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Chapter 311: Fiery Fire Demon Lizard

At the mission commissioning office, many people looked towards Chen Yu, their eyes revealing envy tinged with jealousy.

"Being a disciple of the vice dean definitely has its perks, even a powerful figure like Jin Zhuo Peak actively extends an invitation."

"Indeed, the danger level of the Demon Bone Wilderness has increased over the past year, and the task rewards have substantially risen. But without a strong team, no one dares to venture there."

Several students around murmured softly.

Despite the distance to the Demon Bone Wilderness, fortunately, Jin Zhuo Peak possessed a flying mount that could accommodate five or six people.

Among the group of four, Jin Zhuo Peak was at the Innate Peak, but as the number one person in the Blood Slaughter Institute, his strength was unfathomable.

The other two were a slender girl and a long-haired youth, both at the Late Innate stage, but their aura was extremely stable, clearly far from ordinary within their stage.

"Chen, you now have the strength to compete with the Late Innate stage, and being taken in as a disciple by the vice dean, your power should increase rapidly. Perhaps you'll have a chance to participate in this session's academy competition."

The slender girl initiated conversation with Chen Yu.

"I'm thinking the same."

Chen Yu did not hide his intentions.

The academy competition was held every five years. If he missed this one, he might return to Chu Country in a few years, with no opportunity to participate in the next competition.

Thus, Chen Yu was quite eager for this competition.

Moreover, he had heard that the competition itself was an opportunity, with extremely generous rewards being awarded at the end.

If he could achieve good results in both aspects, Chen Yu's path ahead would be much smoother.

"Hehe, then Chen, you must work hard."

The long-haired youth chuckled, then turned his gaze towards the Fire Scale Beast.

Chen Yu saw the scorn in his attitude, and noticed the long-haired youth's greater interest in the Fire Scale Beast.

"If Chen's mount can grow rapidly, the overall strength would be stronger. Maybe in the academy competition, you could achieve a good result."

The slender girl looked at the Fire Scale Beast, full of envy.

Spirit pets of the ancient beast level were not something everyone could have, and she had also heard about the origins of Chen Yu's ancient beast, which made her admire Chen Yu's extraordinary luck.

"A mount?"

The Red Flame King furrowed his eyebrows, glancing at the slender girl.

Every time he heard this word, he thought of when he was severely beaten by Chen Yu, which was his greatest humiliation. The Red Flame King was seething with anger but was forced to restrain himself.

Seeing the Fire Scale Beast's fierce eyes, the slender girl didn't think too much of it.

"Why doesn't the junior brother place this mount into a pet bag?"

The slender girl asked out of curiosity.

The existence of the Fire Scale Beast meant that the flying mount was under greater strain.

"It... is afraid of the dark!"

Chen Yu stroked the head of the Fire Scale Beast.

The Red Flame King was so frustrated he was speechless.

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In less than ten days, the group of four arrived at the Demon Bone Wilderness.

The sky was clouded with dark clouds, and the air was filled with a thick, desolate, demonic aura.

Ordinary teams would never dare to fly in the sky of the Demon Bone Wilderness, for there were demon birds, even flocks of them.

An accidental fall to the ground would mean certain death!

But Jin Zhuo Peak, dressed in a blood garment, stood at the forefront, radiating waves of a bloodthirsty aura. No demon bird dared approach within nearly a hundred yards of him.

"Truly the first person of the Blood Slaughter Institute, such strength is very close to the Guiyuan Realm."

Chen Yu silently assessed Jin Zhuo Peak's strength in his heart.

It's important to know that the Guiyuan Realm possesses True Yuan, and the gap from the Qi Transformation Realm is immense. To have strength comparable to the Guiyuan Realm while below it is truly terrifying.

Additionally, Chen Yu found that the Demon Bone Wilderness felt very different from his last visit.

As they progressed, more powerful flying creatures appeared in the sky.

At that point, the team descended from the sky and continued on foot.

It wasn't long before the group encountered a situation.

Hiss, hiss~

Suddenly, a dozen or so large black caterpillars appeared ahead, along with a few other types of beetles, all emitting a strong demonic aura. Most of them were at the Innate Middle Stage, and a few were at the Late Innate Stage.

These bugs had one thing in common: their bodies were pitch-black, looking as if made of bone stone.

"Is that not

Chen Yu's expression changed.

The last time he was in the Demon Bone Wilderness, he had excavated a “Demon Bone Worm” in a cave made of Demon Bone Stones—the ones in front of him were identical.

From his memory, these Demon Bone Worms were much more ferocious than other demon beasts of the same class.

"Be careful, Chen. The Demon Bone Wilderness has changed a lot from before. Many peculiar demon beasts have appeared, and the local ones seem to have been influenced, becoming even more powerful."

The slender girl warned.

"Kill!"

Jin Zhuo Peak snorted lowly, transforming into a streak of blood light, flying out swiftly.

He manifested a layer of red blood waves, turning them into blood claws that seized the surrounding demon beasts.

These blood claws could quickly absorb the life force from the enemy's body.

However, these special Demon Bone Worms had no life force within them, so the effect was greatly reduced.

Hum, hum!

The blood claws formed a ring of blood flow that firmly bound the Demon Bone Worms, constricting continuously until they were split in half.

Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh!

Chen Yu and the other two also attacked simultaneously.

The slender girl was a Blood Dao Practitioner, and the long-haired youth a Demon Cultivator. Both were very strong.

"Let's try the True Copper Statue that's reached minor completion."

Chen Yu instantly activated his True Copper Statue, his skin turning bronze and radiating a layer of bright yellow luster.

He punched out.

Boom!

A Demon Bone Worm charging rapidly towards him was stopped by Chen Yu's punch, its form shattering apart and turning into a pile of stone fragments.

Among the stone fragments was a demon core, black in color, radiating strong demonic energy.

"Indeed, an attack that rivals Late Innate stage power."

Chen Yu showed a pleased expression.

Of course, the Demon Bone Worm had extremely strong defenses and vitality, and another reason for Chen Yu's one-hit kill was that his True Copper Statue contained a trace of lightning power.

This power would only take effect when he made close contact with the enemy.

And lightning power was greatly effective against creatures like Demon Bone Worm, which were of demonic nature.

Meanwhile, the slender girl was surprised to witness this scene.

Blood Dao Practitioners were at a disadvantage against these Demon Bone Worms, even in a weak position.

But Chen Yu smashed one to death with a single punch, performing even better than the higher-staged, stronger slender girl.

Jin Zhuo Peak also glanced at Chen Yu from time to time.

Boom bang pow!

Chen Yu fought more vigorously, his fists unleashing terrifying power as he clashed with the Demon Bone Worms up close.

In no time, the group of Demon Bone Worms was taken care of by the four of them.

"If you need anything, you can trade these demon cores with me."

The long-haired young man said with a smile.

These demon cores contained pure and potent Demonic Qi, which was of great help to Demon Cultivators.

The group continued on their way, with the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard being an ancient beast, its strength reaching the Guiyuan Realm, naturally living deep within the Demon Bone Wilderness.

On their journey, they encountered many demon beasts brimming with demonic intent.

Among them, they also encountered a human whose majority of the body was pitch black, as hard as bone stone, and his eyes were pitch black, with only a maniacal lust for killing remaining.

This demonized man didn't hesitate to attack the group but was eventually slain by Jin Zhuo Peak with a single strike.

"Alas, some changes have occurred in the Demon Bone Wilderness, the aura of the demon path has become extremely dense, many Demon Cultivators came here to practice, but ended up possessed by demonic forces, turning into what you see here."

The slender woman sighed.

"Heh heh, too weak-willed to practice the demonic path!"

The long-haired young man disagreed, as he was also a Demon Cultivator.

After a while, everyone suddenly felt an eerie silence around them, and the temperature had risen significantly.

"The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard is right here!"

Jin Zhuo Peak transmitted his voice to everyone.

The other three immediately got ready.

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, being an ancient beast whose strength nearly reached the Guiyuan Realm, was no small matter.

Chen Yu didn't hesitate to take out his Giant Ruler Sword, the long-haired young man held a long knife, and a blood whip appeared in the hands of the slender woman.

Swoosh~

Jin Zhuo Peak led the way ahead.

Suddenly.

Boom bang!

The ground's sand and stones exploded, revealing an enormous figure within.

It was a lizard that was five zhang long, covered in scale patterns like those of snakes and dragons, with fiery red patterns on it, exuding the powerful pressure of an ancient beast.

The moment the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard appeared, it spat out a dark red fireball from its mouth, striking directly at Jin Zhuo Peak.

"Break!"

Jin Zhuo Peak shouted, a blood-colored long spear in his hand thundering out.

Hundred of sharp blood-colored spear shadows whistled out.

Boom bang!

A wave of fiery blood exploded.

Jin Zhuo Peak's figure flashed, dodging out of the explosion's range.

In a head-on fight, he alone was no match for the ancient beast Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

Thump thump!

Chen Yu's heart throbbed with a pulling force, but not as much as the previous few times.

"Kill!"

Chen Yu, the slender woman, and the long-haired young man had arrived from three different directions, launching their attack simultaneously.

Chen Yu swung his sword in a slashing motion.

Boom bang!

A black wind Sha Qi Sword struck out, slashing upon the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's Scale Armor, leaving a shallow blood mark.

"Such strong defense!"

Chen Yu's sword, powered by the strength of his True Copper Statue, had reached the Innate Peak, but even so, it only caused minor damage to the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

From the other sides, both the attacks from the slender woman and the long-haired young man had reached the Innate Peak.

"Blood God Spear!"

With three people restraining the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, Jin Zhuo Peak took the initiative to strike, unleashing a battle skill.

Boom~

A massive blood-colored spear light with a scent of bloodshed roared out, striking towards the head of the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

Sensing the threat, the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard let out a roar, a hot bloodline energy releasing from within its body, its scale patterns shining even brighter, revealing flickers of flames.

Feeling the difficulty of the enemy, it did not hesitate to stimulate its bloodline power.

Roar!

With a roar, the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard spat out a larger, more turbulent dark red fireball.

"Be careful!"

The slender woman warned.

The group couldn't help but retreat a distance, continuing the fight with the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

In the fight, Jin Zhuo Peak drew closer to Chen Yu.

Just at that moment.

Whoosh~

A thick, dark red shadow carrying a terrifying wave of fire swiftly swept over; it was the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's tail.

Its tail was enormously thick, like a giant python, with an extremely wide range of impact.

Even though the strike was aimed at Jin Zhuo Peak, it also swept towards Chen Yu.

"Chen, be careful."

Jin Zhuo Peak exclaimed.

The slender woman also showed a look of shock; if Chen Yu were hit by this strike, he would undoubtedly die.

Roar!

Chen Yu's heart beat fiercely, black wind howling on his body as he employed a movement technique secret technique to retreat.

But the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's tail was incredibly thick, its speed like thunder.

Chen Yu shouted, the True Copper Statue pushed to its limit.

Buzz!

With a solemn and brilliant layer of copper light, Chen Yu's figure suddenly enlarged.

His giant form increased his defense.

Boom bang!

A portion of the massive tail grazed past, brushing against Chen Yu's chest.

The amethyst light film released from Chen Yu's beast skin armor shattered, and he was thrown several meters backward.

"Chen, are you alright

Jin Zhuo Peak dodged the strike and immediately looked in Chen Yu's direction.

Just then, Chen Yu got up, dusting off his clothes.

"Actually unharmed."

Jin Zhuo Peak's gaze darkened slightly.

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In the midst of the yellow sand and dust, Chen Yu patted the dust off his body and stood up.

His True Copper Statue had made a breakthrough to minor completion, and with its massive enlargement, his defensive power had reached a terrifying level.

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's tail had only grazed him, and the damage was not as high as he had imagined.

However, had it been an ordinary Early Innate, they would have been dead beyond doubt.

"Chen, are you alright?" Jin Zhuo Peak asked with an urgent expression.

"It's just a scratch, nothing serious," Chen Yu replied calmly.

His intuition told him that Jin Zhuo Peak seemed to have intentionally moved closer to him, attempting to use the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard to kill him.

However, there didn't seem to be any animosity between Chen Yu and Jin Zhuo Peak, so why would the latter want to harm him?

Last time, in the poison mist forest, Jin Zhuo Peak took the initiative to capture the female assassin, leaving Chen Yu with a rather positive impression of this senior brother.

"Kid, this guy obviously wants to harm you," the Red Flame King transmitted from afar.

Since the battle approached the Guiyuan Realm level, Chen Yu hadn't allowed the Red Flame King to join the fight, because on the surface the Fire Scale Beast was only Postnatal Peak.

This was still under the circumstance where Chen Yu hadn't given the Red Flame King any resources for cultivation. If the Red Flame King had plentiful resources, it would likely surpass Chen Yu in no time.

As an observer, the Red Flame King had a more comprehensive view of the situation, coupled with the fact that it was an old monster who had lived for who knows how many years.

Chen Yu nodded.

With the Red Flame King also saying this, he was certain that Jin Zhuo Peak's actions were deliberate.

But there was no need to bring this up now, after all, he had no definitive evidence to prove it.

The battle continued, and at this moment Chen Yu became a little more cautious.

"It's good that you're fine, let's continue, and wear the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard down to death," Jin Zhuo Peak declared seriously, leading the entire group.

Elsewhere.

"Senior Brother Jin, why don't we just make a move and kill this fellow?" the long-haired youth transmitted to Jin Zhuo Peak secretly.

