

Eternal Heart 411

Chapter 411: Torture and Kill

"They've escaped."

The captives gasped for air, their hearts racing with excitement.

None of them had ever imagined that their rescue would come in such a thrilling and perilous manner.

"Hurry up!"

Chen Yu suddenly shouted.

Although they had escaped, the crisis was far from over; the enemy would not let them off easily.

At this moment, the protective formation around the city began to fade and quickly disappear.

"Kill them all, leave none alive!"

The Yan Leader bellowed, as dense figures appeared atop the city walls.

"Flee!"

Everyone tensed up, and they all immediately fled.

"I have a parting gift for you."

Chen Yu chuckled softly, activating his Secret Pattern Demon Body. His body turned jet black and shone, with Demonic Qi billowing around him.

Whoosh!

He took a deep breath, and the strong winds howled around him, as his abdomen kept expanding.

Since they were in the mist, the enemy couldn't see any of this, so Chen Yu could breathe in and gather energy without worry.

At a certain moment, Chen Yu opened his mouth and let out a fierce shout.

Tai!

A thunderous roar erupted suddenly.

The shocking sound, like the furious roar of an ancient demon beast, formed a twisted sonic storm that blasted towards the city.

Boom!

The soldiers at the front were immediately blown away by Chen Yu's sonic attack, blood flowing from their ears, nose, and mouth, their internal organs completely shattered.

Then, the sonic attack continued to press forward, leaving behind a trail of wails wherever it passed.

The strength of the sonic attack diminished as it penetrated further.

However, that one strike from Chen Yu was already so sensational.

Almost a hundred people lost their lives to this single attack, and many more were injured.

"What a monster!"

The Yan Leader felt a hint of trepidation, but his resolve to kill Chen Yu did not waver in the slightest.

"Kill him!"

The Yan Leader's voice rang out once more, calming the chaotic scene.

Swoosh—

Following the Yan Leader's charge, the other high-ranking officials followed, moving to kill Chen Yu and the others.

Behind them, a large group of soldiers ascended the city walls.

But at that moment.

Rumble rumble!

The majestic and towering city walls trembled, cracks spreading across their surface.

The next moment, the city walls crumbled, burying many alive and leaving others with varying degrees of injury.

Just now, under the effect of Chen Yu's "Copper Lion Roar," the walls had already become very frail.

Now, a large contingent surged onto the walls.

The already fragile walls instantly could not bear the load, collapsing into ruins.

"Damn it!"

The Yan Leader cursed as he saw the situation behind him.

"Clan Leader, to kill Chen Yu, the men we have with us are already enough."

A one-eyed man smirked beside him.

This one-eyed man was the deputy leader, second only to the Yan Leader within this city.

"Hmm!"

The Yan Leader nodded, leading seven or eight elites, and they moved towards the cloud of fog.

"The reach of a battle at the Guiyuan Realm level is too broad; it might accidentally harm Mu Xueqing, Nangong Li, and the others."

Chen Yu watched the enemies approaching from behind, pondering for a moment.

At a certain moment, Chen Yu made a decision and stopped.

"Brother Chen? What's wrong?"

The group turned their heads to look at Chen Yu.

They all owed their lives to Chen Yu's rescue, without whom they would likely have been killed by the enemy by now.

Furthermore, the treasure that released the fog belonged to Chen Yu, and only he could see through the terrain clearly.

"You go ahead, I'll deal with them."

Chen Yu spoke calmly.

"What?"

The crowd stood still, utterly shocked.

Especially those who didn't know Chen Yu at all, or even those from hostile forces, were even more moved.

Chen Yu had decided to stay behind to hold off the enemies, to buy time for them to escape.

"Brother Chen, with your speed, you can definitely escape; we're the ones holding you back, how can we let you cover our retreat?"

Fang Haofei immediately stepped forward.

"Hurry up, I won't be in trouble!"

Chen Yu was somewhat helpless.

But this expression, in the eyes of others, looked like Chen Yu had no other choice but to resort to this strategy.

Chen Yu would rather risk his own life to buy time for their escape.

For a moment, the atmosphere on the scene was very quiet, with many touched by Chen Yu's selfless act, their faces showing struggle and conflict.

