behind them.

"Brother Nan!"

The tall woman, her mind tense, showed a look of fear.

At this moment, with her leg injured, her chances of escape greatly reduced, she could only hope that Zhang Nan would help her.

"You're injured, you're bound to be unable to escape, you might as well pave the way for me!"

Zhang Nan looked at the tall woman with a tender face, but his final words revealed a fierce determination.

Just after he spoke, Zhang Nan struck with his palm.

Unprepared, the tall woman was hit by the palm, her body thrown backward.

"No

Her disbelieving gaze was fixed on Zhang Nan, who was already moving away.

Boom~

A fierce giant leopard pounced, its sharp claws slicing the graceful woman's body in two, blood splattering everywhere.

Immediately afterward, the other three beasts converged on her.

"How ruthless!"

Chen Yu's eyes briefly showed a hint of compassion.

But now was not the time to care about others, Zhang Nan had already escaped the crisis; he had not.

Chapter 255: Demon Bone Stone Cave Demon

Bone Wilderness.

Two men and two women were fiercely battling against Dark Winged Wolves.

These four individuals were powerful, standing out among those in the Innate stage, and their coordination was excellent, allowing them to fight with ease. In contrast, the Dark Winged Wolves had multiple injuries and were looking for opportunities while counterattacking.

The fight between the four and the beast was so shocking that many fierce beasts fled in all directions.

"How reckless, to venture here in merely the Postnatal Stage!"

One of the short-haired youths glanced over and saw Chen Yu, Zhang Nan, and the others in the distance, and disdainfully said.

"Eh?"

Among the four, a noblewoman in green attire looked over and showed a look of surprise.

"What is it, Ning'er, do you know them?"

The short-haired youth's attention was consistently on the woman in green, and he asked out loud.

"That person I know, he claimed the title of Hunting King in the hunting tournament hosted by my father, and he has immense potential!"

The woman in green replied.

She was none other than the daughter of Marquis Yunlai, Commandery Princess Ning.

After the hunting tournament had concluded, she had organized a gathering for the talented, where she had met Chen Yu.

It was at that very gathering where Chen Yu's battle with Luo Haotian left a profound impression on Commandery Princess Ning.

"It's all just trivial tricks. What does potential matter if now all he can do is flee!"

The short-haired youth said with a light smile, and sarcastically commented on Chen Yu.

He had fallen for Commandery Princess Ning at first sight and wouldn't allow himself to tolerate the woman he liked praising another man.

"Ah, that person is so ruthless, to actually send his female companion into the jaws of death!"

Beside them, a curvaceous noblewoman in her twenties laughed, showing a hint of pity.

"The No Demon Academy is full of crooked evil ways. Such behavior is not surprising from them, while everyone from our Yunyang Imperial College is talented and upright, never committing such acts!"

The short-haired youth said with contempt and then turned to look at Commandery Princess Ning.

"Yes, yes, the men of the Ancient Clan Lv Family are indeed men of good looks and character!"

The noblewoman said helplessly.

In front of Commandery Princess Ning, anyone who tarnished "Lv Ze's" reputation would find him quick to anger.

"The beast rampage is our fault, and I have met Chen Yu before. I'll go help him!"

A flash of concern crossed Commandery Princess Ning's eyes.

Chen Yu had several fierce beasts following him, which could mean a threat to his life.

"Just a few commoners, no need to bother about them. Focus on dealing with the Dark Winged Wolf. It's quite cunning; make sure it doesn't escape eventually!"

The young man in golden clothes said coldly, displaying an imposing majesty.

"Yes, Brother Hai Zhen!"

Commandery Princess Ning sighed softly.

The four of them were here in the Demon Bone Wilderness for training when they happened to encounter a rare and ancient creature like the Dark Winged Wolf, which led to a fierce battle.

If she left now, an accident might occur here.

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Using the "Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow," Chen Yu moved at an extremely fast pace, especially when traveling in a straight line.

Even a Demon Beast in the Early Innate stage might not be able to catch up with him.

However, the blood on his body could not be cleaned up so quickly, and it wasn't easy for Chen Yu to shake off the pursuing fierce beasts.

Moreover, the scent of the blood continued to attract other fierce beasts.

In short, it would only become more troublesome if he did not resolve this problem quickly.

"Find a river or a cave!"

While fleeing, Chen Yu looked around for options.

Water might wash away and dilute the bloody scent, and a cave would be an excellent hiding place to avoid alerting large fierce beasts.

However, this spot was the Demon Bone Wilderness, where streams were a rarity; Chen Yu hadn't seen a single spring in two days.

"Eh, a small hole!"

Chen Yu noticed a narrow entrance on a small hillside not far away.

"Bone Shrinking!"

Chen Yu's bones contracted, and his body suddenly became much thinner.

After "Bone Shrinking," Chen Yu barely managed to fit into the hole.

Once inside, Chen Yu punched outwards, and the stones fell, covering the entrance.

To ensure the scent was completely blocked, Chen Yu dug a few feet further down.

Gradually, the cave walls widened, and Chen Yu could move through comfortably without "Bone Shrinking."

"I need to find a way to get rid of the bloody scent before going out!"

Chen Yu made a plan.

According to what Zhang Nan said, it was difficult to cleanse the specialized blood in a short period of time, meaning it could be easily washed off after a longer duration.

For the time being.

Chen Yu stayed underground.

It was pitch black under the earth, so Chen Yu sent out an Iron Moon Strange Insect to scout the area.

After all, the Demon Bone Wilderness was dangerous, and it was unclear whether it would be absolutely safe underground.

At a certain moment, Chen Yu sensed a domineering demonic aura.

"What's going on?"

Chen Yu immediately tuned into the Iron Moon Strange Insect's senses.

Turned out, during its exploration, the Iron Moon Strange Insect had unexpectedly discovered another peculiar place.

It was a small cave, filled with dark demonic fog, exuding an endless domineering essence.

According to the Iron Moon Strange Insect's senses, there were no living creatures in the cave.

Then, the Iron Moon Strange Insect promptly returned and began to burrow and dig.

This bizarre place was not far from where Chen Yu was located.

Before long, a passage was created.

Chen Yu took out a Luminous Pearl, and the entire cave was lit up with brilliance.

The cave walls were completely black, but many protrusions looked like bones or stones.

These “bone stones” were pitch black, extremely hard, and emitted waves of demonic aura.

"Could this be the ‘Demon Bone Stone’?”

Chen Yu felt that this object bore a resemblance to a kind of ore he had seen in books.

The “Demon Bone Stone” was a favorite among Demon Cultivators, commonly encountered and variably priced depending on the strength of the demonic aura it contained.

Chen Yu was unable to accurately assess the grade of the “Demon Bone Stone” here, but it appeared to be no trivial matter; if he were to sell all of it, it would surely be worth a considerable amount of Primordial Stones.

"Leave the mining to you!"

Chen Yu released the Iron Moon Strange Insect.

The Demon Bone Stone grew within the hard black rock wall, and without special tools, it would be difficult to mine.

Chen Yu left the task to the Iron Moon Strange Insect and didn’t concern himself further.

Meanwhile, Chen Yu temporarily resided in the cave, which was relatively safe.

Seated cross-legged, Chen Yu began to cultivate the Yuan Sha Divine Skill.

Three days later, Chen Yu felt a slight change in the blood on the surface of his body.

Buzz!

With the activation of the Copper Statue Gang Body, an invisible field of Gang strength formed.

In an instant, all the blood was shaken from his body, turned into a mist of blood, and vanished without a trace.

"Finally, I can go out!"

Chen Yu exhaled a long breath.

"Zhang Nan, if you're not dead, then wash your neck clean!"

Chen Yu made up his mind that he would not let this individual off the hook.

With the scent of blood gone, Chen Yu temporarily left the cave and made his way above ground.

"By now, I have moved far from the edge of the Demon Bone Wilderness; however, this is fine. The demon beasts here are more ferocious, and it is not unusual to encounter those at the Early Innate stage!"

Chen Yu's eyes sparkled with excitement; he decided to train in this area and not return to the outskirts.

He hadn't ventured far.

Chen Yu encountered a black giant bear emanating a terrifying aura at the Postnatal Peak stage.

The demon bear, like a small black mountain, had rough skin and thick flesh, with pale grey claws on its paws, each half a foot long.

Whoosh!

As the bear claws swiped through the air, a fierce wind howled.

Furthermore, the bear's attacks were swift, and the broad claws extended the reach of its assaults.

For a moment, a layer of black Gang wind hovered around the giant bear, making it seem impenetrable.

"It seems that the deeper we ventured into the Demon Bone Wilderness, the demon beasts' prowess has also increased."

Chen Yu compared this bear to the Giant Demon Tiger he had encountered earlier, and there was a noticeable gap between them.

Seeing Chen Yu retreat for a moment, the giant bear grew even more arrogant.

Roar~

The bear roared fiercely, and the booming sound created a pitch-black storm, accompanied by stones and dust, sweeping forward.

Faced with such a ferocious demon beast, Chen Yu dared not be careless and avoided engaging it directly.