"No, this fellow has strong defensive power and his own strength is not weak, and he might have a life-saving trump card given by the vice dean. If we are not careful, we might be the ones to die," Jin Zhuo Peak immediately denied.

"Heh!" The long-haired youth sneered, thinking Jin Zhuo Peak was too timid.

"Don't worry, I have promised Luo Haotian, and I will do my best," Jin Zhuo Peak transmitted again.

In the institute, he had a good relationship with Luo Haotian.

The Luo Family was among the more prominent in the Ancient Clan, while his own Jin Family was only a second-rate family. His family had encountered some troubles recently, and if the Luo Family was willing to help, they could overcome the difficulties.

When he had sought Luo Haotian before, Luo Haotian had tasked him with dealing with a member of the Blood Slaughter Institute.

At that time, Jin Zhuo Peak didn't pay much attention, thinking it was a trivial matter. But after the news spread that Chen Yu was taken as a disciple by the vice dean, he realized the difficulty of the task.

Although Jin Zhuo Peak said so at this moment, how could he risk his life to do something for Luo Haotian?

If Chen Yu had some sort of trump card, or if the murder of Chen Yu was exposed, he would also be in a life-threatening situation.

"I hope Senior Brother Jin can handle this matter well," the long-haired youth said with a smile.

"Of course. If this matter isn't handled well, both of us will be in grave danger," Jin Zhuo Peak said with a hint of warning.

The long-haired youth was Luo Haotian's man, who took the initiative to assist him against Chen Yu.

But in Jin Zhuo Peak's view, this person was sent by Luo Haotian to keep an eye on him.

Jin Zhuo Peak didn't care about that much, if there wasn't a full certainty, he would rather fail in this matter.

"Chen, it's good that you're safe," the slender woman said from the other side.

With its massive body and strong defensive power, it was a bit unrealistic for the four of them to join forces to kill the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard. They could only wait for its bloodline to exhaust and fall into weakness, only then was there a possibility of killing it.

If they were one person short, namely without Chen Yu, it would only be more troublesome for the three of them.

Boom! Bang! Thump!

The four of them continued to besiege the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard was incredibly angry, launching frenzied attacks.

However, Jin Zhuo Peak avoided head-on confrontations, so he handled it quite easily.

Chen Yu, the slender woman, and the long-haired youth were quite a distance from the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, and as long as it wasn't attacking any one of them with its full strength, they all had time to react and retreat in time.

At a certain moment.

"Blood Drawing Skill!" Jin Zhuo Peak waved his other hand and suddenly slapped out a palm.

A red ethereal palm shadow struck out and exploded next to the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's right side.

Instantly, the rate of blood loss from the wound on the right side of the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard increased several times.

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard had extremely strong defensive and recovery abilities, and any non-severe injuries could be healed quickly. But at this moment, Jin Zhuo Peak had executed the "Blood Drawing Skill," countering the lizard's ability to recover and forcibly drawing out more blood.

Roar~

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard roared in anger, its intelligence was not low, aware that it probably wasn't a match for these humans.

Whoosh!

Patterns on its scales spread out tendrils of crimson flames, forming a flow of fire, converging in the mouth of the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

At that moment, within an area tens of yards wide, a wild, fiery aura was released.

"Not good, this beast is going mad!" Jin Zhuo Peak shouted immediately.

Aside from the strongest Jin Zhuo Peak, the other three sensed a strong crisis.

Under the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's fury, it was brewing its strongest area attack, powerful enough to kill any ordinary Innate Strong People nearby.

"Hm?"

Chen Yu noticed that Jin Zhuo Peak seemed to be getting closer to him again.

During this hunt of the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, Jin Zhuo Peak was the main force, the one the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard detested and saw as its archenemy.

Therefore, the primary target of the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's attacks would definitely be Jin Zhuo Peak.

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Boom!

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's mouth belched sky-high flames, erupting fiercely into a dark red tornado of fire that engulfed a vast circular area, whipping up a fierce storm.

"Senior Brother Jin, save me."

Chen Yu wasted no time and activated his movement technique secret art, rapidly closing in on Jin Zhuo Peak.

Didn't Jin Zhuo Peak want Chen Yu to get closer, to bear more of the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's attacks?

In that case, Chen Yu simply took the initiative to move closer to Jin Zhuo Peak.

As the saying goes, the most dangerous place may also be the safest.

Roar~

After deploying his movement technique secret art, Chen Yu, like a black whirlwind, swiftly reached behind Jin Zhuo Peak.

If Jin Zhuo Peak didn't save Chen Yu, then Chen Yu could accuse him of plotting against his teammates, of failing to assist in a moment of crisis.

If Jin Zhuo Peak took the opportunity to attack Chen Yu, he wouldn't hesitate to use the life-saving trump card given by his Master, and kill Jin Zhuo Peak.

"What?"

Jin Zhuo Peak was taken aback, not expecting Chen Yu to do this.

Being on the same team, he had an obligation to protect his teammates.

If he abandoned his teammate now, it would be tantamount to admitting his intentions plain and clear. Once Chen Yu survived, things would get troublesome.

"Damn!"

Jin Zhuo Peak's thoughts paused for a moment before he realized there was no time left for contemplation.

Boom!

He fiercely struck with a palm, unleashing a surging wave of blood.

At the same time, his blood-red long spear waved continuously, stabbing out numerous blood-colored spear shadows.

But Jin Zhuo Peak's strength was clearly no match for the frenzied Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

Boom!

A wave of flame's aftermath struck Jin Zhuo Peak, blasting him several yards away.

Chen Yu was better off, always hiding behind Jin Zhuo Peak and, with his True Copper Statue's strong resistance to flames, he wasn't much damaged.

"Hmph."

The long-haired young man glanced at Jin Zhuo Peak.

In his view, it was a great opportunity to kill Chen Yu just now; Jin Zhuo Peak actually didn't make a move, maybe being too cautious.

"Chen, are you okay?"

Jin Zhuo Peak got up and looked at Chen Yu.

He knew that Chen Yu must have sensed something by now.

Next, he would be even more cautious. If the opportunity wasn't right, he'd rather not take action.

"Thanks to Senior Brother Jin."

Chen Yu smiled.

Elsewhere, after launching a peak attack, the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard fell into a weakened state.

"Attack, now is its weakest moment!"

Jin Zhuo Peak immediately called out.

The four once again charged out, launching a fierce attack on the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

Gradually, the injuries on the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard became more severe, with blood spilling all over the ground.

Roar!

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's massive tail violently swept out, lifting a whirlwind of flames, temporarily forcing Jin Zhuo Peak and the others to retreat.

The next moment, the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard sprinted and burrowed into a giant pit nearby.

This giant pit was precisely where the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard had suddenly launched an attack from earlier.

The pit was pitch black and seemed to extend into the depths of the earth.

"Chase it. The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard is severely wounded; we can't just let it escape."

The slender woman spoke.

The rest agreed.

Killing the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard would bring them rich rewards. If they allowed it to escape like this, their efforts would have been in vain.

"Come, into the pet bag."

Chen Yu said to the Red Flame King.

"Hmph!"

The Red Flame King snorted coldly, reluctant to enter.

"Senior Brother Jin obviously harbors hostility towards me. Who knows what will happen next? You're not willing to join me, do you hope Senior Brother Jin will kill me?"

Chen Yu asked.

Under the contract of mutual assistance, when one party faces danger, the other has a responsibility to help.

Finally, the Red Flame King entered the storage bag.

Afterward, the four entered the pit, pursuing the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

Upon jumping in and walking a few steps, a vast underground passage appeared before them, extremely hot inside and emitting waves of demonic aura. The tunnel twisted and turned, stretching far into the distance.

"This underground passage is huge. It might be the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's lair."

The slender woman reminded.

"Hehe, there might even be quite a few treasures inside."

The long-haired young man laughed.

The four, as if by agreement, quickly pursued.

In no time, the group reached a huge underground cave and caught up with the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

"Demon Bone Stone!"

The long-haired youth's eyes sparkled with a bright gleam.

On one side of the cave wall, it was entirely covered with Demon Bone Stones. According to his perception, most of the Demon Bone Stones were of exceptionally high quality.

As a Demon Cultivator, these Demon Bone Stones greatly aided his cultivation.

"Blood God Spear!"

Jin Zhuo Peak charged ahead, launching a formidable combat move.

Boom~

A colossal blood-red spear glow, emitting a stench of blood, burst forth, stabbing towards the head of the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

The long-haired youth unleashed a jet-black, moon-like slash with his blade, while the slender woman swung her whip, creating layers of whip shadows that struck the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's wounded areas.

Chen Yu waved his Giant Ruler Sword, attacking the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard.

Boom bang pong!

Beneath the earth, four people and the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard engaged in battle once more, with the sound of explosions rumbling continuously, causing the whole cave to echo thunderously.

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard grew increasingly weak, unable to hold on for much longer.

"Kill!"

Jin Zhuo Peak lunged with a fierce spear, and several huge red spear shadows rapidly shot forth.

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard tried desperately to dodge, the sharp spear shadows grazing its Scale Armor and blasting towards the edge of the Demon Bone Stone wall behind.

Bang crack!

The wall was blasted open with a small hole, and several pieces of Demon Bone Stone fell down, a strong demonic aura diffusing from within.

Many cracks spread from near the hole, from which suddenly wriggled out a fat "Demon Bone Worm," its bean-sized eyes pitch-black and gleaming ominously.

As one Demon Bone Worm emerged, several other insects and snakes followed.

"Damn it, there's a horde of Demon Beasts near that Demon Bone Ore."

The long-haired youth's expression shifted slightly.

From what he could sense, almost all of these Demon Beasts were at the Late Innate level, and there were more than twenty of them.

These Demon Beasts, tainted by demonic energy, were already very powerful, and with so many of them, along with the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard nearby, even the four of them were no match.

"We need to retreat for now."

Jin Zhuo Peak commanded.

He had just been wounded by the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's attack, and after a fierce battle, he was not at his peak strength.

"Senior Brother Jin, we should retreat

The long-haired youth communicated secretly via sound transmission.

Then, the two men quickly left the cavern.

The long-haired man shaped his hand into a claw, concentrating a small orb of demonic black energy in his palm, emitting strange fluctuations.

When Chen Yu and the slender woman were retreating, the wide passage suddenly exploded and collapsed.

Boom bang!

Several huge rocks suddenly smashed down, blocking the two's path.

Thereafter, a continuous rumbling came from ahead, and the passage in front of them was buried even more thoroughly.

"This isn't good, the passage has collapsed."

The slender woman turned pale.

On the other side.

"You're taking too great a risk."

Jin Zhuo Peak spoke in a low voice.

"Heh heh, they won't find out, and so what if they do? Do they have the luck to survive and come out?"

The long-haired youth chuckled evilly.

The secret technique he had just used was his own spoils from a mission, which could silently draw on the nearby demonic aura, causing it to become turbulent or even explode.

During battle, this secret technique didn't do much.

But in this deep underground place thick with demonic energy, once the technique was deployed, the effect was quite startling.

"Let's go."

The long-haired youth said as the dark energy orb in his claw pulsed.

Hum boom!

The soil overhead kept shaking, and with a loud "bang," it collapsed.

The passage was buried for dozens of feet before the long-haired youth ceased.

"Mission accomplished. When we go back, if the vice principal asks about Chen Yu's death, we'll say that we were chasing the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard underground and suddenly a collapse occurred, with only the two of us managing to escape. Don't worry, even the vice principal won't be able to find any trace."

The long-haired youth laughed, extremely confident in his methods.

Besides, the fact that they could eliminate Chen Yu this time, he was the main contributor. He believed Luo Haotian would not shortchange him.

"What a pity for Junior Sister Yu Yuan."

Jin Zhuo Peak said dispassionately.

The slender woman harbored feelings of admiration for Jin Zhuo Peak, which is why she took the initiative to get close to him.

But Jin Zhuo Peak knew that the woman didn't truly love him, she was only interested in his strength and potential.

Deep underground.

"Senior Brother Jin, save us!"

The slender woman shouted desperately.

She hoped that Jin Zhuo Peak on the other side could clear the passage, so they might still be rescued.

But what came from the front were only the sounds of the soil layers collapsing.

"Junior Brother Chen, we're done for."

The slender woman's face showed a look of despair as she wept.

But when she looked at Chen Yu, her expression became startled.

At this moment, aside from a slightly serious complexion, Chen Yu remained composed, without a hint of despair.

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The tall youth in the field of view had a somewhat solemn expression, but he remained extremely calm, showing not the slightest hint of despair.

Hiss hiss!

Ahead, many demon beasts tainted by demonic intent emitted various sounds, accompanied by astonishing Demonic Qi, pouncing like terrifying waves.

The slender woman, who had just calmed down a bit, shuddered all over, fear becoming even more intense.

Faced with so many demon beasts, including the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, did they still have a chance to survive?

More than twenty demon beasts tainted by demonic intent crawled out of that small hole, looking extremely sinister and terrifying.

However, these twenty-plus demon beasts didn't attack Chen Yu and the slender woman but instead launched an attack on the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard first.

Roar~

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard showed a wary expression, roaring in anger.

Had it been at its peak, these demon beasts would be nothing to it, but having just fought a fierce battle with humans, it was incredibly weak at this moment.

Sizzle sizzle~

Those demon beasts tainted with demonic intent furiously attacked the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, devouring the blood and flesh that flowed from its body.

"It seems these demon beasts are interested in vitality and even more interested in blood."