Chen Yu couldn't be bothered to say more and retracted the surrounding mist back into his "Smoke-spitting Pearl," suddenly exposing everyone.

At that moment, as they saw the powerful enemies behind them, they couldn't help but shudder.

Especially next to the Yan Leader, there was a pale green giant wolf, whose terrifying presence was even more fearful.

Further behind, a vast army was coming.

"Run now, or we all die."

One person gritted his teeth and said, turning to flee.

With someone leading, the rest followed suit and escaped.

"Brother Yu, be careful."

Mu Xueqing found it hard to part, and she turned to leave.

Swoosh!

After everyone had left, Chen Yu leaped up and headed in another direction.

"Clan Leader, they've split up, what should we do?"

An older man asked.

"Chase down this boy!"

The Yan Leader watched as Chen Yu receded into the distance and immediately ordered.

Chen Yu was the one who had killed Man Rong; all other lives combined were not as valuable as Chen Yu alone.

Only by killing Chen Yu could they somewhat appease the wrath of the Clan Leader of the Mantu Tribe.

"I think you're making too much of a big deal out of this, Clan Leader."

The one-eyed man chuckled lightly, but he also didn't dare to defy the clan leader's command.

Swoosh, swoosh...

A group of people immediately changed direction, pursuing Chen Yu.

In no time, the Yan Leader and others caught up with Chen Yu.

"Kid, you dared to kill the grandson of the Mantu Tribe clan leader, your death is certain!"

"Kill him."

The Yan Leader's gaze turned fierce, and the Green Wind Swift Wolf beside him instantly sprang into action.

"The Yan Leader has actually let the Green Wind Swift Wolf make a move, looks like this is the end."

One of the higher-ups laughed.

The Green Wind Swift Wolf was a Guiyuan Realm Demon Beast, and it was best at speed, a casual strike was enough to instantly kill Chen Yu.

Whoosh!

Only to see a flash of green light, the Green Wind Swift Wolf quickly rushed out, bearing down on Chen Yu.

Just at that moment, mist surged around Chen Yu, wrapping him once again.

Within the mist, Chen Yu shifted to the right, brushing past the Green Wind Swift Wolf.

Roar!

Executing "Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow," a layer of Demonic Qi storm burst forth from Chen Yu, who suddenly turned around and transformed into a black shadow, counterattacking his enemies.

"What?"

The seven or eight people were shaken.

Although the mist obscured their vision, in their eyes, the Green Wind Swift Wolf should have been able to kill Chen Yu; the fact that Chen Yu was still alive was a miracle.

What shocked them even more was that Chen Yu's speed was incredibly fast, much faster than when he was fleeing before.

In an instant, Chen Yu arrived in front of an Early Innate elder.

Boom!

Before the others could see Chen Yu make a move, that elder, like a cannonball, was fiercely smashed downward.

It was seen that the elder's chest had been shattered, with blood and internal organs drifting out.

"Be careful, this person is strong, gang up on him!"

Yan Leader immediately ordered.

However, at this moment, the dense mist drifted apart, and the surroundings became a white expanse, making it difficult to see anything clearly.

"Come to me, gather together!"

Yan Leader's gaze was deep, issuing an order.

The others followed the Yan Leader's voice and rushed to his location.

"Yan Leader."

One of the higher-ups spotted Yan Leader's figure.

But just at that moment, behind him, a furious roar of wind resounded.

Only to see, a mass of black shadows fiercely rushed forward.

"Damn it!"

This higher-up immediately took out a huge axe and viciously chopped down.

Boom!

However, all was in vain; his axe seemed to strike a metallic boulder, trembling violently, numbing his entire arm.

Afterward, Chen Yu threw a punch sweeping across, thunderously killing the higher-up.

After succeeding, Chen Yu immediately looked for his next target.

"Save me, Leader!"

A scream rose, and another person was killed by Chen Yu.

At the same time, Chen Yu released the Iron Moon Strange Insect.

The Iron Moon Strange Insect was already fast, and its poison was strong; a single bite was certain death for anyone below Late Innate.

Yan Leader and the others became panicked.

The Smoke-spitting Pearl's released mist not only confused the enemy but also concealed its owner's figure; if Chen Yu stood still, he could even turn invisible.