Boom!

Power and True Qi burst forth, and Chen Yu shifted to the side.

With a pivot off the tip of his foot, his body twisted, and Chen Yu launched another swift attack towards the bear.

Executing the Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow, Chen Yu's burst of speed was astonishing; under high-speed impact, his attacks were also amplified.

In the blink of an eye, Chen Yu reached the side of the bear.

The evil Qi whirlwind raised by that incredible speed contained a faint domineering demonic intent, causing the black giant bear to hesitate slightly.

Boom!

He raised his Xuan Heavy Sword, initiating a layer of black and gleaming Sword Qi Gang wind, hammering onto the giant bear.

After landing a successful blow, Chen Yu immediately retreated, and as his figure shifted, he struck again towards the bear's back.

"My movement technique feels a bit faster, and even more domineering!"

Chen Yu suddenly realized something.

He had this feeling earlier, but it wasn't clear.

Without giving it too much thought, Chen Yu launched another attack.

Boom, bang, thump!

Maintaining his movement technique for an extended duration and skirmishing with the black demon bear, each attack worsened the bear's injuries.

At a certain moment, Chen Yu mustered strength in his heart and circulated a few strands of dark True Qi to deliver a devastating strike.

Boom!

The overpowering Sword Qi Gang wind, laden with tremendous evil Qi, pressed down, shattering the demon bear's head.

After collecting the precious materials like bear gall and claws, Chen Yu stayed in the same place.

During the skirmish with the black demon bear, Chen Yu found his Evil Secret Technique had become more refined.

"Could it be because I stayed for several days in that cave and was imbued with demonic aura?"

Chen Yu quickly theorized the reason.

The Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow was connected to Body Cultivation and also to the path of demons; the impact of the evil Qi on the movement technique was far less significant than that of demonic aura.

In terms of the cultivation school, the reputation of the path of evil also paled in comparison to that of demons.

Chen Yu had spent several days in the Demon Bone Stone cave, influenced by the demonic aura day and night, undergoing subtle changes unbeknownst to him.

If not for the changes and advancements in his movement technique, Chen Yu might never have noticed.

"If that's the case, then the Demon Bone Stone is still useful to me!"

A hint of joy appeared on Chen Yu's face.

He had a profound understanding of the power of the secret technique Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow.

Without this movement technique, his strength would have decreased by a level, and he might not have been able to escape unscathed this time.

But Chen Yu always felt that it was difficult to comprehend the essence of this secret technique; he always sensed something was missing, and now he understood the reason.

Back in the underground cave.

The Iron Moon Strange Insect had already unearthed a piece of the Demon Bone Stone.

Holding it in his palm and carefully sensing it, Chen Yu suddenly felt an overbearing demonic will that assailed his spiritual senses.

Even though Chen Yu's spiritual power was far beyond that of a typical Early Innate stage, he felt a trace of influence.

"I have the 'Moon Spirit Ore Mother,' a miraculous treasure that cleanses the soul, so there's no need to worry about my spirit being disturbed by the demonic aura!"

Chen Yu grinned.

The path of demon cultivation is exceedingly treacherous, and most who set foot upon it have their dispositions greatly affected, even their personalities twisted.

But even without a corresponding Cultivation Technique, Chen Yu did not have to worry about the impact on his psyche from directly sensing the power of the demonic aura.

Besides the Holy Ore like the Moon Spirit Ore Mother, Chen Yu also possessed Ancient Spiritual Secrets like Heavenly Heart Refining.

Chapter 256: Advanced Later Stage

In the blink of an eye, two months had passed.

The task of hunting the Giant Demon Tiger had long been accomplished by Chen Yu.

However, he did not leave and stayed in the Demon Bone Wilderness.

On one hand, his Yuan Sha Divine Skill was a cultivation technique that grew stronger with more killing, the more he killed, the stronger the technique became.

Additionally, he had accidentally discovered a cave of Demon Bone Stones here, which were extremely difficult to mine, and with Chen Yu not participating himself, the small Iron Moon Strange Insects had yet to finish mining.

Moreover, the demonic aura and the Demon Bone Stones in the cave were somewhat conducive to the cultivation of the secret technique "Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow."

Therefore, this place was also an excellent cultivation site for Chen Yu.

Two months of fighting had enabled Chen Yu to grasp the true essence of malevolence, the Yuan Sha Divine Skill had become even more powerful and domineering, and the Primordial Evil True Qi inside his body had also become much more vigorous and condensed than before.

Correspondingly, the black True Qi clusters in the Primordial Evil True Qi had grown larger too.

Chen Yu's cultivation level had almost reached the middle peak.

He had once tried to break through to the Postnatal Late Stage but ultimately failed.

Chen Yu wasn't too concerned about this.

He had broken through to the Postnatal Middle Stage in less than a year, reaching the middle peak so quickly was already quite astonishing.

This was partly due to the cultivation resources from his school and the battles in the Demon Bone Wilderness.

Although he failed this time, Chen Yu felt that both his cultivation technique's proficiency and his True Qi had reached their limits. With some more accumulation over time, he should be able to advance.

"There's something!"

While walking, Chen Yu sensed something.

Soon, a Black-Scaled Giant Python came into his sight.

The python was thicker than Chen Yu's waist, its scales were like steel, and gleamed darkly.

The Black-Scaled Giant Python also noticed Chen Yu, its gaze looming as it opened its bloody mouth, spraying out a dark red mist of blood that crackled in the air, clearly containing toxins.

"Good, Early Innate!"

Chen Yu was fearless and stepped out openly.

Hiss~

The malevolent eyes of the Black-Scaled Giant Python fixed on Chen Yu, and after a moment, it struck like thunder.

It moved like a black lightning bolt, appearing instantly in front of Chen Yu, biting fiercely with its sharp mouth.

"Poisonous, can't make direct contact!"

Chen Yu's gaze hardened, and he drew his Xuan Heavy Sword.

Since the Black-Scaled Giant Python could spray poison mist and its cultivation was at the Early Innate, Chen Yu, being a body cultivator, dared not engage it directly in hand-to-hand combat.

Boom~

A black evil wind howled, striking the head of the Black-Scaled Giant Python, producing a dull metallic noise.

The Black-Scaled Giant Python violently shook its head, its ferocious and evil eyes fixated on Chen Yu, clearly it hadn't expected Chen Yu to possess such tremendous strength.

Swoosh!

A black lightning bolt, carrying a devilish evil wind, quickly attacked.

"A tail?"

Chen Yu's expression tightened.

The attack speed of the Black-Scaled Giant Python's tail was terrifying.

An ordinary Postnatal Late Stage fighter, if a bit slow in reaction, would likely get caught, a nearly sure-death situation.

Boom!

True Qi and physical strength burst forth, and Chen Yu's body soared up, dodging the attack.

The soaring Chen Yu, enveloped in pitch-black evil Qi, exuded a domineering demonic aura, his presence not at all inferior to an Early Innate ferocious demon beast.

"Kill!"

After dodging an attack, Chen Yu executed his movement technique, approaching the Black-Scaled Giant Python, and fiercely slapped with his Xuan Heavy Sword.

Although the Black-Scaled Giant Python had excellent defense, making it hard for Chen Yu to break through, his astonishing strength could penetrate through the scales and affect the body of the python.

Hiss hiss!

The eyes of the Black-Scaled Giant Python glinted with red as it hissed furiously.

Swoosh swoosh swoosh~

Its tail swept back and forth, generating a formidable wind.

But Chen Yu fully activated his movement technique, becoming even faster. The tail couldn't even touch the hem of his clothes.

Gradually, even the Black-Scaled Giant Python saw three or four shadows of him, unable to distinguish the real one, creating chaotic attacks.

"The movement technique is getting faster!"

Chen Yu's face lit with delight.

After two months of training, the second form of "Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow" had achieved Great Success, allowing him to use it with ease.

Huff~

The Black-Scaled Giant Python became even more enraged, suddenly opened its mouth, and sprayed out a thick dark red poisonous mist.

The poison mist quickly spread, forcing Chen Yu to retreat.

"This guy!"

Chen Yu was somewhat annoyed.

Breaking free from the influence of the residual shadows in his movement technique, the Black-Scaled Giant Python felt slightly triumphant, and as Chen Yu retreated, it quickly attacked, its huge head striking forward.

The Black-Scaled Giant Python had a strong resistance to its own toxins, allowing it to move freely within the poison mist.

"You're looking for death!"

Chen Yu roared in anger, his True Qi circulated, with energy gathering in his heart.

Boom!

He morphed into a phantom of a demon, moving extremely fast, suddenly rushing forward.

Due to Chen Yu's high speed, combined with the evil wind strength and the defense of the Copper Statue Gang Body, he was not greatly affected by the poison mist as he passed through it.

Boom boom~

Chen Yu's speed increased even more, the aura of the demon and evil Qi merging, creating a momentum that made one's heart tremble.

In an instant, numerous afterimages appeared around, stirring up a terrifying storm of vital energy.

Additionally, the storm slowly dispersed the poison mist.