Chen Yu speculated.

Everyone had encountered these demonically possessed beasts, which only knew to attack wildly, their intelligence was low, seemingly somewhat insane.

At this moment, to them, the fresh blood emanating from the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard was more enticing than the two humans.

Chen Yu slapped his storage bag and released the Red Flame King.

If there hadn't been others nearby, the Red Flame King would have cursed out loud immediately.

"Little bastard, what the hell is going on? I am away for a moment, and you turn into this sorry state?"

The Red Flame King sent an angry telepathic message.

"These demonically possessed beasts have low intelligence, and they are currently attacking the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard. If we can kill more of them before the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard dies, our chances of survival will be even greater."

Chen Yu said to the slender woman.

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, though an ancient beast, was too seriously injured and doomed to be no match for those demonically altered beasts.

However, no sooner had Chen Yu finished speaking than he realized something was not right.

The Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's vitality was rapidly fading, more areas of its body turning black, exceptionally hard, and its red beastly pupils had completely fallen to darkness.

"Kid, you wish for too much beauty. This Fiery Fire Demon Lizard was tainted by demonic intent from the start, merely resisting a bit stronger. Now its blood is being sucked dry, a massive amount of Demonic Qi entering its body, and it too will transform into a beast like the Demon Bone Worm."

The Red Flame King telepathically sent a serious message to Chen Yu.

Indeed, as the Red Flame King had said.

Not long after, when the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's appearance began to change, the other beasts in the area no longer attacked it.

"How... how could this be?"

The slender woman felt her skin crawl, her face turning deathly pale.

Seeing a demon beast transform into this state right in front of her eyes was too strange and terrifying; she also wondered if she would become like this, living in the Demon Bone Wilderness like a walking corpse.

Hiss hiss~ Roar!

The twenty-plus demon beasts all turned their gaze to Chen Yu and the slender woman, and the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard had also become one of their kind.

Facing such a terrifying lineup, any Cultivator below the Guiyuan Realm could not remain calm.

"It seems this is the only thing to do."

Chen Yu took out a purple-black pearl from his storage bag, a life-saving trump card given to him by his Master.

Before, Chen Yu had intended to use it, but seeing the demon beasts all attacking the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, he gave up on that idea.

Boom boom boom~

The twenty-plus demon beasts, along with the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, rushed wildly toward them, like a sinister and terrifying night about to cover all light.

"No... not this!"

The slender woman screamed, almost losing her sanity, and fearfully closed her eyes.

The monstrous insects and snakes were just too hideous and ferocious; even just looking at them exerted an intangible pressure.

For any woman, such a scene was simply a nightmare.

Chen Yu held the black-purple bead in his hand but had yet to take action.

Roar!

When the pitch-black Fiery Fire Demon Lizard charged at the two of them.

It was then that Chen Yu threw the black-purple bead he was holding.

Boom!

A powerful blast of True Essence Power, accompanied by an aura of Demonic Qi, exploded from the center of the bead, transforming into a pitch-black storm that swept out in all directions.

The larger half of the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard's body was instantly shredded into countless black bone stones, scattering around.

Other Demon Bone Worms, Demon Bone Snakes, and such Demon Beasts were also within the attack range of this True Essence Power.

Boom Crash!

The entire cave echoed with repeated shaking, and many huge rocks fell down.

It was only after the power of the purple-black bead had dissipated that the surroundings quieted down again.

"Chen, what is this?"

The slender girl stood stunned as she watched the scene unfold before her.

The nightmarish scene from just a moment ago was destroyed by the young man at her side.

At the same time, she felt the power of True Essence.

"This is the life-saving trick my Master gave me."

Chen Yu replied truthfully.

Hiss hiss~

From a chaotic pile of stones ahead, came some noises.

The range of Chen Yu's bead was limited; it couldn't possibly have killed all the Demon Beasts, many were still alive.

"Do you have another one of these, Junior Brother?"

The slender girl asked.

"No more!"

Chen Yu said flatly, gripping the Giant Ruler Sword to cut his way out.

Swoosh~

Suddenly, a black shadow burst out from the pile of stones.

Upon closer inspection, it was a long snake, pitch black and shining, appearing very tough, but this snake was exceptionally agile and burst out at an extremely fast speed.

Chen Yu swung the Giant Ruler Sword to chop and slash.

Clang!

The two forces collided fiercely, emitting a metallic slamming sound.

"Die!"

Harnessing the Evil Qi and activating the True Copper Statue, Chen Yu focused a black Sha Qi Sword atop his Giant Ruler Sword.

Boom!

The sword slammed fiercely into the ground, creating a large pit, with the black snake blasted into several pieces.

On the other side, the slender woman also dealt with a Demon Beast.

To avoid drawing the slender girl's attention, the Red Flame King did not launch an attack but merely sparred with a Demon Beast.

In a short while, the remaining few Demon Beasts were slain by Chen Yu and the slender woman.

Chen Yu walked over to the corpse of the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, pulled out the Dark Snake Sword, and stabbed it in, extracting a pitch-black demon core from the body.

The two began to pick up other demon cores, dividing them according to the number of kills.

The slim woman had only killed two, so she received just two demon cores.

"Let's quickly leave this place," the crisis averted, the slim girl said.

Chen Yu didn't respond, heading toward the area with demon bone ore.

"Mining is too difficult, not to mention demon bone stones are extremely hard. Let's figure out how to leave here first," the slim woman assumed Chen Yu was greedy for demon bone stones and immediately spoke up.

They had no idea how deep underground they were buried. If they encountered other underground demon beasts while mining demon bone stones, they would be doomed.

"Little one, there seems to be something under us," even the Red Flame King had made his way over, transmitting his voice.

"Indeed, I feel it too," Chen Yu's heart was keenly sensitive to various types of energy; he had long sensed an immense energy deep underground.

Moreover, when he detonated the purple-black bead earlier, Chen Yu had keenly sensed a strong fluctuation coming from deep underground.

"Sword Breaking Nebula!" Chen Yu's Giant Ruler Sword in hand gathered an enormous amount of Sha Qi, forming a Sha Qi Sword.

Boom—

The Giant Ruler Sword fiercely pierced into the ground from where the underground demon beasts had emerged, and a great force exploded forth.

The cracks on the entire demon bone stone wall widened, and many demon bone stones fell off.

Boom, bang!

Chen Yu struck with two more sword blows, finally blasting open a large hole.

A glance through the hole revealed an even larger subterranean space on the other side.

Whoosh!

Chen Yu and the Red Flame King dashed through the hole.

With a face full of wonder, the slim woman looked around and followed suit.

"My God, so many demon bone stones!" Her mouth hung open in shock, and she was instantly frozen in place.

On the other side of the hole was a vein of demon bone ore.

The value of a single vein was immeasurable.

Even many of the great families only controlled one or two large veins at most, except for the top ten Ancient Clans and the four super-families, which had more.

Whoosh...

Suddenly, three or four black beetles sprang out of somewhere in the vein.

Chen Yu and the slim woman acted at the same time, extinguishing them.

The two, along with the beast, slowly proceeded deeper.

"This vein... we can't handle it alone. If we inform one of the great families, they will surely reward us, and might even invite us to join them," the slim girl thought to herself, smiling.

This news would definitely be told to the Duan Family or the Situ Family of Tianhe Prefecture.

"There's someone!" Chen Yu exclaimed.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, a figure sprang out from a corner of the rocks ahead.

This figure wore tattered black clothing and held an ancient black sword, wielding astonishing Demonic Qi as it lunged at Chen Yu.

"This is... the attire from the No Demon Academy," the slim woman recognized the garment on the person in front of her, her expression slightly shocked.

Chen Yu felt that the person in front of him was somehow familiar. After taking a closer look, he blurted out, "Zhang Nan."

When Chen Yu first came to the Demon Bone Wilderness for an adventure, he encountered Zhang Nan's team's treachery.

Later, after returning to the No Demon Academy, Zhang Nan had suddenly plunged into the demonic path, and his entire demeanor had changed.

After the grand competition, Chen Yu no longer paid attention to this person.

Yet, after so long, he hadn't expected to encounter Zhang Nan here.

"Chen Yu!" Zhang Nan's black eyes stared at Chen Yu, filled with intense killing intent.

Clang!

The two's weapons clashed together, stirring a storm of evil wind and demonic qi.

"Late Innate!" Chen Yu's expression tightened.

At this moment, Zhang Nan had grown to the Late Innate stage—his progression speed comparable to top talents of great families like Situ Lin Yu and Duan Hao.

"Die," Zhang Nan roared, and his bone sword burst with astonishing Demonic Qi, making Chen Yu's heart tremble.

"Such terrifying Demonic Qi. Could it be that last time, Zhang Nan got his opportunity here and broke through to the Innate realm, plunging into the demonic path?" Chen Yu pondered.

Besides, with the rampant Demonic Qi here and a vein of demon bone ore, if Zhang Nan had been staying here, it could explain his rapid advancement in cultivation.

"Junior, I'll help you," the slim woman said, swinging her blood whip in hand and lashing it upon Zhang Nan's body.

However, Zhang Nan's body was like steel or stone, unbearably hard, the whip leaving behind only a mark.

"Even if you've broken through to the Late Innate stage, you're still no match for me." Chen Yu fully activated his True Copper Statue, and his body emitted a Buddha-like copper light, shining upon Zhang Nan.

Zhang Nan's body trembled, seemingly fearful of the light emanating from Chen Yu.

"Slash!" Seizing the opportunity, Chen Yu launched a ferocious attack.

Boom—

Zhang Nan's body staggered backward several steps, a gigantic gash carved into his form.

"Sword Shocking the Heavens!" With a slash, it was as though a huge sword had descended from the sky.

Before the sword physically struck, an illusory Sha Qi Sword had stabbed into Zhang Nan's mind, leaving him momentarily dazed.

Boom—

The sword fell, and Zhang Nan was blasted back several meters, his body now bearing another massive sword wound.

Whoosh!

After looking at Chen Yu with complicated eyes, Zhang Nan turned to flee.

Chen Yu and the slim woman immediately gave chase.

After many twists and turns, Zhang Nan seemed to have run into a dead end.

"What's this?" Right in front of Chen Yu was a dark barrier covered with rolling black magic patterns, emitting endless and overbearing Demonic Qi.

"Is there an array here, possibly a legacy?" The slim woman widened her eyes, staring intently at the dark barrier in front, her heart pounding furiously.

Chapter 315: Breaking the Ban

"There's actually an Array restriction here. Could it be an inheritance?"

The slender woman's eyes widened as she stared intently at the black barrier ahead of her, her heart pounding rapidly.

Array restrictions were generally man-made. If there was nothing inside, who would bother to set up an Array restriction for no reason?

"If I could obtain the inheritance treasures inside

A greedy, fervent glow shone in the slender woman's eyes.

In the ancient kingdom, there were always rumors circulating that some cultivators unexpectedly received great inheritances and soared to great heights overnight.

She had always felt envious upon hearing such words.

But now, she had encountered it herself.

She had to get it!

"Could there really be treasures here?"

Chen Yu's eyes brightened as he thought to himself.

Perhaps, Zhang Nan had been staying here not just for the Demon Bone Ore Vein but because of what was inside the Array restriction.

"Of course, there are good things here, but they are not something anyone can obtain."

The Red Flame King seemed rather indifferent.

"Chen Yu, everything here is mine."

Zhang Nan let out a ferocious roar, his eyes filled with endless hatred as he looked at Chen Yu.

"Die."

With a low growl, Zhang Nan swung his black bone sword and charged at Chen Yu once more.

"Still coming? You're no match for me."

Chen Yu said calmly, countering with his sword.

Suddenly, Zhang Nan let out a low shout. A tremendously powerful Demonic Qi burst forth from his body, enveloping his entire figure in a layer of black, demonic mist.

At the same time.

Buzzing boom~

From within the black Array restriction, a terrifying fluctuation emanated, releasing an awe-inspiring demonic intent that caused a momentary quake in the heavens.

Thump thump thump! Thump thump!

Chen Yu's heart pounded fiercely, sensing a tremendously powerful energy fluctuation from within the black Array restriction.

Suddenly, the demonic intent on Zhang Nan's body abruptly intensified, and the black bone sword in his hand burst forth with a terrifying Demonic Sword Intent.

"He's getting stronger."

Chen Yu was slightly stunned.

It turned out, Zhang Nan wasn't foolish in luring Chen Yu to this place of treasure. It was because here, he could exert even more power.

Swoosh!

A sword thrust out, the frightening demonic intent making a direct assault on Chen Yu's spirit.

Chen Yu felt as if he was facing a demonic head with sky-high demonic intent on the mental plane.

If he hadn't cultivated the "Heavenly Heart Refining" and was frequently baptized by the "Moon Spirit Ore Mother," resulting in a more steadfast spiritual power, he might already be unable to withstand it.

Boom!

The Evil Qi inside Chen Yu burst forth, forming a faint outline of the Sha Qi Sword, protecting his surroundings.

Ding clang!

In an instant, Zhang Nan's black sword arrived, piercing onto Chen Yu's Giant Ruler Sword.

Swish swish swish!

Zhang Nan rapidly changed his moves, his black bone sword disappearing from sight, with countless sword shadows stabbing wildly at Chen Yu.

Chen Yu felt as if the current Zhang Nan was like a crazed demon, throwing all caution to the wind, aiming solely to kill him.

"Junior brother, I'll help you."

The slender woman immediately stepped forward, her long whip casting a blood-red shadow.

Her strength was not weak, and her attack caused great interference to Zhang Nan.

Roar!

Chen Yu roared powerfully, fully activating his Copper Statue Gang Body, radiating a layer of the True Copper Statue's Buddha light.

He grew in size within this light, becoming a small giant.

Chen Yu remembered that the light and aura emitted from his True Copper Statue had a certain suppressing effect on Zhang Nan.

Sure enough, when facing the towering Chen Yu, Zhang Nan's eyes showed a hint of aversion.

"Slash."

After growing in size, Chen Yu crossed swords with Zhang Nan once more.

Ding ding clang!

The two pitch-black swords crisscrossed dozens of times, with the fury of Evil Qi and Demonic Intent sweeping through.

The slender woman, from a distance, used her whip-like weapon to disrupt the battle.

In an instant, Zhang Nan fell into a disadvantage.

"Ah... I will kill you all, everything here is mine!"

Zhang Nan howled ferociously, becoming even more frenzied.

His Demonic Qi intensified, and his demonic power grew stronger.

However, his body also gradually turned pitch-black, much like the demonized Demon Beasts they had encountered before, losing all rationality completely.

"This guy is as good as gone."

The Red Flame King said aside.

Originally, Zhang Nan still had some rationality left, but now he recklessly drew on the power of this place, allowing his body and soul to be completely corrupted by this Demonic Qi.

If he had been stronger, perhaps he could have endured it, but the demonic power here was not something he could control.

"Sword Breaking Nebula."

Chen Yu launched a sword strike, piercing Zhang Nan's chest.

Boom pow.

On the Giant Ruler Sword, the massive Evil Qi and true Sha Qi exploded, forming a dark nebula and blasting Zhang Nan into a stone wall at the side.

One could see that a hole the size of a palm had been blown into Zhang Nan's chest, yet no blood flowed out.

"Die!"

Chen Yu tossed his Giant Ruler Sword forcefully.

Ding clang!

The Giant Ruler Sword pierced into Zhang Nan's chest, the immense force delivering a fatal blow.

"It's done."

Chen Yu reverted to his normal size from being gigantic and prepared to retrieve his Giant Ruler Sword.

Just then, a blood-red whip shadow wound towards Chen Yu.

Chen Yu instantly clenched his fist and smashed out powerfully.

Boom pow!

The True Copper Statue's body combined with the true Sha Qi, and Chen Yu's punch shattered the red whip shadow.

"Senior sister!"

Chen Yu's face showed surprise.

With Zhang Nan dead, the only one left who could attack him at this place was that slender woman.

"Blood Fierce Killing Shadow!"

The slender girl shouted lowly, and her blood whip lashed out again.

"Die, now that you've used your secret technique to enlarge yourself, this must be your weakest moment."

The slender girl sneered coldly.

She had asked Chen Yu earlier and knew that Chen Yu no longer had the life-saving trump card given by the vice dean.

Whoosh whoosh whoosh~

The countless whip shadows, like red snakes, encircled Chen Yu.

All the red snakes suddenly constricted, coiling toward Chen Yu.

At this moment, the slender girl used her strongest secret technique, launching a peak attack.

However, the slender girl had underestimated Chen Yu's strength.

"Break for me!"

Chen Yu shouted lowly, once more fully activating his True Copper Statue, employing the enlargement technique.

Indeed, this ability placed a great burden on the body, and if it were anyone else, they would surely fall weak afterward, but Chen Yu's body could no longer be measured by common sense.

Boom whoosh!

After enlarging, Chen Yu's arms were thick as elephant legs, and he frantically swung them, casting shadow after shadow of the Dark Copper Fist, shattering all the red snake whip shadows around him.

"Ah

The slender girl was directly blasted away by Chen Yu's attack and fell feebly to the ground.

"Junior brother, don't kill me... As long as you spare me, I'll be yours from now on, I'll do whatever you want

The slender girl immediately begged for mercy, showing a pitiful expression.

Chen Yu looked at the girl with some disgust.

He and the slender girl had come from the brink of death only to find that after discovering a valuable treasure, she took the opportunity to attack him and tried to put Chen Yu to death.

"Chen Yu, kill her. Her will is not strong enough, her greed too heavy, she's been invaded by the demonic intent of this place, which is why she lost her reason and attacked you just now!"

The Red Flame King suddenly spoke up.

The Demonic Qi in this underground world was far too intense.

Ordinary people would drastically change their hearts after staying here for a long time, just like Zhang Nan.

The Red Flame King estimated that the Demon Bone Ore Vein here might be due to the power emanating from the black prohibitions within, causing so many demonic beasts to appear in the Demon Bone Wilderness.

This showed just how powerful the Demonic Qi of this place was.

As for why Chen Yu was unaffected, even the Red Flame King couldn't see through it.

"You... You can talk!"

The slender girl was suddenly stunned, staring at the Fire Scale Beast.

Generally, Demon Beasts at the Qi Transformation Realm, unless they were particularly intelligent and specialized in this area, wouldn't speak, especially since the Red Flame King was only in the Postnatal Stage.

"Hmm."

Chen Yu's expression became slightly grim.

He knew the Red Flame King had deliberately spoken out, giving Chen Yu one more reason to kill the slender girl.

Just then—

Swoosh!

The slender girl suddenly rose and lunged at the Fire Scale Beast.

She was no match for Chen Yu, but the Fire Scale Beast was only in the Late Innate, she could easily subdue it and then use the life of the ancient beast to threaten Chen Yu for her own survival.

Ancient beasts were so precious, she believed Chen Yu wouldn't dare to act.

"You wench, truly clueless about what's good for you, thinking you can bully this king?"

The Red Flame King glanced at the charging slender girl, his eyebrows slightly raised with disdain.

Bang!

The Red Flame King released his bloodline suppression, his body becoming red and translucent, emitting intense heat.

"Such a strong bloodline

Witnessing this scene, the slender girl was even more shocked.

But this was better for her, as the more valuable the Fire Scale Beast, the greater her chances to survive.

Once she left this place, as long as she spread the news, countless people would come looking for trouble with Chen Yu.

Swoosh!

The Red Flame King leaped forward, attacking the slender girl proactively.

Boom phut!

The two collided, a single cross, both falling to the ground.

"How is this possible

The slender girl's chest gushed blood; she fell dead.

"Good one!"

Chen Yu couldn't help but exclaim.

He had seen clearly the exchange just now.

In all respects, like combat experience, movement technique skills, and mastery of strength, the Red Flame King far surpassed the slender girl.

Moreover, the slender girl had been overconfident, thus allowing the Red Flame King to kill her with a single strike.

"Let's go. After we get out, report the secrets of this place to the academy, and you'll reap great benefits."

The Red Flame King said.

Chen Yu was startled; the Red Flame King didn't seem tempted at all, ready to leave just like that, and even suggesting Chen Yu report the secrets of this place to the academy.

Upon careful thought, Chen Yu understood.

With the Demonic Qi surging to the skies here, even if there were inherited treasures, they were of the Demonic path, and not very helpful to the Red Flame King.

However, to acquire them, Chen Yu would need the assistance of the Red Flame King and thus had to compensate him.

"Hold on, if I can benefit, I won't mistreat you."

Chen Yu immediately said and threw out several fire cores.

Bang crack!

The Red Flame King immediately turned around, swallowed the fire cores into his mouth, crushed them directly, looking like he still hadn't had enough.

"Alright, this king will do his best to help you, but the Array restrictions here are quite powerful. Only with the combined forces of the two of us and some offensive Arrays might we be able to break through. Give this king some time."

The Red Flame King pondered for a moment.

"I have a method that might break through these Array restrictions."

Chen Yu thought for a while and then suddenly spoke up.

The Red Flame King glanced at Chen Yu with a touch of disbelief.

The Array restrictions here were extremely strong; an ordinary Cultivator at the Guiyuan Realm, without Array knowledge, would find it difficult to break through.

If Chen Yu's life-saving trump card hadn't been used already, it might have been worth a try; with some luck, it could perhaps be broken.

Chen Yu didn't care what the Red Flame King was thinking and walked up to the huge black barrier. In his hands, a simple Token appeared all of a sudden.

This simple Token, which he obtained within the Blood Burial Garden, possessed the miraculous ability to directly break through Array restrictions; it was not known whether it would be effective against the restrictions here.

"What's that

The Red Flame King looked at the Token in Chen Yu's hand, his eyes slightly narrowed.

Once the simple Token appeared, the Array restrictions in front trembled inexplicably.

Break!

With the Token in hand, he gave a light chop, and immediately, the black barrier trembled, splitting open a gap.

Chapter 316: Bone Sword

The moment the prohibition broke, a torrential demonic intent burst forth from the gap, mixed with resentment, anger, dominance, and ruthlessness, among many other negative emotions.

At this moment, Chen Yu's spiritual world felt as if it was being battered by violent storm waves, constantly on the verge of being engulfed.

Hum!

At the critical moment, the half piece of Jade Pendant worn by Chen Yu emitted a layer of sacred white halo, enveloping his spirit.

The impact of this demonic intent weakened significantly, and Chen Yu managed to withstand it.

At the same time, Chen Yu discovered that during that moment of crisis, his spiritual power actually became stronger and more condensed, reaching the level of the Late Innate Stage.

"The demonic aura inside the prohibition is too intense, so this kind of situation will occur once an opening is created,"

Red Flame King said at the side.

He also noticed that at that instant, Chen Yu's spiritual power had become more robust.

"In such places, if one is not corrupted by demonic intent, it is instead an opportunity to temper one's spiritual power,"

Red Flame King then added.

It was in places like this that Chen Yu, by holding onto his original heart, grew his spiritual power even stronger.

Whereas the slender woman failed to hold on, was corrupted by demonic intent, undergone a drastic change in temperament, and embarked on a path to destruction.

Chen Yu didn't pay further attention, his gaze shifted towards the interior of the prohibition.

Suddenly, he saw a black skeleton and before it stood a pitch-black giant sword.

This sword was entirely black, with nine spikes on both sides of the blade.

Overall, it looked less like a sword and more like a bone with a strange and peculiar form.

Boom!

Above the bone sword, a soaring Demonic Qi swirled like a vortex, shrouding the entire space of the prohibition.

As Chen Yu fixed his gaze upon the sword, his spiritual consciousness faced an invisible onslaught of demonic intent.

At this moment, Chen Yu was prepared, guarding his mind with full force, and managed to bear it.

Hum~

The Array prohibition was about to restore itself.

Chen Yu immediately dove into it, with Red Flame King following close behind.

After entering, the man and the beast stood still, observing the situation within the cave.

The cave was arranged very simply, almost without decoration. The entire spacious cave had only a black skeleton, a black bone sword—the whole scenario was clearly visible.

"It seems that there wasn't enough time to do anything else before death,"

Red Flame King remarked.

"The source of the Demonic Qi here must be this sword!"

Chen Yu's eyes fixed on the black bone sword, his heart beating rapidly.

"That's right. It seems the power within this sword, through the prohibition, was released into the outside world, forming the Demon Bone Stone mountain range. Moreover, the Demon Beasts nearby, living for a long time in such an environment, were also contaminated,"

Red Flame King said indifferently.

"Just a sword to form an entire vein of Demon Bone Stones!"

Chen Yu was profoundly shocked.

It was hard to imagine how terrifying the power contained within this sword was.

And the skeleton next to the sword should be the previous owner of this sword.

The whole space was filled with towering demonic intent, except around the skeleton, where there was nothing at all, completely unaffected.

"At this time, the power in the sword has mostly dissipated, otherwise we couldn't possibly get close to it," Red Flame King said.

In general, such treasures would still retain some of their master's power.

Chen Yu slowly approached the bone sword.

"Heh, you'd better not touch it. Even if the power of this sword has mostly dissipated, you can't handle it,"

Red Flame King scoffed disdainfully.

He was sure that if Chen Yu rashly touched the bone sword, he would end up like Zhang Nan.

"Can't even touch it?"

Chen Yu was startled inside.

The power inside the sword had mostly dissipated, yet he couldn't even touch it, which seemed utterly absurd.

"Let's go. This sword is not something you can take,"

Red Flame King shook his head.

"How do you know if you don't try?"

Chen Yu was somewhat unwilling.

Having come all the way to the treasure, only to be unable to even touch it, and having to give up—who wouldn't feel unwilling?

"Even with my help, there's only a ten percent chance of taking this sword away. If my strength were a bit stronger, the success rate would be slightly higher,"

Red Flame King showed a hint of a smile.

Chen Yu shot Red Flame King a glare, which was pretty much asking for a benefit.

"First, tell me your method!"

Chen Yu didn't trust Red Flame King blindly.

"My current cultivation is too low, the method is rather troublesome. First, I need to set up a Fierce Prison Array to refine the Demonic Qi here. Then, set up a Sealing Origin Array to further weaken the sword's power. Lastly, set up a Sealing Spirit Array to seal its spirit, so there's a possibility of obtaining the item,"

Red Flame King said after careful contemplation.

After hearing this, Chen Yu indeed felt it was troublesome, but it also proved the sword's power.

The greater the opportunity, the harder it is to obtain.

"You know how to set up Arrays?"

Chen Yu did not expect the hot-tempered Red Flame King to be versed in arrays.

"This can't be considered a full Array, it's more like releasing some of my Divine Skills through other methods,"

Red Flame King didn't want to elaborate.

"What do you need?" Chen Yu asked.

"Fire core, Primordial Stone, Demon core!"

Red Flame King answered simply.

"Okay!"