Boom boom~

The storm grew stronger, forming a domain about thirty feet in diameter.

Inside this black wind domain, intense evil Qi and demonic intent filled the air, as if a peerless, fierce demon indeed lurked within.

Bang!

Within the black wind, Chen Yu's figure slightly solidified, and he fiercely chopped his Xuan Heavy Sword onto the Black-Scaled Giant Python.

After the strike, Chen Yu's figure disappeared, blending into the black wind.

Then,

From another direction, Chen Yu's attack descended again.

The Black-Scaled Giant Python, caught within this pitch-black, turbulent domain, had no idea where to defend itself, completely lacking the ability to counterattack.

Boom boom boom~

The fierce, torrent-like attacks continuously fell, bombarding the Black-Scaled Giant Python.

Utterly unable to defend itself, and enveloped by the Devilish Evil Frenzy winds for a long time, a domineering demonic will also emerged. Even as an Innate Demon Beast, its momentum was suppressed, and its spirit began to show flaws.

Hiss hiss~

Feeling the crisis, the Black-Scaled Giant Python twisted its body, and its tail swept out frantically.

"Futile effort!"

Chen Yu snorted coldly.

At this moment, he was utilizing the third style of the Evil Secret Technique, which could form a demonic wind domain, trapping the enemy and suppressing their spirit.

Additionally, within this domain, Chen Yu's speed was even faster and more agile.

That aimless, chaotic tail, although swift, could not possibly strike Chen Yu.

Moments later, the Black-Scaled Giant Python grew tired and temporarily ceased its attacks.

At this instant, Chen Yu suddenly appeared above the python's head.

"Perish!"

Mobilizing most of his dark True Qi, combined with a burst from his heart, Chen Yu descended.

The Black-Scaled Giant Python suddenly looked up, only to see the fiercely ferocious Chen Yu, carrying an overwhelmingly brutal momentum, descending like a ferocious demon.

A Transformed Giant Python appeared on Chen Yu's fist.

The Transformed Giant Python was covered with black scales, emanated chilling Evil Qi, and bore the domineering aura of a demon, looking like a frenzied demonic python.

The two giant pythons collided thunderously, but the Transformed Giant Python was even more ferocious than the Black-Scaled Giant Python.

Boom~

The ground shook, and the Devilish Evil Frenzy winds swept around.

At the original spot, the body of the Black-Scaled Giant Python lay limp on the ground, its head shattered, blood gushing.

That strike, where Chen Yu had mobilized a great amount of dark True Qi, combined with the increase from the Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow and the burst from his heart, possessed unprecedented power.

Of course, Chen Yu had wanted to use this Demon Beast to hone himself; otherwise, by utilizing some powerful trump cards, he could have quickly ended this Demon Beast.

"The third style of the Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow is also mastered!"

Chen Yu felt a bit surprised.

After his initial venture into demonic paths, the effect and progress of this secret technique had greatly improved.

Additionally, Chen Yu felt that the third style placed a great burden on his body; even he couldn't use it as long as the first two styles.

Taking out tools, Chen Yu began to dissect the python.

As an Innate level Demon Beast, not only was its demonic core extremely precious, its venom, fangs, and python skin were also quite valuable.

After cleaning up, Chen Yu immediately retreated.

Throughout the day, Chen Yu had hunted three more Demon Beasts, one at Postnatal Peak and two at Innate stage.

After returning to the Demon Bone Stone cave.

Chen Yu took out a Demon Bone Stone and sensed the Demonic Qi contained within.

Currently, Chen Yu did not have the relevant Cultivation Technique and did not rashly absorb the Demonic Qi, merely sensing its aura.

Just like that.

Chen Yu would hunt Demon Beasts during the day and return to the cave at night for quiet cultivation.

A month later.

In closed-door cultivation, Chen Yu, operating the Yuan Sha Divine Skill, once again opened up a region of meridians.

Hum!

Within the Qi Sea, the speed of the Primordial Evil True Qi's circulation suddenly increased.

The central dark Qi cluster also rapidly spun up and actively engulfed the surrounding Primordial Evil True Qi.

Whoosh!

Chen Yu's body was enveloped by a rich layer of black Qi patterns, emitting a tremendous pressure of Evil Qi.

As time passed, those dark green Qi patterns became increasingly intense, forming a massive python that twined around Chen Yu, its invisible oppressive Evil Force continuously climbing, accompanied by a domineering demonic will.

If anyone were present, they would be astonished, as this was not a phenomenon that should appear when advancing from the Postnatal Middle Stage to the Late Stage.

Whoosh whoosh~

The python-shaped True Qi clusters around Chen Yu kept expanding, filling the entire cave, and faintly, terrifying roars that shook the soul could be heard nearby.

In the vicinity, the Evil Qi of the world crazily surged towards him, merging into the dark Qi cluster in the Qi Sea.

"Something's not right!"

Chen Yu was inwardly alarmed.

Logically, his breakthrough to the Postnatal Late Stage should have been successful by now, but why hadn't it ended?

The reason seemed to be the central dark Qi cluster in the Qi Sea.

This mysterious True Qi's power exceeded Chen Yu's expectations, operating on its own and emitting a strong suction force, absorbing the Evil Qi from within the Demon Bone Wilderness.

However, though the Demon Bone Wilderness had abundant Evil Qi, it predominantly contained more Demonic Qi.

The dark Qi cluster naturally didn't differentiate these nor did it refine them; it unceremoniously absorbed everything.

Including the intense Demonic Qi flashing within the Demon Bone Stone, which rapidly surged into Chen Yu's body.

Spiritually, Chen Yu felt the severe impacts of the Evil Qi and Demonic Qi, as if he saw many chaotic illusions.

Fortunately, the mysterious heart had a suppressing effect on various energies, weakening the impact of this demonic evil Qi on Chen Yu's spiritual will, otherwise, the outcome would be unpredictable.

Half a day later.

The celestial phenomena had long since disappeared, and the dark Qi cluster gradually stabilized.

However, at this moment.

Only a small outer ring of Primordial Evil True Qi remained in the Qi Sea, with the center almost completely dominated by the dark Qi cluster.

"Only this little Primordial Evil True Qi is left!"

Chen Yu's mind was momentarily stunned.

This little amount of Primordial Evil True Qi definitely wasn't sufficient.

That is to say, Chen Yu could only use that even more powerful dark Qi cluster in the future.

This True Qi had been born as Chen Yu advanced to the Qi Transformation Realm, and at that time, he had suspected it was the Innate-level "True Evil Qi"!

It seemed that, before reaching Qi Transformation Innate, Chen Yu could convert all the Primordial Evil True Qi into True Evil Qi!

"This is good news!"

Chen Yu grinned.

Having Innate True Qi so early, how strong would this energy become once he truly reached the Innate level?

After breaking through the Postnatal Late Stage, Chen Yu operated the True Evil Qi, familiarizing himself with and utilizing this power.

And just at this moment.

Boom~

A powerful and domineering Demonic Qi suddenly appeared inside the cave.

"What's going on?"

Chen Yu immediately stood up.

The Iron Moon Strange Insects had been mining the Demon Bone Stone, and this time, it seemed they had dug up something unexpected.

Chapter 257: The Bizarre Underground

Within the black stone wall, a dark blue-black dot darted out, which was the Iron Moon Strange Insect.

At this moment, the Iron Moon Strange Insect's color was even darker, and on its body, there was a trace of Demonic Qi, making it appear even more ferocious and brutal.

"It seems that this fellow ate quite a bit while mining the Demon Bone Stone!"

Chen Yu had no intention of blaming it; the Iron Moon Strange Insect's increase in strength was a good thing.

However, when the Iron Moon Strange Insect burst forth, it clearly showed signs of fear.

"What's going on?"

Chen Yu released his Spiritual Sense to observe the place where the Iron Moon Strange Insect had escaped from.

Just then, the black stone wall began to show layers of cracks, and from within seeped strands of black qi, which were wildly overbearing and shook one's soul.

Boom~

The mountain rock shattered, and from within emerged a completely pitch-black insect, as thick as a grown man's thigh, with a body hard as stone, and somewhat resembling the Demon Bone Stone.

That "Demon Bone Worm" sensed Chen Yu and immediately let out a shriek.

Sss~

The sharp and piercing shriek, extremely loud, seemed as if it could penetrate one's body and descend on the spiritual plane.

When the Demon Bone Worm opened its mouth, one could also see that its mouth was filled with sharp teeth and black qi wafted out, appearing extremely disgusting and terrifying.

"This... is practically demonic sound!"

The insect's shriek could cause a person's spirit to collapse into madness, and those with weaker willpower might even go insane or become demonized.

Even with Chen Yu's robust physique, who had even delved into sonic attacks, he felt discomfort in his spirit.

After letting out the shriek.

Whoosh!

The Demon Bone Worm suddenly leaped up and charged ferociously toward Chen Yu.

Despite its plump and sturdy body, its speed was astonishingly fast at this moment.

"Scram!"

The worm was too disgusting, and moreover quite extraordinary. Chen Yu immediately drew out his Xuan Heavy Sword and with a "Bang," sent it flying.