Chen Yu had plenty of these three items and took out some of each.

Red Flame King picked up a fire core, put it into his mouth, then crouched down. While chewing the fire core, he began drawing something on the ground with his claws.

Chen Yu didn't relax his vigilance, watching Red Flame King closely.

First, he feared Red Flame King might devour the fire core and resources.

If Red Flame King's cultivation were to surpass Chen Yu, the aid he could provide would be great, but the harm would be even greater.

Second, by carefully observing, he might learn something.

"Don't bother looking; you won't understand even if you do,"

Red Flame King seemed to read Chen Yu's thoughts and spoke casually.

Chen Yu's face flushed; he indeed didn't quite understand.

All he felt was that the distorted lines Red Flame King carved seemed to possess some kind of unique power.

"Inscription?"

Chen Yu suddenly thought of something.

Artifact Refiners creating magic items needed to add inscription runes to improve the attributes and abilities of the items.

At this moment, what Red Flame King was drawing on the ground seemed very similar to inscription runes.

After drawing for a while, Red Flame King, sweating profusely, stopped to rest.

"It seems, although this looks simple, it consumes a tremendous amount of spiritual power,"

Chen Yu speculated.

Then, Chen Yu stopped closely monitoring the Red Flame King and began to cultivate himself.

The area was rather cramped and filled with surging Demonic Qi, making it unsuitable for practicing battle techniques and cultivation techniques.

"Cultivate spiritual power."

Upon thinking of this, Chen Yu immediately activated the spells from "Heavenly Heart Refining" to cultivate his spiritual strength.

A while later, Chen Yu took out the Moon Spirit Ore Mother and pressed it against his body.

Instantly, he felt his soul become extraordinarily pure and tranquil.

A mysterious power, akin to moonlight, was cleansing and nourishing his spirit.

Having spent a long time here, Chen Yu's soul had been somewhat influenced by the Demonic Qi, but now, under the influence of the Moon Spirit Ore Mother, the mottled demonic intent was completely driven away.

"Hey? Kid, you have quite a few good things in your hands!"

The Red Flame King noticed the Moon Spirit Ore Mother in Chen Yu's hand and let out a light exclamation.

One day later.

The Red Flame King laid out a Fierce Prison Array.

The Fierce Prison Array, fueled by the fire core, could explode instantly to create an overwhelmingly powerful flame force, purifying the demonic atmosphere.

Three days later, the Red Flame King set up a Sealing Origin Array.

The Sealing Origin Array, powered by Primordial Stones, could suppress vital energy when activated.

The third array was the most complex.

The Sealing Spirit Array used the demon core as energy and could suppress powers like mental consciousness.

"This demon core is for you. It can not only enhance your cultivation but also stimulate your bloodline. Consider it as the reward for this time, as well as the energy source for the Sealing Spirit Array."

Chen Yu took out a blood-colored demon core.

It was the demon core of the Blood Dragon Beast.

After taking out the demon core, Chen Yu took away some of the fire cores.

"This thing is indeed quite good."

The Red Flame King nodded.

Five days later, the Sealing Spirit Array was completed.

"Activate!"

The Red Flame King spat out a fireball into his mouth, igniting the Fierce Prison Array.

Hoooong!

A fiery pattern appeared, releasing a powerful flaming force that roared fiercely, combating the flickering Demonic Qi.

Weng weng!

Sensing another powerful force, the bone sword suddenly began to tremble, emitting an even more turbulent demonic presence, which contained various negative emotions, assaulting the minds of both Chen Yu and the Red Flame King.

"Activate!"

The Red Flame King opened the Sealing Origin Array.

The power of this array was mainly aimed at the bone sword.

In an instant, the demonic Qi slightly released by the bone sword greatly weakened.

"Incredible!"

Chen Yu couldn't help but exclaim.

This was the second time that he had seen the Red Flame King take action since the last time he had helped him rapidly break through his cultivation.

Although the Red Flame King was only in the Postnatal Stage, with such methods, if he had enough resources and time to set up these arrangements, he wouldn't need to fear even the Guiyuan Realm.

Weng weng~

The bone sword once again started to tremble, as if enraged, releasing a spiritual force from within.

Suddenly.

Ding!

The bone sword abruptly pulled itself out, circled in the air, and spontaneously pointed its tip at Chen Yu.

"What is this

Chen Yu was stunned.

The sword had actually pulled itself out and was moving on its own.

This exceeded Chen Yu's understanding.

Shoo!

The bone sword trembled slightly, carrying a terrifying demonic intent as it lunged toward Chen Yu.

Before the sword even arrived, Chen Yu's mind felt an intense stabbing pain, as if his soul was about to be pierced.

At this moment, Chen Yu deeply understood the power of this sword.

"Activate!"

The Red Flame King suddenly called out, and the Sealing Spirit Array was immediately activated.

A strange and transparent force was released, descending upon the bone sword.

Weng weng weng~

The bone sword began to shake and tremble, ceasing its attack.

Ding dang!

After trembling and struggling for a moment, the bone sword fell from midair to the ground.

"Now, you can try to figure out a way to obtain this sword,"

Said the Red Flame King.

Chen Yu activated his True Copper Statue and cautiously moved forward.

At a certain moment, he grasped the bone sword.

In an instant.

Chen Yu's hands met with a strong resistance, and he also felt an immeasurably tyrannical demonic intent, mixed with anger, resentment, bloodlust, and other emotions, charging toward his spiritual world.

Weng weng~

The bone sword in his hands trembled violently, as if it refused to acknowledge Chen Yu, attempting to break free.

"Fat chance!"

Chen Yu clenched the sword with both fists and plunged it into the ground.

At that moment, Chen Yu pushed his True Copper Statue to its limits, even utilizing the strength of his dragon scale bloodline; a wild surge of Evil Qi erupted from within him to block the demonic assault.

"Kid, don't blame me if this doesn't work out!"

The Red Flame King watched Chen Yu from a distance.

In fact, there was a significant risk in attempting to retrieve the sword.

But the Red Flame King was indeed doing his utmost to help Chen Yu, not violating their agreement.

Weng hoo hoo!

Layers of pitch-black Demonic Qi crept along Chen Yu's arms, spreading toward him, corrupting his True Qi, body, and even his soul.

"Such a formidable power!"

Chen Yu was inwardly astonished.

Thump! Thump thump thump! Thump thump!

The mysterious heart, sensing Chen Yu's emotions and crisis, entered a strange state, beating erratically.

Suddenly, Chen Yu felt a forbiddingly powerful aura seeping out from the depths of his heart.

Weng boom!

The entire cavern and even the whole ore vein outside started to shake, as if a double image appeared.

"What's going on?"

Even the Red Flame King sensed an indescribable mighty force, showing a look of surprise.

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Hummmmmm~

The spacious mountain cave, and even the entire ore vein outside, started to shake, creating an illusion of double images.

"What is this... What's happening?"

The Red Flame King felt an indescribable powerful force and showed a look of surprise.

"What is hidden... within this boy!"

The Red Flame King's eyes flickered with a sharp light, focusing on Chen Yu.

He could feel that this strange force that shook heaven and earth originated from Chen Yu.

Yet Chen Yu was merely in the Qi Transformation Realm, and within him was something even he found startling.

Demon Bone Wilderness.

Hummmmm~

The whole world started to show weird abnormalities and shaking, with a trace of spatial fluctuation emerging.

Boom Crack!

From the ground beneath where Chen Yu stood, cracks appeared and spread in all directions.

Overwhelming and domineering Demonic Qi burst from the cracks, darkening a swath of the sky.

Not far away, there was a small team of four.

From their attire, it was clear that these four were from Yunyang Academy, one of the four major academies.

"Look, what's happening over there?"

One of them exclaimed.

"Such a massive disturbance, I can also feel a terrifying power."

"There must be a treasure emerging!"

The others chimed in rapidly.

The next moment, the gazes of three team members all fell on a bronze-skinned, clean-faced, short-haired young man with starry eyes.

"Brother Wu, shall we go over and take a look?"

A pointy-faced young man asked.

"Let's check it out."

The young man with the surname Wu said.

Immediately after, the group of four hurried towards the distance.

In another direction.

Jin Zhuo Peak and the long-haired man hadn't left the Demon Bone Wilderness but were hunting other demon beasts.

After all, having come to the Demon Bone Wilderness and not having killed the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, they wouldn't get any reward.

So the two decided to stay and hunt some demon beasts.

Just then, in the distant sky, a surge of Demonic Qi shot upwards, exuding an endless domineering aura.

"What's that?"

The long-haired young man suddenly exclaimed.

"That direction

Jin Zhuo Peak appeared contemplative and suddenly remembered that the place where Chen Yu and the slender woman were buried was right there.

"Let's go, take a look!"

The long-haired young man spoke and rushed in that direction, with Jin Zhuo Peak following suit.

At the same time, other adventurers nearby were also attracted by the abnormal event and rushed over.

Of course, it was not just humans, but demon beasts as well.

After all, the Demon Bone Wilderness was most abundant in demon beasts of the demonic type, and such a vast aura of the Demonic Dao surely disturbed them.

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Inside the spacious cave.

Hummm!

The bone sword in Chen Yu's hand, upon feeling the oppressive power of this overwhelmingly absolute force, shivered incessantly.

Gradually, the bone sword no longer emitted any power, and the resistance it offered was also retracted into it.

In the end, the bone sword turned into an ordinary sword, held in Chen Yu's hand.

But Chen Yu knew that this sword was anything but ordinary; if he tried to activate it, he feared even the True Qi in his body would be drained dry, insufficient to unleash a single strike.

Hummmmh!

The Demonic Qi within the cave gradually disappeared, and that skeleton suddenly turned into flying ash, dispersing without a trace.

"He succeeded!"

The Red Flame King was somewhat astonished.

Previously, he had predicted that even if Chen Yu succeeded, he would pay a heavy price, such as being tainted by demonic intent in body or soul, or suffering injuries, etc.

But it seemed that Chen Yu was experiencing no discomfort.

The bone sword seemed to have fallen silent, held in Chen Yu's hand.

The Red Flame King felt a twinge of jealousy; this kid's luck was simply defying the heavens. Just being in the Qi Transformation Realm, he had acquired such a Divine Weapon.

"Good, let's see if we can put it into the storage bag."

Chen Yu tried and managed to place the bone sword into his storage bag.

He was worried that the sword could not be placed into the storage bag, and his mysterious crystal space was too cramped to accommodate it.

But to his surprise, the sword successfully entered the storage bag.

"Let's get out of here."

Chen Yu promptly pulled the Red Flame King and left the place.

He just took out the ancient Token, ready to break through the array's restriction.

Hummm~

Before his eyes, the power of the black restriction gradually weakened and eventually turned into nothingness.

"Kid, where did you get that Token in your hand?"

The Red Flame King's gaze grew stern as he asked again.

"I acquired it in a secret realm inheritance. It seems you know its origins?"

Chen Yu immediately retorted.

So far, he only knew one use for this Token, which was to easily break through array restrictions.

However, given its prominent placement within the Blood Burial Garden inheritance, the Token's uses were certainly not limited to that.

"I'm not clear about its origins, but you'd better use this Token sparingly in the future, otherwise you can't predict what consequences it might cause."

The Red Flame King hesitated for a moment before speaking.

"Playing mysterious!"

Seeing the Red Flame King speaking so ominously, Chen Yu curling his lip.

The Red Flame King himself didn't know the origins of the Token, yet he was making it sound scary.

One man and one beast left the cave and arrived at the underground space.

"What happened? How did this place turn into this?"

Chen Yu was astonished.

At this moment, the underground space was a mess, with many cracks appearing in the entire Demon Bone Ore Vein, and a large amount of Demon Bone Stones scattered everywhere.

"You don't know?"

The Red Flame King asked.

The reason for all this, of course, was due to that mysterious force that had emerged within Chen Yu's body, yet Chen Yu himself was seemingly oblivious.

Chen Yu shook his head.

All of his attention had been on the bone sword before, and then he felt a strange force bursting from his heart.

As the owner of the heart, he hadn't noticed the impact this force had on the surrounding world.

"We can't take this Demon Bone Ore Vein with us, but we can't let these fallen Demon Bone Stones go."

Chen Yu's eyes lit up as he began to gather the Demon Bone Stones.

Having forty thousand No Demon Points, he still needed them to exchange for Cultivation Techniques.

No matter how many No Demon Points or Primordial Stones Chen Yu had, they quickly depleted, never enough for his needs.

"This Demon Bone Stone contains such pure Demonic Qi."

Chen Yu picked up a large Demon Bone Stone, felt the Demonic Qi within it, and placed it into his storage bag.

The price of a Demon Bone Stone varied with the purity of the Demonic Qi it contained; some were worth only a few hundred low-Grade Essence Stones, while others could sell for an exorbitant price.

Due to limited storage space, Chen Yu tried to pick up only the higher quality Demon Bone Stones.

Just then, a black shadow flashed by in the distance.

Whoosh!

The black shadow suddenly surged and charged toward Chen Yu.

It was a black ant, but its body was the size of a regular tiger or leopard, pitch black, with two dark pupils shining an intimidating light.

"Scram!"

Chen Yu activated his True Copper Statue, and struck with a punch.

Boom!

His fist hit the black ant's head, and the terrifying power within, accompanied by faint traces of lightning, descended upon the ant.

The head of the black ant cracked open, and its body was sent flying into the distance.

Chen Yu didn't bother with it further and continued picking up Demon Bone Stones.

However, before long, more Demon Beasts launched attacks at him.