The insect crashed heavily into the ground, the stone wall crumbled, and several pieces of Demon Bone Stone were exposed.

Hiss hiss~

The insect directly swallowed a piece of the Demon Bone Stone, its body wriggling continuously, making friction sounds, clearly digesting the Demon Bone Stone.

At the same time, the aura on the Demon Bone Worm increased a bit.

"It can eat even more than the Iron Moon Strange Insect!"

Chen Yu was greatly shocked.

However, it was clear that the Demon Bone Worm had lost its spiritual intelligence, knowing only to consume humans and things that contained the aura of the demonic path.

Moreover, the aura displayed by the Demon Bone Worm was only at the Early Innate stage, but its defense was strong, it did not fear death, and its attacks were frenzied, much stronger than the Black-Scaled Giant Python Chen Yu had killed earlier.

"Die!"

Chen Yu snorted lowly, his Cloud Evil True Qi surged out.

A layer of black Evil Qi gusted up on the Xuan Heavy Sword, its momentum terrifying.

Boom bang~

He swung the sword, and layer upon layer of Evil Qi roared out like a waterfall, pouring down and crushing down on the Demon Bone Worm.

Using just Cloud Evil True Qi, he was already stronger than those at the Early Innate stage; coupled with the Xuan Heavy Sword and Chen Yu's strength, this strike was close to the Innate Middle Stage.

As the dust settled.

The Demon Bone Worm's body was cleaved by Chen Yu, leaving a large crack.

The insect struggled desperately, and that cracked wound healed at an extremely fast pace.

"This healing speed!"

Chen Yu was shocked once again.

Shock aside, he wouldn't give the insect a chance.

He swung the Xuan Heavy Sword again, waves of Evil Qi roared and pressured down.

In the end, the Demon Bone Worm's body was completely shattered by Chen Yu's strikes.

"This worm has no moisture of life within its body and is somewhat similar to the Iron Moon Corpse Worm, but far more special, with a structure mainly composed of bone stone!"

Chen Yu concluded after observing.

At that moment.

The spot where the Demon Bone Worm had emerged from once again released a strong demonic aura.

The rock wall crumbled.

Suddenly, a human hand claw, pitch black as bone, extended from within.

Boom!

The rock wall broke apart, and a shadow darted out, transforming into a man, entirely pitch-black and hard—a duplicate of the Demon Bone Worm seen earlier.

However, the aura on this man was more terrifying, reaching the Innate Middle Stage, and he was brimming with demonic intent.

"Kill!"

The man roared lowly and charged straight at him, stirring up gusts of demonic wind.

"What on earth is going on?"

Chen Yu's mind was shaken.

Previously, he thought that Demon Bone Worm was a special kind of insect, but now it seemed not as simple as that.

At the same time, from the depths of the shattered rock wall, like breathing, several more powerful gusts of black Demonic Qi were expelled.

The cracks spread, and within emerged numerous sounds of friction and tearing.

"Beneath this, there might be even more things like this!"

Chen Yu's heart trembled, feeling somewhat creeped out.

Like the earlier Demon Bone Worm with the Early Innate cultivation level, yet it was stronger than the Early Innate Demon Beasts of the Bone Demon Wilderness.

And these creatures were fearless, like they were demonized, and also with extremely strong recovery capabilities, if a group of them came, it would really be troublesome to deal with.

"Retreat!"

Chen Yu made up his mind.

This was the Demon Bone Wilderness, one of the three dangerous places of Tianhe Prefecture, where even Guiyuan Realm experts might fall.

At this moment, Chen Yu might have inadvertently come in contact with a danger zone of the Demon Bone Wilderness.

Sometimes, taking risks is for treasures, but right now, Chen Yu hadn't seen any treasures at all, and if anything unfortunate happened, it would be a huge loss.

Moreover, Chen Yu speculated that this man must have been normal once, transforming into this state after experiencing certain events.

Thinking of this made Chen Yu's heart turn cold.

Peng!

He swung the Xuan Heavy Sword, driving the man back.

Chen Yu quickly left the cave, making for the ground.

"Kill!"

The man growled hoarsely, pursuing him.

Chen Yu paid him no heed, activating his movement technique to leave directly.

"This is indeed the Demon Bone Wilderness, one cannot be careless!"

After shaking off that person, Chen Yu stopped.

He was confident in his strong abilities and feared nothing, especially after advancing to the late stage, he became even bolder and more fearless.

Now, it seemed he had underestimated the Demon Bone Wilderness; after all, even cultivators at the Guiyuan Realm who ventured here faced the possibility of falling.

Just like that cave he had just passed by, who knows what terrifying dangers might still be lurking within.

"It's time to go back!"

Chen Yu suddenly remembered that he had been in the Demon Bone Wilderness for quite a while.

It seemed that in half a month's time, it would be the day of the freshman tournament.

Qiu Xiuyue had said that the top three of the freshman tournament came with a very generous amount of No Demon Points.

Even back at the academy, Liu Xuanzong had mentioned that the new students of these past few sessions were exceptionally outstanding, especially those of the current session.

Therefore, the rewards for this freshman tournament had been greatly increased.

Apart from No Demon Points, there would also be other types of rewards.

Previously, the reward of No Demon Points alone was enough to attract many students.

The importance of No Demon Points in the academy went without saying; if one had enough, living in the best cultivation cave dwelling, exchanging for various cultivation Elixirs, going to the cultivation sites for further training, asking for guidance from a mentor, and so on, were all trivial matters.

With additional rewards being offered this time, the fervor of the competition was expected to be intense.

"Don't miss the chance to take it if it's free!"

Chen Yu said with a faint smile.

With his current cultivation at the Postnatal Late Stage, if he were to reveal all his trump cards, he could even contend with cultivators at the Late Innate stage.

Of course, many trump cards were not suitable for exposure, such as his Dragon Scales bloodline, the Blood Crystal Flame, and so forth.

Even so, Chen Yu was determined to be among the top three, and he was also very confident of taking the first place.

With this in mind, Chen Yu immediately set off.

It took him half a day to finally leave the Demon Bone Wilderness. After purchasing a horse, he returned to the academy.

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No Demon Academy.

As the day of the freshman tournament approached, every strong student was in closed-door cultivation, sparing no expense of No Demon Points, just to shine in the freshman tournament tomorrow.

Blood Slaughter Peak.

Within a hall.

"Chen Yu hasn't come back yet?"

Liu Xuanzong, dressed in black, asked.

"Yes, he hasn't returned since going to the Demon Bone Wilderness. With the freshman tournament being tomorrow... I'm afraid

Ge Juntian showed a look of regret.

But in his heart, he was thrilled.

He was certain that Chen Yu had perished in the Demon Bone Wilderness.

"Master Liu need not worry. With students like Duan Hao and Zheng Shifeng, the Blood Slaughter Institute will surely be the most dazzling branch this time at the freshman tournament!"

Ge Juntian said with a smile on his face.

Bone Cliff Peak.

In a gloomy cultivation cave, a handsome and cold young man was sitting cross-legged.

Suddenly he opened his eyes, emitting a staggering demonic aura.

"I, Zhang Nan, am blessed with this opportunity, and I will surely leap over the dragon gate!"

The handsome and cold young man burst into laughter.

He was the Zhang Nan who had encountered Chen Yu in the Demon Bone Wilderness, and at this moment, the aura he exuded was that of the Early Innate stage.

"Hehe, Chen Yu, you'd better not die in the Demon Bone Wilderness, or I won't have the chance to beat you myself!"

The handsome and cold young man smirked wickedly.

What happened in the Bone Demon Wilderness was arguably the worst experience he had since entering the academy.

All his teammates had died, including the tall woman he had taken a liking to.

Zhang Nan blamed all this on Chen Yu.

Demon Fire Peak.

Within a certain courtyard.

A tall and burly man stood still, with a layer of hot black mist flowing over his body.

The skinny young man facing him continuously slashed with his treasure saber, overwhelming with a barrage of flame-blade light, pressing down fiercely.

However, the burly man didn't even flinch, effortlessly neutralizing the skinny young man's every attack as if taking a leisurely stroll.

"Purple Demon Slash!"

The skinny young man's eyes flashed sharply.

The treasure saber in his hand exuded astonishing purple qi and flames, slashing fiercely, and a huge purple flame light saber was hurled out with a violent momentum.

Boom!

Suddenly, a terrifying power burst from inside the bulky man's body, shaking the eight directions. He waved his hand, and a boiling black stream surged out, swallowing up all the flame saber light.

"Not bad, Luo Yongguang, your current strength is sufficient to help me kill Chen Yu!"

The burly, tall man spoke coldly, not hiding the murderous intent in his tone.

"Brother Haotian, I'll definitely kill that kid!"

Luo Yongguang's mouth curved into a confident smile.

Originally, he would have needed more than half a year to break through to the Innate stage, and in this new student tournament, at best, he could have made it to the top ten.

But a few months ago, a direct descendant of his family, Luo Haotian, approached him, improved his cultivation, and personally guided his training.

A month ago, Luo Yongguang had broken through to the Innate stage.

And under Luo Haotian's guidance, his strength had improved leaps and bounds.

At this moment, Luo Yongguang even had the confidence to vie for the top spot.

"I've told you many times not to underestimate this person!"

Luo Haotian's expression suddenly turned grave, an invisible demonic oppressive force permeated the entire room, making Luo Yongguang feel incredibly suppressed, hardly able to breathe.

Luo Haotian had fought against Chen Yu and knew well the latter's frightening potential.

However, as a senior of the Demon Fire Institute, it was not appropriate for him to take action against Chen Yu.

If Chen Yu were given the opportunity to grow, there might no longer be a chance to eliminate him.

Therefore, Luo Haotian started selecting candidates early to eliminate Chen Yu during the new student tournament.

Finally, Luo Haotian chose Luo Yongguang!

"Yes, Brother Haotian, I won't underestimate Chen Yu!"

Luo Yongguang immediately responded.

"Hm, this is what I've prepared for you!"

Luo Haotian took out a large saber from his storage bag.

The blade was golden, etched with purple flame patterns like glazed glass, beautiful and eerie, exuding a heart-palpitating fiery aura.

This was clearly a High Grade Treasure, and its craftsmanship was extremely sophisticated, obviously a fine piece among the top quality.

"Don't worry, Brother Haotian, with this treasure weapon, even if I face an Innate Middle Stage, I have the power to fight!"

Luo Yongcheng's eyes shone, and his hands trembled slightly as he took the Purple Pattern Treasure Saber.

Chapter 258: Elimination Match

Early in the morning, Chen Yu hurried back to No Demon Academy.

"Today should be the day of the freshman tournament!"

Chen Yu smiled and shook his head.

Fortunately, he had hurried on his horse, otherwise he would have missed the freshman tournament.

Given Chen Yu's strength, being in the top three was absolutely no problem, and he had a great chance of finishing first. It would have been a pity to miss it.

Just at this moment,

Buzz~

An ancient, beast-like howling sounded, echoing throughout the academy.

The moment he heard the sound, Chen Yu felt an uncontrollable surge of excitement and battle intent.

"Haha, in this freshman tournament, I'm determined to make a name for myself!"

"This time in the tournament, I'm determined to break into the top fifty!"

Figures darted out from each of the peaks.

Soon after, Chen Yu saw a large group of students from Blood Slaughter Institute.

Among them, the freshmen and senior students had basically split into two different circles.

After all, a long time ago, the senior students came to trouble the freshmen, and after a clash between the two sides, Blood Demon Hand, a senior student, was defeated by Duan Hao.

Chen Yu guessed that there might have been some conflicts between the seniors and freshmen afterward.

"It's Chen Yu!"

"He's back!"

Many of the freshmen saw Chen Yu and their faces showed a mix of shock and joy.

The freshman tournament was not only about personal interests but also a competition between the different branches of the academy.

Among the freshmen of Blood Slaughter Institute, Chen Yu's reputation was higher than Zheng Shifeng's and second only to Duan Hao. There was a very good possibility of breaking into the top ten.

"Brother Chen, you're finally back!"

Yang Zhang was the first to come forward, his face beaming with joy.

Having heard that Chen Yu went to Demon Bone Wilderness and had not returned, he even thought that Chen Yu might have fallen.

"Hmph, you know how to come back!"

Duan Hao snorted coldly and then turned and walked at the front of the group.

In fact, Chen Yu's return made Duan Hao even more excited.

After repeatedly losing to Chen Yu before, he had already decided to surpass him in the freshman tournament, and thereby prove himself.

Moreover, he was determined to win first place in the tournament!

After that, Chen Yu followed the group to the competition site.

There was no need to register for the freshman tournament; anyone who met the requirements could participate.

"Brother Chen, you've been training in the Demon Bone Wilderness for so long, your strength must have improved a lot, right? How confident are you in reaching what rank?"

"The rewards for the top ten in this tournament are extremely rich; breaking into the top ten is totally worth it!"

Yang Zhang asked with great interest.

He did not hold out much hope for the tournament; breaking into the top hundred would be good enough for him.

"What rewards are there for first place?"

Chen Yu inquired.

"First place!"

Yang Zhang was shocked for a moment, his head a bit dazed.

The other people also turned their heads to look at Chen Yu, some surprised while others shook their heads and sneered.

Duan Hao also showed a look of surprise.

"Haha, this batch of freshmen is really naïve and cute!"

In the crowd of senior students, a hulking man standing two meters tall laughed.

All freshmen within three years of admission and under the age of twenty-five were allowed to participate in the freshman tournament.

Thus, past champions of the freshman tournament were almost always senior students, and it was considered good to even have one or two freshmen in the top five.

Given the poor relationship between seniors and freshmen, the rest of the seniors joined in the laughter.

"That man is 'Hu Chong,' a student from Blood Slaughter Institute for the last two sessions. It's said that he ranked tenth in the last freshman tournament!"

Yang Zhang whispered.

Having ranked tenth in the previous tournament, it was hard to say how much his strength had improved by now.

Next, Chen Yu learned that the first-place winner of the freshman tournament would receive 100,000 No Demon Points!

“100,000!”

Chen Yu took a deep breath.

The No Demon Points he got from passing the twentieth level of the Ten Thousand Demon Tower were less than 50,000.

100,000 No Demon Points could probably be exchanged for a High Grade Treasure!

Of course, besides the 100,000 No Demon Points,

The first-place winner would also be awarded an “Ascending Dragon Pill,” which could cleanse the body, repair hidden diseases, promote a leap in the life hierarchy, and even slightly improve the aptitude of a Spiritual Body.

The competition at No Demon Academy was fierce, with battles and fights being common occurrences, and many people had injuries that were difficult to cure. Some female students even had their appearance damaged.

However, this pill could almost cure all injuries of the body at the Qi Transformation Realm level.

In addition to that, the first-place winner would also get to enter the academy’s “Demon Weapon Pavilion” and choose two High Grade Treasures.

The second place would receive 90,000 No Demon Points, a Blood Transformation Pill, and could select one High Grade Treasure.

The third place would receive 80,000 No Demon Points, a Clear Spirit Pill, and could select one High Grade Treasure.

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"Indeed, the rewards are generous!"

Chen Yu nodded.

Apart from the No Demon Points, Chen Yu was very interested in the Ascending Dragon Pill.

Since arriving at No Demon Academy, Chen Yu's cultivation goals were focused on the "Yuan Sha Divine Skill" and "Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow," somewhat neglecting the "Copper Statue Technique." If he were to take an Ascending Dragon Pill, achieving Great Success with the Copper Statue Gang Body should not be a problem.

And the pill had a slight effect on improving the aptitude of a Spiritual Body.

Demon Sky Peak, the largest peak of No Demon Academy, had its top as if it had been sheared off by something, making it flat like a plateau.

At this moment, it was crowded with people.

In addition to the participants from the various academies, there were also many older students there to watch the competition.

In the distance, there was a row of black buildings where the academy's senior instructors and even branch heads were sitting.

Liu Xuanzong, Qiu Xiuyue, Black Star Master, Mr. Xu, and others Chen Yu recognized were all among them.

"He's back?"

Liu Xuanzong, seeing Chen Yu in the crowd of freshmen, nodded.

With Duan Hao, Chen Yu, Zheng Shifeng, and others present, the performance of the freshmen from Blood Slaughter Institute in this tournament would definitely not be bad. Even the overall score might have a chance to rank in the top three among all branches.

Apart from these instructors, there were also many young people who were particularly eye-catching.

"That woman from Yunyang Academy is simply as beautiful as a Heavenly Immortal!"

"Look quickly, that man in a golden robe is elegant and graceful; he's a royal from Yun Zhao Country!"

It turned out that for this freshman tournament, students from the other academy, Yunyang Academy, had come to watch.

Yunyang Academy was situated in Yunyang Holy Mansion, right next to Tianhe Prefecture, and was fairly close. The other two major academies of the four major academies were quite far away.

"Is it them?"

Chen Yu's gaze sharpened.

On the day at the Demon Bone Wilderness, he had seen four students from Yunyang Academy fighting the Dark Winged Wolf.

Now, these four were also here, among them Princess Ning's beauty and temperament, attracted the attention of many male students.

The other one was the man in the golden robe, who turned out to be from the royal family!

"The competition begins, all participating students, move to the center of the platform!"

A black-armored middle-aged man announced loudly, his voice booming like a bell.

Upon hearing this, students from all directions rushed towards the empty platform in front.

"What are the rules of the competition?"

Chen Yu asked Yang Zhang beside him.

"Not sure, the rules of each competition are different!"

Yang Zhang also didn't know this detail.

But the more it was so, the more it excited people.

Before long, all the participating individuals gathered in the center of the platform.

"Array, activate!"

The black-armored middle-aged man roared.

Suddenly!

The platform under everyone's feet started to tremble slightly, and a burst of Evil Demon Qi spilled out.