These Demon Beasts weren't very high in cultivation, nor did they attack in groups, so Chen Yu easily dealt with them.

"Eh!"

Amidst the pile of rubble, Chen Yu found a Demon Bone Stone with an especially deep color.

The stone was pitch black and shiny, much heavier than other Demon Bone Stones of the same size.

"Demon Bone Crystal Stone, containing even purer Demonic Qi."

Chen Yu's face lit up with delight.

A Demon Bone Crystal Stone formed only when the Demonic Qi within a Demon Bone Stone reached a certain level or if there was an extremely pure presence of Demonic Qi inside.

A single Demon Bone Crystal Stone was worth at least as much as twenty or more high-quality Demon Bone Stones.

Chen Yu immediately placed the Demon Bone Crystal Stone into his storage space.

Just at that moment,

"Kid, hand over what you just picked up."

An angry rebuke came from not far away.

Chen Yu looked over to see a five-person squad quickly approaching his location.

"Senior Liu, the Demon Bone Stone that kid got has a different color from the others, it must be a Demon Bone Crystal Stone."

A yellow-faced youngster leaned forward and spoke.

The team leader, a youth with the surname Liu, had a fierce face and menacing eyes, staring straight at Chen Yu.

"This is what I found; there's still so much here, if you look carefully, maybe you can find some too."

Chen Yu immediately replied.

"Did you not hear me telling you to hand it over?"

The youth with the surname Liu looked down at Chen Yu from a higher position, as if he were superior, and shouted again.

"Kid, have you never heard of Ghost Luo Academy? The four of us are from Ghost Luo Academy, and this is Senior Liu, whose strength ranks within the top thirty of the academy."

The yellow-faced youth looked towards the youth with the surname Liu, bootlicking him.

"Be smart, hand over the items, and maybe we'll spare your life."

Another member of the squad snickered.

"What if I refuse?"

Chen Yu sneered disdainfully.

Such a massive Demon Bone Ore Vein, and these people weren't searching for themselves but instead trying to plunder others. It seemed they were quite accustomed to this kind of deed; they probably had committed plenty of murders and robberies.

"Hahaha, you must be courting death."

The yellow-faced youth laughed loudly.

"I think you're the one looking for death; so be it, I'll oblige you!"

Senior Liu's face turned stern as he stepped forward, casting a sinister palm filled with ghostly energy.

Bang!

That black palm light instantly descended, exploding and raising a cloud of ghostly dust.

Yet, amidst the dust, the figure stood still like a true bronze statue, unscathed.

"How is that possible?"

Senior Liu's face changed drastically, hastily throwing out another palm.

"It seems you're the ones with a death wish!"

Chen Yu's gaze sharpened, his body moving like lightning as he charged.

Bang!

Senior Liu's palm light shattered into pieces as Chen Yu's body plowed through it.

With a flicker of shadow, Chen Yu arrived in front of Senior Liu and sent down a punch.

"No

Senior Liu finally felt death approaching and screamed in terror.

Boom!

With one punch, blood splattered everywhere, and Senior Liu's head was smashed to pieces by Chen Yu.

"Senior Liu!"

"Who is this person... How could he be so strong?"

The remaining three trembled with fear.

Not too long ago, Senior Liu had advanced to the Late Innate Stage and was the strongest among them, yet he couldn't even block a single punch from Chen Yu.

Who was this youngster? Could he be a top genius from one of the four great academies?

"Die!"

After killing Senior Liu, Chen Yu turned towards the other three.

"Run!"

The three scattered in panic.

Swish!

A dark blue point of light flew out rapidly, piercing through one of their necks.

The body fell to the ground, lifeless.

Chen Yu also eliminated another at the same time.

"No... don't kill me!"

The last yellow-faced youth, petrified and trembling with fear.

At that moment, a figure descended from the sky above the ground.

The old man's face was wrinkled, carrying a wooden sword, peering down through the cracks to observe the situation below.

"Ghost Wood Taoist!"

The yellow-faced youth recognized the origins of the old man.

"Ghost Wood Taoist, save me, I am a student of Ghost Luo Academy, if you save me, my family will surely reward you heavily."

The yellow-faced youth immediately cried for help.

Ghost Wood Taoist glanced at both the yellow-faced youth and Chen Yu, ignoring them, then floated down to pick up a Demon Bone Stone and put it into his storage bag.

"Taoist, this person acquired a treasured item here, and I happened to see it; now he wants to kill me to silence me."

The yellow-faced youth quickly spoke up again.

This time, Ghost Wood Taoist immediately turned around, his gaze fixed on Chen Yu.

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"Taoist, this man has found a treasure here and happened to be seen by me; now he wants to kill me to silence me."

The sallow-faced young man's eyes shifted as he spoke again.

This time, Ghost Wood Taoist immediately turned his head, staring intently at Chen Yu.

Then, he glanced at the Fire Scale Beast, a flash of surprise crossing his eyes.

Although the Red Flame King had once again suppressed the ancient beast's bloodline, even so, in the eyes of others, the Fire Scale Beast was still extremely valuable.

Seeing this, the sallow-faced young man's face lit up with joy.

Ghost Wood Taoist had some reputation in Tianhe Prefecture, with his cultivation halting in the Late Innate stage for more than a dozen years, he had reached a remarkably astonishing realm.

Chen Yu's face showed a slight surprise; although the sallow-faced young man was spouting nonsense, Chen Yu had indeed obtained a treasure here.

"Young man, hand over your storage bag for this Taoist to inspect!"

Ghost Wood Taoist stared straight at Chen Yu, his profound and flat gaze as sharp as a sword's edge.

"If I say that this man has a treasure on him, and I killed him to snatch the treasure, would you believe that too?"

Chen Yu couldn't help but smile as he pointed at the sallow-faced young man.

This Ghost Wood Taoist, believing the sallow-faced young man's words and wanting to check his storage bag, made Chen Yu quite frustrated.

Of course, he would definitely not let the other party see his storage bag.

The bone sword was in the storage bag, and besides, there were a lot of fire nuclei and Demon Bone Stones inside. Their value was extremely high, and no one could resist the temptation.

"In that case, I'll kill him first and see if he has any treasures on him."

Ghost Wood Taoist revealed a strange smile.

Shoo!

He pointed his finger, and a gray sword light shot out, striking straight at the sallow-faced young man's forehead.

Pff!

The gray sword light pierced into his forehead, leaving a bloody hole, and blood gushed out.

Immediately, Ghost Wood Taoist leaped forward, took the sallow-faced young man's storage bag, and began inspecting it.

"Did you just kill him because of what I said?"

Chen Yu had only made a casual remark, aiming to tell Ghost Wood Taoist not to be so gullible.

"Hahaha, you two little demons, making a fool of this old man; both of you deserve to die."

Ghost Wood Taoist couldn't help but laugh, shaking his head slightly and finding the young man before him to be naive.

"There's nothing much in his storage bag; it seems the treasure must be in your bag then."

Ghost Wood Taoist took the things from the sallow-faced young man's storage bag and then turned to look at Chen Yu.

He believed that these two parties would not fight each other without reason; there must be a treasure involved.

Shoo!

Suddenly, Ghost Wood Taoist made a thunderous move, bursting forth a fierce sword light from his fingertips.

This sword light was even stronger than the one that had killed the sallow-faced young man.

Clang!

The sword light struck Chen Yu's body, shattering into pieces, and Chen Yu remained unharmed.

"Oh? The young man's strength isn't bad!"

Ghost Wood Taoist showed a look of surprise.

Merely at Early Innate, and yet his physique was able to withstand his sword light; this young man was quite remarkable.

Whish!

Ghost Wood Taoist suddenly rushed forward, drawing the wooden sword from his back.

Upon realizing that Chen Yu was not simple, he attacked with full force.

Shoo shoo shoo!

Ghost Wood Taoist rapidly closed in on Chen Yu, his Peach Wood Sword stabbing out swiftly, dark grey sword lights slicing towards Chen Yu relentlessly.

Ghost Wood Taoist's weapon, being of high quality paired with his exquisite Sword Dao skills and condensed True Qi, made each sword strike impressively potent.

Boom boom boom~

Chen Yu immediately drew out the Giant Ruler Sword, swinging it fiercely, destroying dozens of grey sword lights in one fell swoop.

"So you also use a sword? What a pity your swordsmanship is really quite poor."

Ghost Wood Taoist shook his head and smiled, finding Chen Yu's sword technique to be very clumsy.

Clang clang boom!

The two exchanged dozens of moves in an instant, sword light and evil winds erupting forth.

At that moment, two more groups arrived on the scene.

One group, consisting of four people, were all students from Yunyang Academy.

"We're a bit late, eh? The fight has already started."

A female student said with a smile.

"However, who is that young man? He's matching Ghost Wood Taoist move for move without defeat at the Early Innate stage."

Another person exclaimed in amazement.

Ghost Wood Taoist had a bit of fame, having stayed in the Postnatal Qi Transformation stage for a very long time and with his superb swordsmanship, his strength was extremely formidable.

"Interesting."

The copper-colored young man at the front stared at Chen Yu, smiling to himself.

Afterward, the group of four began collecting Demon Bone Stones, all the while keeping an eye on the battle between Chen Yu and Ghost Wood Taoist.

The other group was larger, with about eleven or twelve people.

The man at the front, dressed in brocade, appeared elegant and dashing.

"Good, this mining vein belongs to the Situ Family now."

The man in brocade said with a smile.

Discovering this vein and reporting it back to his family to claim it, his status within his family would skyrocket.

"Young Master, look, that's an Ancient Beast!"

A guard pointed at the Fire Scale Beast.

"Haha, indeed it is! Not only did we discover such a high-grade vein, but we also found an Ancient Beast. It seems my visit here was well worth it."

The man's eyes instantly shone.

Besides these two groups, others also arrived one after another.

Down below.

Chen Yu and Ghost Wood Taoist were still in fierce combat.

"Youngster, you've done well to withstand so many of my moves, but all that ends here."

Ghost Wood Taoist's gaze turned icy.

Whish!

His sword techniques suddenly changed, the wooden sword brandished horizontally, its patterns flickering with dark yellow light.

"Peach Wood Ghost Kill!"

Ghost Wood Taoist's wooden sword suddenly chopped twice, forming a cross slash.

This slash, containing not only Ghost Path power but also another force, was immensely powerful.

"You're right, it's time to end this."

True Evil Qi surged on Chen Yu's Giant Ruler Sword, instantly forming a solid Sha Qi Sword, the formless Evil Qi chilling to the soul.

Boom!

A sword swept across, shattering the Ghost Wood Taoist's killing move in an instant.

The backlash of that sword strike hit the Ghost Wood Taoist himself, sending him flying several meters and smashing into the ground, spewing out a mouthful of fresh blood.

"Impossible

The Ghost Wood Taoist's face was filled with shock, seemingly unable to believe that he had actually been defeated by Chen Yu.

"Youngster, so what if you have defeated me? You won't be able to leave this place alive having obtained such a divine treasure."

The Ghost Wood Taoist roared, then leapt up and flew away.

Defeated by Chen Yu, it was a humiliation for him, but with these words, he believed that so many people here would not let Chen Yu off.

"A divine treasure?"

The eyes of a man in brocade clothes lit up.

The several individuals from Yunyang Academy also immediately ceased what they were doing.

There was a vein of Demon Bone Stones here, and the emergence of other precious treasures was very much the norm.

Moreover, it seemed as if the dispute between Ghost Wood Taoist and Chen Yu had been over some treasure.

"Everyone stop! This vein is now claimed by the Situ Family!

The man in brocade clothes suddenly shouted loudly.

Suddenly, the troop behind him dispersed and roughly positioned themselves around the vein.

This troop was formidable with twenty people, all Innate Experts, including one who had reached the Innate Peak.

Such a powerful force was enough to sweep away the other cultivators present.

Moreover, this force belonged to the Situ Family.

Many felt suppressed and were very unhappy in their hearts, yet they didn't dare to openly resist.

A red-haired man from the Situ Family immediately rushed out, blocking Ghost Wood Taoist's path.

"By what right? Your Situ Family was not the first to discover this vein."

Many were indignant.

"This vein now belongs to my Situ Family," declared the man in brocade, "Situ Guang," "but I won't trouble everyone unnecessarily. Each person can take no more than ten Demon Bone Stones, and only after our inspection can you leave!"

"I, the old ghost, have taken only a few Demon Bone Stones," the Ghost Wood Taoist promptly said.

Subsequently, the red-haired man began inspecting the Ghost Wood Taoist's storage bag.

"This thing was obtained here, and must be left behind."

The red-haired man took a high-grade Artifact Refining mineral from Ghost Wood Taoist's storage bag.

"I acquired this at an auction!" the Ghost Wood Taoist protested angrily.

Seeing this scene, the others were also highly displeased; with their storage bags being inspected, whatever was inside would be at the Situ Family's discretion.

"Aren't you all too overbearing?"

A youth from the Yunyang Academy group with a bronze complexion spoke up.

"Oh? From Yunyang Academy, am I right? This young master is from the Sky Star Academy," said Situ Guang, looking at the four people from Yunyang Academy. "If you can defeat this young master, the Situ Family will let the people of Yunyang Academy off the hook."

Yunyang Academy, being the foremost among the four major academies, was not a group he wanted to back into a corner.

Therefore, he offered a challenge: If a student from Yunyang Academy lost to him, he believed there would be nothing more to say.

Situ Guang was at Late Innate, ranking within the top thirty at Sky Star Academy, and was formidable in strength.

He was confident that none of these students from Yunyang Academy was a match for him.

"Good, let me, Wu Heng, have a go at you," the youth surnamed Wu bellowed lowly.

Boom~

With a spray of dirt beneath his feet, Wu Heng transformed into a swift shadow, pressing towards Situ Guang.

"Wu Heng, are you the genius of Yunyang Academy with the variant Spiritual Body 'Thunder Spirit Body'?"

Situ Guang's expression changed drastically.

"Indeed, it is I!"

Wu Heng bellowed lowly, and his fists suddenly surged with a layer of thunderous light.

Situ Guang immediately took out a jade fan, unleashing a beam of white light.

Boom bang!

Thunder suddenly appeared, agitating a horrifying force, causing both men to step back.

"Again!"

Wu Heng was brimming with a fighting spirit as thunder swirled around him, and the electricity within his fists grew even more intense, sending shivers down the spectators' spines.

With one punch, a Thunder Light Fist suddenly appeared and reached Situ Guang in the blink of an eye.

Boom bang boom!

The thunder exploded, leaving a charred pit on the spot.

Situ Guang was blasted back several steps before he stopped, his clothes bearing scorched marks.

"Damn it, this Wu Heng hasn't been at the academy for many years, just at the Innate Middle Stage, and yet he's become so powerful!"

Situ Guang's face was somewhat embarrassed.

But he had already made his declaration, so to go back on his word now would cost him his face.

Continuing to fight wasn't an option, as he stood no chance against Wu Heng; he had to let the matter rest.

"So, it's Wu Heng. I had heard that Yunyang Academy had produced such a genius, and seeing you today, your reputation is indeed well-deserved. It's a pleasure to meet you—Brother Wu and the rest of your party from Yunyang Academy will not be troubled by the Situ Family. You can take up to a hundred Demon Bone Stones when you leave," Situ Guang offered generously.

Wu Heng and the others didn't say much more; after all, the Situ Family was too powerful in Tianhe Prefecture, and they were currently too weak to contend on their own.

"So, this is the Thunder Spirit Body genius, Wu Heng, from Yunyang Academy? Incredible."

"Just at Innate Middle Stage and he's capable of defeating the Late Innate genius of Sky Star Academy."

"Keep in mind that he hasn't been at the academy for long; with his talent, he might be able to reach Late Innate before the grand academy competition, and then surely he will make his mark."

Many nearby were astonished.

"The Thunder Dao is certainly formidable."

Chen Yu acknowledged Wu Heng's strength.

Situ Guang was not weak himself; being among the top competitors at Late Innate, he was considered elite but still no match for Wu Heng.

"I am from No Demon Academy, and I've only taken fifty or sixty Demon Bone Stones," Chen Yu stepped forward and volunteered his affiliation.

He had acquired the bone sword and preferred not to linger here too long.

The rest couldn't help but look at Chen Yu skeptically, assuming he was pretending to be from No Demon Academy to get away.

"No Demon Academy?"

Situ Guang frowned slightly.

His actions were aimed at claiming the Demon Bone Stone vein, but also to keep Chen Yu detained.

Chen Yu might possess a divine treasure found here and also had an Ancient Beast Spirit Pet by his side.

"Humph, don't think you can deceive this young master. If you dare to impersonate a student from No Demon Academy, this young master will take you down right now," Situ Guang displayed a wrathful countenance.

Having lost to Wu Heng earlier, he was keen to redeem his face by confronting Chen Yu.

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"Hmph, don't even think about fooling me. You dare to impersonate a student from No Demon Academy? I will capture you right now."

Situ Guang showed a furious expression.

Having just been defeated by Wu Heng, he wanted to regain face through Chen Yu.

Situ Guang had witnessed the battle between Chen Yu and Ghost Wood Taoist. If it were he, he would have crushed Ghost Wood Taoist within twenty moves.

Thus, in his view, his strength was far superior to that of Chen Yu.

Once he defeated Chen Yu, he could do whatever he wanted with him afterward. Even if it was later discovered that Chen Yu was indeed from No Demon Academy, the academy wouldn't fault Situ Guang much since their student was unskilled and lost to him.

"I'm not lying to you. I have an Identity Token."

Chen Yu immediately spoke and took out the Identity Token from his storage bag.

But at that moment, Situ Guang had already charged towards him, with alarming white light fluctuating on the jade fan in his hand.

Chen narrowed his eyes slightly. Situ Guang completely disregarded him, probably believing Ghost Wood Taoist's words or maybe even coveting the Fire Scale Beast.

Since that was the case, strength would speak.

Boom!

Chen Yu stomped down, creating a deep pit, and his body instantly leaped forward. His body gleamed with copper light as if transforming into a Buddha statue, exuding a formidable physical oppression.

"Eh? Thunder?"

Wu Heng glanced at Chen Yu.

He sensed the power of thunder from Chen Yu's True Copper Statue.

"Kaiyuan Fan!"

Situ Guang's fan in his hand suddenly slashed, casting a white luminous fan shadow, incredibly sharp, sweeping towards Chen Yu as if to slice him in two.

Evil Qi took form!

Chen Yu showed no mercy. True Qi tumbled incessantly in his arms, condensing into a pitch-black, scaly python, and he ferociously threw a punch.

Bang!

The white fan shadow collided with the pitch-black python. Instantaneously, the python shattered the fan shadow and roared towards Situ Guang.

"Impossible!"

Situ Guang's face drastically changed.

At this moment, Chen Yu's displayed strength was much greater than before.

During the fight, Chen Yu's moves directly shattered his combat skills.

Situ Guang's face tightened, and he waved his jade fan again, casting a multitude of small white fan shadows.

Boom bang!

Amid the constant roaring explosions, Situ Guang managed to resist the might of Chen Yu's punch.

But this one move had already showcased Chen Yu's formidable strength.

From afar, Ghost Wood Taoist secretly gasped, wiping a cold sweat.

Only now did he realize that Chen Yu had not been using his full strength in their previous fight.

"Who is this kid? With such cultivation, he can even take advantage in Situ Guang's hands."

Someone asked.

From the confrontation just now, it was clear that Chen Yu was a top-notch genius, no less capable than Wu Heng.

"You've angered me, kid."

Situ Guang's face was incredibly somber.

After suffering a setback in the hands of the Thunder Spirit Body genius, Wu Heng, if he were defeated by Chen Yu now, where would his face be?

At least, Wu Heng held great fame in Yunyang Academy, his Spirit Body attracting many instructors to vie for him as a disciple.

But what was Chen Yu?

Boom whoosh!

True Qi surged madly inside Situ Guang's body, a swirling light appearing around him; his jade fan glittered immensely.

"Kaiyuan Absolute Kill!"

Situ Guang approached Chen Yu again, unleashing a devastating strike.

Shoo!

A massive white light fan shadow swept out, splitting everything in its path.

"What a powerful strike!"

"If things go wrong, this young man might die a violent death!"

Many voiced their concerns for Chen Yu.

In contrast, Chen's expression remained unchanged.

Taking out the Giant Ruler Sword, Chen Yu gathered a shocking amount of Evil Qi, as if an exceptional Sha Qi Sword was born out of thin air.

"Sword Shocking the Heavens!"

As Situ Guang's attack descended, Chen Yu swung his sword, slashing suddenly.

As if a giant sword descended from the sky, an endless Evil Qi churned vigorously.

Boom!

This sword directly shattered the massive white light fan shadow and blasted forward.

"How terrifying

Situ Guang's heart trembled.

As Chen Yu executed that swing, an invisible Sha Qi Sword pierced his heart, eliciting fear towards Chen Yu.

Boom!

Situ Guang triggered a defensive light barrier, but it shattered instantly, and he was blasted several meters away, brutally smashing onto the ground.

"How can he be so strong?"

Situ Guang's face turned pale, somewhat in disbelief.

If he wasn't wearing the Top Grade Defense Armor inside, he likely wouldn't be able to get up now.

"Situ Guang lost!"

"My goodness, who is this person? He defeated Situ Guang so effortlessly!"

Many around were astonished, even the other powerhouses of the Situ Family found it somewhat unbelievable.

"Brother Wu, who is this person? Have you heard of him before?"

A student from Yunyang Academy asked. .c

Chen Yu's displayed talent and strength were completely comparable to Wu Heng's with the Thunder Spirit Body.

Of course, when it came to future potential, Chen Yu was far inferior to Wu Heng.

"I don't know him."

Wu Heng replied, his eyes flashing with a hint of peculiarity as he looked at Chen Yu.

Elsewhere, several of the Situ Family's personal made a move, seemingly preparing to attack Chen Yu.

After all, Chen Yu's victory over Situ Guang was a loss of face for their family.

But just then,

Suddenly, a cluster of black light appeared from afar, akin to a black star, extremely dazzling.

Swoosh!

In an instant, the black light descended, emitting infinite oppressive aura.

Everyone below suddenly felt suffocated, and many with lower cultivation quivered, unable to stand upright.

"Gee, Situ Guang, your Situ Family really is shameless. Not only monopolizing the mines but also bullying other cultivators. The key thing is, you incompetent fools can't even defeat others. How disgraceful."

Within the black starlight, a clear and straightforward laughter was heard.

As the black light gradually subsided, a woman in a black dress appeared; she had a slender figure, curvy and alluring, with a beautiful face framed by bright eyes and shiny teeth, her lips carrying a faint smile.

"Who is she?"

Many eyes immediately fell on the woman in black, attracted by her sensual figure and beautiful appearance.

Moreover, anyone who dares to mock Situ Guang to his face is certainly no ordinary person.

"Duan Xinyue!"

Situ Guang glanced at the woman in black, his expression instantly darkening.

He hadn't expected someone from the Duan Family to be nearby, especially Duan Xinyue.

"I never thought I'd see Duan Xinyue here!"

"Rumors say she is the top powerhouse of Sky Star Academy and she practices the academy's treasured skill, 'Dark Star Heavenly Palace Technique.'"

Many people's expressions changed when they looked at Duan Xinyue, filled only with admiration and awe.

Situ Guang's expression turned somewhat awkward.

The relationship between the Situ Family and the Duan Family was not good, and as he and Duan Xinyue attended the same academy, he was often mocked by her. What made it even more unbearable was that he couldn't retort, which would only make him feel more embarrassed.

That's why life at Sky Star Academy was extremely stifling for him.

So, when he returned to his family, he unleashed his true self, becoming even more extreme, often bullying and tormenting others.

"Duan Xinyue, why is it you?"

Situ Guang gritted his teeth.

The scene of him being defeated by Chen Yu had been witnessed by Duan Xinyue, and even if she called him a loser, Situ Guang couldn't refute it.

Of course, what he cared about more was this vein of Demon Bone Stone.

Although only Duan Xinyue from the Duan Family had come, whereas the Situ Family had nearly twenty people, Duan Xinyue was the top individual of Sky Star Academy, possessing terrifying strength.

Moreover, Duan Xinyue had left an unapproachable shadow in Situ Guang's heart, making him really unable to bother her now.

However, upon discovering this vein, he had already sent out messages, believing that the powerhouses from the Situ Family would arrive first.

"Such a formidable aura, just one person, and she's suppressing more than twenty people from the Situ Family!"

Chen Yu inwardly sighed; the woman in front of him was truly extraordinary.

Before she arrived, the team from the Situ Family, bold and overbearing, claimed this vein as theirs, and no one dared to object.

But now, with just Duan Xinyue alone, the team from the Situ Family was suppressed.

And Situ Guang, being called a loser, did not dare to strike back.

"I fancy this vein. You can leave now."

Duan Xinyue spoke straightforwardly.

Upon hearing this, the corners of Situ Guang's mouth inadvertently spilled some blood.

If he walked away like this, what face would he have to face others in the future?

Soon, many more teams arrived.

Among them, although there was no one from the Duan Family or Situ Family, there were many second-rate families within Tianhe Prefecture. They might not compare to the four great super families and the ten Ancient Clans, but they also represented a massive force.

Now with the situation being complex, they banded together and were not afraid of both Situ Guang and Duan Xinyue.

Apart from the vein, the most significant interest here was the Fire Scale Beast, attracting many covetous looks.

"Ancient Beast Spirit Pet!"

Many eyes turned towards the Fire Scale Beast.

Seeing this scene, Chen Yu prepared to leave.

"Wait!"

Situ Guang immediately spoke.

"Having just lost to me, do you still wish to challenge me?"

Chen Yu frowned.

With that, many of the newcomers' expressions suddenly changed.

Previously, they had all had their eyes on the Fire Scale Beast, but since Situ Guang and Duan Xinyue had not acted, they didn't make any rash moves.

Unexpectedly, Chen Yu had defeated Situ Guang prior to that.

Such a talent certainly did not lack a strong background.

"Sir, you misunderstand. I deeply regret what happened just now, and I would like to invite you to the Situ Family as a guest!"

Situ Guang's attitude became conciliatory.

He hadn't expected that Chen Yu would be as tough as Wu Heng.

But with Chen Yu possessing an Ancient Beast Spirit Pet, they couldn't just let him leave. If Chen Yu were invited to the Situ Family, the elders of the Situ Family would take action.

"No interest."

Chen Yu casually said, preparing to leave.

Just then, Duan Xinyue moved.

Whoosh!

In the blink of an eye, she appeared in front of Chen Yu.

Chen Yu looked at Duan Xinyue, who was attractive and powerful, and felt a surge of pressure.

"Little brother, which academy are you from? Since you managed to defeat Situ Guang, why don't you play with me? If I win, you can sell me your Ancient Beast."