Around the platform, dark purple rays emerged rapidly, quickly sketching into a vast Array.

"This is... an Array!"

Chen Yu surveyed his surroundings, with seven or eight hundred people, all within one Array.

Such a vast Array was something Chen Yu was seeing for the first time.

Suddenly.

Within the Array, a large amount of dark purple mist emerged, emitting an oppressive and terrifying Evil Demon Qi.

"The first elimination round begins now. Only those who can withstand thirty minutes in this Array will be considered to have passed!"

The voice of the black-armored middle-aged man came again.

In the black loft.

"The method of your academy's competition is quite unique this time!"

A Cloud Robed Elder commented, looking towards the massive Array.

"Hehe, this way we can eliminate the weak more quickly. Besides, this first test is somewhat beneficial to them as well!"

Mr. Xu stroked his beard.

"Oh?"

The Cloud Robed Elder turned his gaze towards the interior of the Array, his eyes narrowing slightly.

Inside the Array.

The vast and terrifying Evil Demon Qi filled the entire space, affecting the minds of everyone.

Many of the weaker-willed students showed signs of panic or confusion, their minds likely becoming somewhat clouded.

But most of the students appeared relatively calm.

Many students even sat down cross-legged, circulating their mental methods to steady their minds.

"Hmph, this is boring, still have to wait for thirty minutes!"

Duan Hao was slightly dissatisfied and sat down directly.

Boom~

An incredibly strong burst of Evil Qi erupted, forming a ferocious tiger above him.

When that dark purple mist passed through the fierce tiger shadow to reach Duan Hao, it had already been weakened, its impact less than sixty percent.

"Hehe, this is somewhat interesting!"

Situ Lin Yu calmly sat down and closed his eyes.

Hum~

A powerful source of spiritual power spread out from his body, forming a fluctuating ghostly shadow behind him.

The ghostly shadow opened its mouth wide, actually absorbing the evil, ghostly Qi within the Array.

"Such a strong spiritual power!"

Chen Yu glanced at Situ Lin Yu.

The spiritual power displayed by the other party was extremely pure, and it seemed Situ Lin Yu still had something hidden.

Among the new students, apart from these two who were particularly noteworthy,

There were a few others who also displayed special techniques and performed excellently, while the rest of the new students were still trying to adapt.

Compared to them, the older students were more composed and had various methods, quickly adapting.

"There is a small amount of Evil Qi here, but there is a lot of Demonic Qi!"

Chen Yu had a slight sensing of it.

Immediately, he too sat down cross-legged, circulating the Yuan Sha Divine Skill, and started to absorb and comprehend the Evil Qi.

Time passed.

Soon, some students could no longer hold on, their mental states getting worse.

Swish!

The black-armored middle-aged man suddenly rushed into the Array and carried away an Early-Stage Postnatal student, leaving the Array Formation Platform.

Clearly, the black-armored middle-aged man must have some special item that allowed him to move in and out of the Array freely.

"Your mind is chaotic, almost insane, you have been eliminated!"

The black-armored middle-aged man said quietly, placing the student to one side.

Gradually, more and more students who couldn't hold on appeared.

Some students even began to scream loudly, going mad.

"This year's new student competition's preliminaries are so cruel!"

"Luckily, I didn't participate, I don't want to end up like that!"

On the outside, many students who had not participated were secretly relieved.

Pretty quickly, fifteen minutes passed.

Within the Array, nearly half the students had been eliminated, only about three or four hundred remained.

Suddenly.

The Array "hummed" loudly, and the chaotic mist inside intensified a bit more.

"The disruptive force has become stronger!"

Chen Yu thought to himself.

Instantly, a few more students collapsed under the pressure of the Evil Demon Qi and fell unconscious.

"For the strong, this is an opportunity, but for the weak, it is torture!"

Situ Lin Yu spoke and laughed.

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"For the strong, this is an opportunity, but for the weak, it is torture!"

Situ Lin Yu's words made the students who were eliminated flush with embarrassment.

Meanwhile, inside the Array, each student clenched their teeth, none of them willing to wear the "weak" label.

Beside Chen Yu, Yang Zhang seemed to have a decent chance of passing the elimination round.

Yang Zhang's talent and potential were quite good among the new students. After staying at the academy for half a year, he had broken through to the Postnatal Late Stage. As long as he had a solid foundation, there would be no problem getting through the first discussion elimination round.

Every now and then, Yang Zhang would glance at Chen Yu, sighing inwardly.

Even though they were both at the Postnatal Late Stage, the gap between him and Chen Yu was significant.

Looking at Situ Lin Yu, Duan Hao, Nie Xuan, and some of the tough upperclassmen, each one seemed abnormally strong.

They showed no signs of discomfort within the Array, and even appeared rather at ease.

"Situ Lin Yu, let's settle our differences in this competition for new students!" Duan Hao, looking at Situ Lin Yu, was full of fighting spirit.

The other competitors were also observing each other.

Nie Xuan paid special attention to Chen Yu; she had lost to him in their previous confrontation at the Ten Thousand Demon Tower.

Privately, Nie Xuan was determined to defeat Chen Yu during the competition for new students.

"Hmm?"

Chen Yu felt a piercing gaze upon him.

At a glance, he spotted a stern young man with a faint sinister smile on his lips.

"Zhang Nan?"

Chen Yu could hardly recognize him.

At this moment, there was a significant change in Zhang Nan's aura and character.

"Chen Yu!"

A flash of sharpness appeared in Zhang Nan's eyes.

Seeing Chen Yu, he couldn't suppress the murderous intent in his heart and wanted to act.

The pitch-black streams swirling around him suddenly surged, emitting a tyrannical and domineering presence.

The chaotic black flows around his body entwined with the surrounding Evil Demon Qi and began to devour it bit by bit, making Zhang Nan's aura even more terrible and his demonic intent startling.

"Innate Period!"

Many of the students around were slightly shocked.

"Zhang Nan has actually broken through to the Early Innate Stage!"

"And he's changed so much from before!"

Many upperclassmen who knew Zhang Nan were also greatly shocked by this development.

At this moment, Zhang Nan instilled a palpable, intangible fear in them.

The students of Devil Wind Institute were surprised by the alarming demonic intent on Zhang Nan.

"Although the demonic intent on this kid is shocking, his sanity has been eroded and twisted!"

"He's not a student of Devil Wind Institute; he dared to cultivate the Demonic Path rashly and naturally fell into madness easily."

"How reckless, our students from Bone Cliff Institute, why would they even attempt to cultivate the Demonic Path?"

An instructor from Bone Cliff Institute frowned slightly.

The Demonic Path was a very powerful discipline, but it also came with great risks.

However, upon closer thought, in this year's competition for new students, Bone Cliff Institute didn't have any particularly outstanding students. Although Zhang Nan was adversely affected by the Demonic Path, his strong abilities could indeed shed some light on Bone Cliff Institute.

Inside the Array.

"I've just broken through, and there hasn't been much progress with the 'Yuan Sha Divine Skill' for a short time!"

Chen Yu pondered in his heart.

In the Demon Bone Wilderness, he had fought against numerous fiercely brutal Postnatal Peak and even Innate Demon Beasts. This had made his Evil Qi very strong, and he had also grasped the true meaning of evil.

Compared to that, the small amount of Evil Qi within the Array did little to aid him.

"That being the case, I will absorb the Demonic Path's Qi here!"

Chen Yu's eyes sparkled.

In the Demon Bone Wilderness, he had already sensed the Qi of the Demonic Path.

After advancing to a higher stage, the primordial evil True Qi sphere absorbed the Evil Qi of heaven and earth and also drew in the nearby astounding Demonic Qi.

It could be said that Chen Yu had also embarked on the path of the Demonic Path.

Boom!

A strong demonic intent burst forth from Chen Yu.

He released his defenses, allowing the surrounding domineering Evil Qi to enter his body and mental realm.

"What's going on?"

Yang Zhang, who was nearby, was taken aback by the overbearing and powerful force next to him.

"Chen Yu has entered the Demonic Path?"

"He hadn't cultivated the Demonic Path before; it seems he took this route after entering the Demon Bone Wilderness. However, without a cultivation technique and a teacher's guidance, it's too risky!"

Among the new students of Blood Slaughter Institute, besides surprise, there was more concern.

In the loft.

Liu Xuanzong's expression became slightly stern.

Cultivating the Demonic Path recklessly was definitely an irrational choice, as shown by Zhang Nan's precedent.

"Students from Blood Slaughter Institute have actually taken up the Demonic Path? I wonder if the teachers there can instruct him properly?"

Mr. Xu, from Devil Wind Institute, could not help but smile when he saw this.

"Old Liu, Chen Yu has a good aptitude and potential, you mustn't let him stray off course!"

An instructor remarked.

Liu Xuanzong resolved that after the competition ended, he would definitely caution Chen Yu.

Time slowly passed, and soon the elimination round was about to end.

But inside the Array, the pressure of various auras intensified once again.

"Ugh!"

A student spat out a mouthful of black blood and fainted.

The person in charge immediately rushed in and dragged him out.

"Hmph, what can this mere Array do to me!"

With a low shout, Zhang Nan's body erupted with demonic intent, voraciously devouring the Demonic Qi between heaven and earth.

On the other side, Chen Yu's demonic intent grew stronger and stronger!

Many demonic auras had integrated into his primordial evil True Qi, allowing for rapid absorption.

Furthermore, Chen Yu's spiritual power was strong enough to withstand it, refined by the "Heavenly Heart Refining" and cleansed by Moon Spirit Mother Ore, and was unshakably firm.

However, in the eyes of the teachers and instructors, these two who had mid-way switched to the Demonic Path were already twisted in nature, and their actions seemed somewhat mad.

Aside from these two, another person in the Array absorbed Demonic Qi with a force far exceeding Chen Yu's, second only to Zhang Nan.

This person was clad in black armor and had a strange demonic pattern on their face.

"Last year, during the competition, Cao Zhongtian broke through to the Early Innate Stage. With his current strength, securing first place shouldn't be a problem!"

Mr. Xu from Devil Wind Institute said with a smile.

Cao Zhongtian was indeed his student from Devil Wind Institute, having broken through to the Early Innate Stage just before last year's competition and ranking third.

This year's Freshmen Grand Competition, Cao Zhongtian was exactly twenty-four years old and once again participating in the contest.

Moreover, Cao Zhongtian was also a member of the ten great Ancient Clans.

"After all, Cao Zhongtian is a returning student. He made it into the top three in the last Grand Competition. This year, although the freshmen are impressive, presumably only one or two can manage to fight him on equal footing!"

One of the instructors agreed with Mr. Xu's point of view.

"That may not necessarily be the case!"

An instructor from the Evil Spirit Institute replied with a light chuckle, offering no further explanation.

Time passed, and students were continuously eliminated.

Soon, thirty minutes had passed.

Inside the array, only a little over one hundred and twenty people remained.

The elimination round had directly eliminated over seven hundred people, making it the most brutal elimination in over a decade.

"The first round of eliminations has ended. What follows is the second round, where we will select the top twenty from among you over one hundred and twenty!"

The Black-armored Middle-aged Man announced loudly.

The previous event had directly eliminated over seven hundred people.

And this time, the top twenty were to be directly chosen!

Such a ruthless method of competition was unprecedented in the history of No Demon Academy.

"This method is too cruel, and it's also unfair!"

Many students also felt it was inappropriate, as there had never been such a precedent.

Selecting the top twenty directly meant that beyond the twentieth place, there would be no ranking!

At the loft.

"Hearing that competition at No Demon Academy is fierce, witnessing it today proves that it truly is quite harsh!"

The Cloud Robed Elder said with a faint smile.

However, everyone present could tell that the Cloud Robed Elder was insinuating that No Demon Academy was akin to an evil path, employing cruel methods.

"Only the names of the strong are worthy of being remembered. The weak need no ranking, for it would only be an insult!"

An Elderly Dean said flatly.

Yet his voice sounded like thunder, reverberating at the very summit of Heavenly Demon Peak.

His words seemed to penetrate the soul, striking at the heart, and caused the students to reflect deeply.

The weak need no ranking!

To be remembered, one must become strong!

"Nicely said."

Duan Hao sneered coldly.

"Indeed it is."

Situ Lin Yu said with a smile.

At that moment, whether it was the eliminated students or the remaining one hundred and twenty plus, none continued to object.

"The stone platforms, rise!"

The Black-armored Middle-aged Man suddenly shouted.

Rumble~

The ground beneath the feet of those one hundred and twenty people began to tremble once again.

Suddenly, a huge stone platform shot up from the ground.

Immediately afterward, a second, a third... the twentieth stone platform surged upwards in succession.

Twenty stone platforms formed a massive circle, with the remaining one hundred and twenty-plus people in the center.

"Each stone platform represents a spot in the top twenty. The second round of the competitive battle officially begins!"

Upon hearing this, the expressions of the one hundred and twenty-plus people present changed.

The second round of contests was even more brutal than they had imagined!

As the judge's words fell.

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh~

Almost all figures soared into the sky, vying for one of the top twenty positions.

"Get lost!"

Hu Chong, a senior from Blood Slaughter Peak, burst upwards with his massive body, emitting a heaven-shocking Evil Qi.

Bang!

A Postnatal Middle Stage student was directly knocked flying dozens of yards away.

"So domineering!"

"In the last Freshmen Grand Competition, Hu Chong was ranked tenth. He has already broken through to the Innate stage, and I believe he has a chance to break into the top three this year!"

Among the crowd.

"Hehe, the format of this competition is exactly to my liking!"

Cao Zhongtian chuckled evilly.

Boom!

A terrifying aura suddenly erupted, as Cao Zhongtian transformed into a dark evil demon, becoming a shadow that shot straight into the sky.

Many students were directly repelled by his formidable aura.

Thump~

Cao Zhongtian landed squarely on a stone platform, his pitch-black and indifferent pupils looking down from above.

At this moment, many students brought out their trump cards to contest for one of those twenty positions.

Unknowingly, Situ Lin Yu had already ascended one of the stone platforms.

"This one is mine!"

Chen Yu's gaze landed on the nearest stone platform.

Boom!

He turned into a whirlwind of Evil Qi, rushing towards it at great speed.

"Scram!"

A Postnatal Late Stage chubby youth, waving his huge palm, tried to block Chen Yu.

"It's you who will roll!"

Chen Yu's expression hardened, he circulated his True Qi, and fiercely smashed his fist forward.

This punch didn't use the overwhelming power of the Primordial Evil True Qi; even so, it was still sufficient against this chubby youth.

Bang!

The chubby youth suddenly felt as if his palm had struck a barbed steel plate, the pain intense.

Chen Yu's punching arm gained strength.

Bang!

The chubby youth was immediately knocked back, his figure unsteady as he rolled on the ground almost thirty yards like a ball.

"Telling you to roll and you really did – how polite of you!"

Chen Yu laughed heartily and with a burst of speed, mounted the stone platform.

Less than a moment after Chen Yu ascended, all twenty stone platforms were occupied.

"Now, each of you has two opportunities to challenge any one of these twenty. If you win, you take their place. If both attempts fail, you are eliminated!"

The Black-armored Middle-aged Man announced the final rule for the second round.

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"Now, all of you have two chances to challenge any of the twenty here. If you win, you take their place; if both chances are failed, then eliminated!"

The black-armored middle-aged man announced the final rule of the second round.

Upon hearing this, the students who had not occupied a stone platform immediately became excited and filled with the will to fight.

They had not failed completely; there still was a chance to fight for the top twenty.

After all, some students were strong, but their movement techniques were their weak point, which led to their failure to secure a stone platform.

The second round of the competition seemed cruel but was also reasonable.

In contrast, on the stone platforms, aside from a few whose expressions did not change, many looked embarrassed, including Blood Slaughter Institute's Zheng Shifeng, who Chen Yu recognized.

"So it seems that being the first to climb onto the stone platform isn't necessarily a good thing!"

"That's right, even if you occupy a stone platform, being continuously challenged will drain your physical strength and True Qi, making it hard to hold on and possibly resulting in defeat!"

The remaining hundred-plus students surveyed the individuals on the twenty stone platforms.

For a short while, no one rashly issued a challenge.

After all, even if you manage to win a challenge, you could still be defeated by someone else.

However, everyone had already set a few targets in their hearts.

On the outside, the spectators watched this scene with great interest.

"Cao Zhongtian took third place in the freshman competition last time, and is undoubtedly the favorite for first place this time. Challenging him is basically a dead end!"

"Besides Cao Zhongtian, Zhang Nan, who knows when he broke through to Innate, will probably not be challenged. Others like the tenth place in the last competition, Hu Chong, and thirteenth place, Luo Yongguang, who have both broken through to Innate, are also tough nuts to crack!"

"As for the older students, there are four at the Innate phase, but among the new students, there are also two at the Innate phase, which is quite unexpected!"

The two Innate Strong People among the new students were Duan Hao and Situ Lin Yu.

One from an Ancient Clan, the other from one of the four great super families, both were young but not to be underestimated and were also hot favorites for first place.

"You don't know, a month ago, Situ Lin Yu reached the twenty-fourth level of the Ten Thousand Demon Tower, and Duan Hao also reached the same level shortly after!"

"It turns out that Chen Yu, the first among the new students to break through the twentieth level, seems to have gotten scared by these two and stopped attempting the Ten Thousand Demon Tower!"

"It's only natural. Although Chen Yu is talented, he falls quite short when compared to Situ Lin Yu and Duan Hao. He must have felt unsure about surpassing them, so he simply chose not to continue, to avoid embarrassment!"

Many of the new and old students discussed the hot figures in the competition.

Chen Yu was unaware that since he and Nie Xuan had made a name for themselves storming the Ten Thousand Demon Tower, many new students had followed suit.

Among them, Duan Hao and Situ Lin Yu broke through the Twenty-Fourth Level a month ago, and Nie Xuan had already reached the Twenty-Second Level.