Duan Xinyue's eyes twinkled, her lips curling into a teasing smile.

"No Demon Academy."

Being teased by such a powerful beauty, Chen Yu felt a great pressure.

With his current strength, he naturally couldn't match Duan Xinyue, but he also couldn't refuse, and chose to remain silent.

Whoosh, whoosh!

From afar, two figures arrived; one of them, clad in blood-stained clothes, emitted an astonishing bloody aura, causing many people around to avoid them.

"Jin Zhuo Peak?"

Many people called out Jin Zhuo Peak's name.

"Chen, it's so good to see you're still alive."

Upon seeing Chen Yu, Jin Zhuo Peak's expression shook, immediately showing concern.

From this scene, it was evident that Chen Yu indeed was a student of No Demon Academy and seemed to have a good relationship with Jin Zhuo Peak.

"Duan Xinyue, do not trouble a student from No Demon Academy."

Jin Zhuo Peak stared directly at Duan Xinyue.

"Oh?"

Duan Xinyue's eyebrows slightly raised, her smile deepening.

Jin Zhuo Peak actually dared to confront her for a junior.

"He is indeed the junior of Yuan Chen, the top individual of No Demon Academy!"

From afar, the long-haired man accompanying Jin Zhuo Peak spoke.

"Yuan Chen!"

As the top individual of No Demon Academy and a top genius of the ancient country, ranked third on the Heaven List, Yuan Chen was naturally well-known.

And Chen Yu, not only was he a student of No Demon Academy, but also a junior of Yuan Chen!

"Oh? I heard that recently the vice dean of No Demon Academy accepted a new disciple, it must be this little brother here."

Duan Xinyue's eyes, dark as black stars, fell on Chen Yu, her interest more evident.

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Around him, everyone's eyes uniformly fixed themselves on Chen Yu.

Yuan Chen was No Demon Academy's number one figure, immensely famous among the young generation of the entire Yun Zhao Country.

And Chen Yu, it turned out, was Yuan Chen's junior brother.

This meant that Chen Yu and Yuan Chen were disciples of the same powerful mentor.

"Yuan Chen's junior brother!"

Situ Guang felt slightly relieved inside.

At least Chen Yu was famous and had a background, which made Situ Guang feel a bit better about being defeated by Chen Yu.

"Oh? I heard that the vice-principal of No Demon Academy took on a disciple a while ago, and it must be this little brother, right?"

Duan Xinyue's eyes, dark as black stars, rested on Chen Yu, her interest deepening.

"That's correct!" said Jin Zhuo Peak.

Even though he was regarded as number one on Blood Slaughter Peak, he still felt an invisible pressure in front of Duan Xinyue.

If Duan Xinyue still wanted to make things difficult for Chen Yu, then he would have trouble defending him, because he was no match for Duan Xinyue.

At the moment, he stepped forward to protect Chen Yu purely to curry favor with him.

He really hadn't anticipated that Chen Yu would still be alive. If Chen Yu knew everything that the long-haired man had done, then both of them would be in danger.

"To think he's the disciple of the vice principal."

Those unaware of the details showed shock on their faces.

Not far away, Wu Heng watched Chen Yu, a hint of interest on his face.

He was very curious to know what it was about Chen Yu that had earned the vice principal's favor and led the latter to take him as a disciple.

"So, you're Yuan Chen's junior brother. In that case, sister won't toy with you anymore!"

With a flash of black light, Duan Xinyue vanished, reappearing where she had previously been.

"What incredible speed."

Chen Yu marveled in his heart.

Indeed, none of the top figures from these academies were simple.

Disciples with talented potential would even choose to stay in the Qi Transformation Realm a bit longer, accumulating more True Qi, so that when they break through to the Guiyuan Realm, their True Yuan would be all the more massive.

"I am Wu Heng. I hope to have the opportunity at the academy competition to test my skills against yours."

From a distance, Wu Heng suddenly spoke.

Among the young generation of his age, not many were his match.

However, Wu Heng recognized Chen Yu's strength.

Just now, Wu Heng had sensed a faint trace of electric power in Chen Yu's body, which only piqued his interest further.

"Okay."

Chen Yu nodded in agreement.

Wu Heng wasn't much older than himself and also possessed mutated Spiritual Body qualifications. Chen Yu was eager to experience such an opponent himself.

"These two are so young, yet their powers have already caught up with the older students, reaching the level needed to participate in the academy competition."

"I estimate that Wu Heng will achieve a commendable result if he participates in the competition."

"Chen Yu isn't bad either. Even if they don't perform well in this competition, they will surely be hot contenders for first place in the next one."

Many nearby people were discussing.

"Junior Brother Chen, where is Junior Sister Yu?"

Jin Zhuo Peak asked.

Originally, Chen Yu and the slender woman had been buried underground together, but now only Chen Yu was seen.

"She's dead. I only survived because of the life-saving card my master gave me."

Chen Yu looked at Jin Zhuo Peak and the long-haired man.

Jin Zhuo Peak and the long-haired man were inwardly alarmed, as Chen Yu had a trump card given by the vice principal in his hand.

If they had openly attacked Chen Yu earlier, they might have been the ones to die.

"It's really great that Junior Brother Chen is all right. When the ground suddenly collapsed and buried you in the cave, both Senior Brother Jin and I felt very guilty!"

The long-haired man showed a sorrowful expression.

"These guys are such good actors!"

Red Flame King sent a scornful message to Chen Yu.

"Hehe, there will be a chance to settle this score later."

Chen Yu smiled inwardly.

The long-haired man's methods might fool others, but not the Red Flame King.

Red Flame King had already told Chen Yu that the collapse was caused by the long-haired man.

Before, Chen Yu had thought only Jin Zhuo Peak wanted to deal with him. He hadn't expected the long-haired man to be in cahoots with him.

"If Junior Brother Chen wants to return to the academy, we should get going. Senior Brother Jin has some other matters to attend to."

The long-haired man said with a smile.

After that, Chen Yu and the long-haired man left for the academy first.

Chen Yu knew that Jin Zhuo Peak's remaining was naturally to await the arrival of the Jin family to compete for the Demon Bone Stone vein.

Such a vast vein, unclaimed in the first instance, would surely attract fierce competition from many powers.

Of course, those were not Chen Yu's concerns.

Upon returning to the academy, Chen Yu went straight to the mission commissioning office to hand in his task.

"Did you kill the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard by yourself?"

The person in charge at the commissioning office wore a surprised expression.

"That's right."

Chen Yu confidently admitted, unafraid.

Since Jin Zhuo Peak and the long-haired young man had fled in the end, the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard was slain by Chen Yu using the trump card from his master, so Chen Yu didn't plan to share the mission rewards with the long-haired young man and Jin Zhuo Peak.

Neither of them raised any objections.

Firstly, Chen Yu's identity was now different.

Secondly, after all, they had wanted to assassinate Chen Yu. Although they hadn't succeeded, they didn't want to dwell too much on this issue, lest it led to more complications unfavorable to them.

"Alright, hand over the materials of the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard."

The person in charge of the commissioning office didn't ask any further questions.

Now, all the academy's management staff knew that Chen Yu was a disciple of the vice principal.

After submitting the materials and the demon core of the Fiery Fire Demon Lizard, Chen Yu received a reward of 250,000 No Demon Points, 30,000 lower Grade Essence Stones, and several commonly used elixirs.

After collecting his rewards, Chen Yu immediately sought out his Senior Brother Yuan Chen.

Senior Brother Yuan Chen was quite concerned about Chen Yu and asked about the origin of the No Demon Points. Chen Yu gave a brief account of his experience.

"Did something like that really happen? The ground suddenly collapsed and buried you and another student from the academy underground?"

Yuan Chen's face flashed a hint of coldness.

He suspected there might be more to the story, but without evidence, everything had to be left as if it hadn't happened.

"This time I also encountered Duan Xinyue from the Sky Star Academy."

Chen Yu said again.

Duan Xinyue of Sky Star Academy was a peerless talent on the same level as Brother Yuan Chen, also a popular candidate for first place.

"Brother, when I took part in the last academy competition, I cooperated with Duan Xinyue and built some friendship

Yuan Chen said with a smile.

Chen Yu understood; no wonder Duan Xinyue had left as if nothing had happened upon hearing that he was Yuan Chen's disciple.

"Brother, who is the number one person from Yunyang Academy and Sky Sword Academy?"

Chen Yu was very curious about this.

It was expected that the first place in the academy competition was usually decided among the top students from the four major academies.

"The number one from Sky Sword Academy is a member of the Ye Family from the four major super families, named Ye Chengfeng!"

"The man is a Sword Dao genius. In the Sword Dao, no one can match him. At the age of twenty-three, he reached the Innate Peak, and at that time, few of his peers could take a single sword strike from him. Although Ye Chengfeng is still at the Innate Peak now, it's said he's about 80 percent sure he can break through to the Guiyuan Realm, and the only reason he hasn't broken through is to accumulate a deeper foundation!"

Yuan Chen's expression became more serious and grave.

It was really terrifying to reach the Innate Peak at twenty-three.

And as a Sword Cultivator, at that time, apart from a few top geniuses, few of his peers could handle a single strike from him.

"I wonder how Ye Luofeng is doing now

Chen Yu suddenly thought of Ye Luofeng.

This woman also went to the Sky Sword Academy; he wondered if he could meet her during the academy competition.

"And what about Yunyang Academy?"

Chen Yu couldn't help but ask.

Yunyang Academy, being the foremost of the four big academies, gathered talents from the royal family, major families, and Ancient Clans, and was the most powerful academy.

In the past, the chance of the first place coming from Yunyang Academy in the academy competitions was as high as 60 percent.

With Yunyang Academy alone occupying 60 percent, this rate was already quite high.

"For the time being, the number one person from Yunyang Academy should be the Fourth Prince, Yunhai Zhen!"

"The royal Yun Family is also one of the top ten Ancient Clans. Yunhai Zhen not only has an extremely high awakening degree of his bloodline, but it's also rumored that he possesses a special type of spirit flame. Currently, he is the top person in Yunyang Academy!"

Yuan Chen said solemnly.

Yunhai Zhen was also ranked first in the celestial rankings.

Of course, this ranking wasn't necessarily accurate.

Generally, unless the people ranked lower actively challenge those ranked above, the ranking doesn't change.

"Duan Xinyue, Ye Chengfeng, Yunhai Zhen!"

Chen Yu remembered these three names.

"Of course, as the leading academy among the four, Yunyang Academy has Yunhai Zhen as the best known, but inside the academy, it's rumored that there are one or two people whose strength is on par with his."

Yuan Chen added.

Chen Yu sighed inwardly; as expected of an ancient country, vast resources and abundant talents.

And fittingly for the leading academy of the four, even the identity of the top person in the academy was subject to dispute.

"The one considered most close to Yunhai Zhen's strength is a descendant of the Tang Family from the top ten Ancient Clans, Tang Mo!"

"The man is quite low-profile, rarely showing himself in open combat and spending most of his time in secluded cultivation or adventuring. Although he's ranked lower in the celestial rankings, his actual strength is hard to estimate."

Yuan Chen explained.

"Disciple, do you now have the confidence to withstand twenty of my moves?"

Yuan Chen suddenly asked.

If Chen Yu didn't have that ability, then inquiring about the geniuses from the four major academies was pointless.

Chen Yu laughed.

Right now, he didn't really have such confidence.

Duan Xinyue's strength was probably not much different from Yuan Chen's, and based on the speed that Duan Xinyue had shown before, Chen Yu estimated that even with his full strength, he might not be able to catch up.

"You still have half a year, disciple, so work hard!"

"Let's go find Master now to help you exchange your Cultivation Technique. I'm also very eager to see if you can master this extraordinary technique."

Yuan Chen led Chen Yu away from his residence to where Master resided.

Atop the cliff, Yi Lantian still stood on the solitary peak looking into the distance, while the Dark Night Mountain Cat beside him took a lazy nap, oblivious to anything else.

"Master, I already have the 500,000 No Demon Points."

Chen Yu immediately said.

"With half a year to go, if you can achieve something with this extraordinary technique, you should be able to withstand Yuan Chen's twenty moves by then."

Yi Lantian examined Chen Yu carefully and then replied.

Then, Chen Yu followed Master Yi Lantian to the Earth Demon Pavilion.

"Vice Dean!"

The Guardian Tower Master immediately stood up.

Following that, the three of them quickly moved to the third floor of the Earth Demon Pavilion.

This level had only five Cultivation Techniques, probably the top-notch techniques of the No Demon Academy.

"My disciple here wants to exchange for the first three layers of the 'Heavenly Demon Secret Pattern Record'."

Yi Lantian said indifferently.

"Sure... 800,000 No Demon Points?"

The Guardian Tower Master inquired tentatively.

Ordinarily, this technique was one of the top ten ancient extraordinary techniques and was considered priceless.

To acquire the first three layers, one needed a million No Demon Points.

Had this technique not been so rarely chosen, with even fewer people succeeding in its cultivation, the price would have been even higher.

But with the Vice Dean himself visiting, the Guardian Tower Master had the sense to quote 200,000 No Demon Points less.

"500,000!"

Yi Lantian stated.

"Alright

The Guardian Tower Master was somewhat bemused but agreed.

Chen Yu was secretly astounded internally; he had originally complained that 500,000 No Demon Points were too expensive, but now it seemed that without the Vice Dean as a Master, he wouldn't even have been able to exchange that amount.