Just then,

"I challenge you!"

From the crowd below, a dark-skinned youth with a cultivation at the Postnatal Peak sprang forth.

His target was a student from the Devil Wind Institute at the Postnatal Late Stage.

Among those occupying the twenty stone platforms, there were six at the Innate phase, whom no one dared to provoke.

Aside from that, there were eleven at the Postnatal Peak, and the last three at the Postnatal Late Stage.

The dark-skinned youth was challenging one of these three at the Postnatal Late Stage.

"Hmph, what does Postnatal Peak matter, I can defeat him all the same!" the Blue Robed Youth on the stone platform retorted coldly.

He was the first among the twenty to be challenged, which clearly marked him as the weakest, and that annoyed him.

"Then let's see what you've got!"

The dark-skinned youth drew a gigantic axe and dealt a fierce chop.

Instantly, the imposing pressure of a mountain descended, and the terrifying glow of the axe, twined with a grayish aura, came crashing down.

Swoosh!

The Blue Robed Youth's body was wrapped in a layer of dark blue airflow as he swiftly shifted to the left, evading the formidable strike.

Suddenly, a long sword appeared and thrust violently.

Clang!

The dark-skinned youth's axe parried the blow and then he lifted his axe to chop again.

The battle was intense, and it was hard to tell which of them held the upper hand.

The Blue Robed Youth had a superior movement technique with fast and fierce attacks.

But the dark-skinned youth, with his great strength and impeccable defense, launched wild and violent strikes.

For a time, neither could injure the other.

At a certain moment,

"Bone Splitting Mountain Splitting Axe!"

The dark-skinned youth's aura exploded as his axe was surrounded by a chilling aura of bone energy.

The overwhelming strike covered nearly half the area of the stone platform, greatly decreasing the Blue Robed Youth's chances of dodging.

Having injured the Blue Robed Youth, the dark-skinned youth's momentum grew stronger, and he intensified his ferocious attacks, eventually forcing the Blue Robed Youth off the platform.

"Kong Yuan's victory!"

The referee announced the outcome.

Being forced off the stone platform essentially meant defeat.

And the small area of the stone platform prevented some students from dragging out the fight with hit-and-run tactics.

"Ha ha!"

The dark-skinned youth, "Kong Yuan," laughed heartily, swallowed an Elixir, and sat down cross-legged, quickly trying to recover the energy he had expended.

Kong Yuan's victory greatly boosted the confidence of the hundred or so onlookers.

"Among these twenty, some were just lucky or had quick movement to seize a platform, but what really tests in head-to-head combat is overall strength."

"Kong Yuan is at the Postnatal Peak, not an easy opponent. There are still two left on the stone platforms at the Postnatal Late Stage."

The eyes of those hundred or so immediately focused on Chen Yu and another enchanting-looking girl.

This enchanting girl was a newcomer this term and had gained some fame for her beguiling beauty.

Naturally, male students were embarrassed to bully such a beauty, so more people turned their attention to Chen Yu.

However, as a famous newcomer, many were still hesitant.

"Kid, let me see what you're made of!"

A young man with a fierce look shouted loudly.

Swoosh!

He jumped straight onto Chen Yu's stone platform, with a red hammer appearing in his hand that emitted an overwhelming sense of mass.

"Isn't he last year's competition rank forty-two, 'Wan Cheng'?"

"I heard he recently broke through to Postnatal Peak; wonder how much his strength has increased."

Wan Cheng's aggressive move caught the attention of numerous students.

"I'm taking this stone platform, Grandpa Wan!"

Wan Cheng let out a thunderous roar, and red True Qi surged throughout his body.

Boom!

The hammer in his hand ignited, swirling with blazing flames and light.

Fiery Flame Flowing Light Hammer!

Wan Cheng swung the flaming hammer at breakneck speed with ease, transforming into a fiery ball, and with ferocious power, he smashed it towards Chen Yu.

Swoosh~

Chen Yu shifted his figure and easily dodged.

"Kid, if you've got real skills, stop running!"

Wan Cheng thought Chen Yu was scared of him and couldn't help but shout loudly.

At the same time, he mocked to himself, this Chen Yu has quite a reputation among the new students, but his strength seems to be just so-so.

"Hehe."

Chen Yu grinned, creating quite a distance between him and Wan Cheng.

"Kid, the area of this stone platform is so small, I'd like to see where you can run to."

Wan Cheng wore a proud smile, his momentum increased again, and his speed quickened a few notches as he charged at Chen Yu.

"Who says I'm running."

Chen Yu snorted coldly.

On the twenty stone platforms, only three people were in the Postnatal Late Stage; they should be the primary targets for challenges.

Therefore, Chen Yu planned to use tough measures, defeat Wan Cheng, and simultaneously deter the others.

Boom~

An astonishing Evil Qi storm, accompanied by a tyrannical demonic aura, burst forth from within Chen Yu.

As a howling wind screamed, Chen Yu's figure shot forward, rushing toward Wan Cheng.

"Looking for death!"

Seeing Chen Yu no longer dodging, Wan Cheng's heart leaped with joy.

But immediately after, his face changed drastically.

Chen Yu's speed was too fast, too astonishing; just the ferocity of his momentum made his heart skip a beat.

In his field of view, a black wind and a fireball were rapidly approaching each other.

Compared to it, the speed of the black wind was much faster.

Bang pow!

The two collided violently, the impact noise was deafening.

Within the intertwining black wind and fiery flames, a figure was tossed out like a sandbag.

"Holy shit, to be directly thrown off like that, how strong must he be!"

"To be directly flung away in a head-on collision, Wan Cheng?"

The spectating crowd was taken aback by this scene.

This challenge ended swiftly, almost as soon as they clashed, the winner and loser were decided.

"Chen Yu's victory!"

The referee announced the result.

"Damn it, this kid deliberately feigned weakness to make me let my guard down, or I would have shown him!"

Wan Cheng's face flushed with shame as he shouted angrily.

After all, he had participated in the last tournament; he never expected to be thrown off in the very first match of this tournament—how could he accept that?

Inside the attic, several instructors' gazes flickered slightly.

"This child must be practicing the 'Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow,' right? Such fierce momentum, it seems his skill is exceptional!"

An instructor praised.

Liu Xuanzong revealed a slight smile; he too did not expect that Chen Yu would have such an extraordinary talent for the cultivation of this Secret Technique.

Being instructors, they could surmise Chen Yu's proficiency with the movement technique from just that simple form he displayed earlier.

On a nearby stone platform.

A slender youth watched Chen Yu with great interest.

This person was Luo Yongguang, a member of one of the Ten Ancient Clans, a hot favorite for the top three, even possibly the first, in this competition.

"Indeed, he has some skills."

The slender youth, "Luo Yongguang," smiled slightly at the corners of his mouth.

After all, if Chen Yu had no abilities, Luo Haotian wouldn't have gone to such lengths to cultivate him to deal with Chen Yu.

"Huh?"

Chen Yu glanced over and noticed Luo Yongguang.

Luo Yongguang did not hide his intentions and flashed a challenging smile.

"Who is this person?"

Chen Yu had no recollection of Luo Yongguang, but the latter seemed to have some grudge against him, being so fixated on him.

Before the competition, Chen Yu had been training in the Demon Bone Wilderness and was not familiar with the hot favorites of this tournament, and naturally, he did not know Luo Yongguang.

Seeing how dominant Chen Yu was, some students set their sights on that enchantingly beautiful girl.

"Hehe, junior sister, how about giving up this spot to your senior?"

A handsome young man with a lascivious gaze stepped onto the platform.

"Sure!"

The enchanting girl smiled seductively, with a trace of purple light twinkling in her eyes, as a wave of spiritual energy spread forth.

"Spiritual Secret Technique?"

The handsome young man's expression slightly changed.

Buzz~

A layer of pulsating purple flame descended upon the spiritual plane of the handsome young man.

At the same moment, the enchanting girl's figure sprang out, a dagger appearing in her hand.

Ting ting!

The handsome young man hastily drew his sword.

However, he furrowed his brows tightly, clearly affected by the spiritual power, struggling to concentrate.

"Senior, what's wrong?"

The girl fluttered her charming eyes, her voice sultry, launching another spiritual attack invisibly.

Gradually, the composure of the handsome young man faded, his forehead breaking into cold sweats, and lust flickered in his eyes.

The enchanting girl seized this gap, her shapely leg kicking out.

Pong!

The handsome young man went limp, his gaze slightly dazed, as his body separated from the stone platform.

"This woman is actually skilled in spiritual Secret Techniques, she's tough to deal with!"

"Indeed, looking at the situation just now, her spiritual Secret Techniques are of the seductive kind, paired with her tempting figure, it's really hard to resist!"

The male students shook their heads.

Most cultivators at No Demon Academy follow the path of demonic or evil cultivation, with impure mindsets, making them more vulnerable to certain spiritual Secret Techniques.

At that moment.

"Hmph, I must secure one of these top twenty positions!"

A junior in white suddenly floated out, speaking with extreme confidence.

And his target of challenge was none other than Chen Yu.