"Green Wind Swift Wolf!"

Yan Leader suddenly shouted.

Ao ao!

The Green Wind Swift Wolf began to run and howled.

At a certain moment, the Green Wind Swift Wolf suddenly spat out a huge green tornado from its mouth, which instantly blew the surrounding mist away.

And Chen Yu's figure was also revealed.

"Chen Yu, prepare to die."

Yan Leader glared with anger and immediately charged out.

Simultaneously, the remaining two people, along with the Green Wind Swift Wolf, all attacked Chen Yu.

"Since it's come to this, I'll stop playing with you."

Chen Yu chuckled lightly, fully displaying his Secret Pattern Demon Body, a more furious Demonic might erupting, causing the approaching enemies to slightly slow down.

Boom!

Mobilizing the energy of the demonic patterns, Chen Yu fiercely swung a punch, colliding with the claws of the Green Wind Swift Wolf.

A black and green whirlwind instantly engulfed everything around it.

The other two higher-ups, not yet close, were blown away by the fierce wind.

"Impossible? This kid can actually contend with the Green Wind Swift Wolf!"

The one-eyed man steadied his form, his expression filled with terror.

The Green Wind Swift Wolf was a Guiyuan Realm Demon Beast, didn't this mean that Chen Yu possessed at least Guiyuan Realm Level strength?

And they had been foolishly pursuing a Guiyuan Realm powerhouse!

Whoosh!

After a hard clash with the Green Wind Swift Wolf, Chen Yu's form flew to the side; with a wave of his hand, he formed a black Demonic Qi hand.

"No

The one-eyed man watched as Chen Yu's palm descended upon him, gathering all his strength and executing a defensive secret technique.

However, his True Qi protective shield and his High Grade Inner Armor were like paper before Chen Yu's attack, instantly torn apart.

Bang!

The one-eyed man, along with another higher-up, were struck dead by Chen Yu's palm, with flesh and blood flying.

By then, all pursuers were left with only Yan Leader.

Suddenly, layers of green whirlwind surged towards Chen Yu's back.

Whoosh!

The Green Wind Swift Wolf's eyes shone with ferocity, attacking Chen Yu's back.

Chen Yu remained calm, channeling his demonic energy for defense.

"I've got you now!"

Yan Leader's face showed a look of surprised delight.

Hiss!

As the Green Wind Swift Wolf's claw came down, a piercing metallic sound was heard.

The Green Wind Swift Wolf's sharp steel claws only left a few scratches on Chen Yu's neck.

And those scratches quickly healed.

From a distance, Yan Leader's expression turned to one of horror, his body trembling, chilled to the bone.

"Only you left now, Yan Leader."

Chen Yu looked at Yan Leader and cracked a smile.

Chapter 412: Annihilate the Enemy and Strike Back

"I'm the only one left."

The Yan Leader felt a chill all over his body, shivering involuntarily.

He never expected that leading a group of powerhouses to chase down Chen Yu would end up with this result.

Now, only he was left along with a Guiyuan Realm Demon Beast. All the others were wiped out.

However, the Green Wind Swift Wolf's surprise attack just left a few scratches on Chen Yu's body. Even if the Green Wind Swift Wolf attacked with all its might, it would at most cause slight injuries to Chen Yu, with nearly no chance of killing him.

As for himself, he would likely be killed by Chen Yu if he wasn't careful.

"Escape!"

After analyzing the situation, this was the only thought left in the Yan Leader's mind.

Receiving his command, the Green Wind Swift Wolf transformed into a streak of green light and dashed forward.

Swoosh!

The Yan Leader jumped on the back of the Green Wind Swift Wolf and rapidly fled.

Roar~

Chen Yu's bodily strength erupted, True Qi surged out furiously, turning into a pitch-black gale as he chased after them.

The Yan Leader felt the raging wind behind him and his heart thumped violently, legs trembling uncontrollably.

Chen Yu's speed was actually faster than that of the Green Wind Swift Wolf, which was renowned for its speed.

"How can he be this strong?"

With trepidation, the Yan Leader could only urge the Green Wind Swift Wolf to run faster.

Not only was Chen Yu's defense strong, as the Green Wind Swift Wolf's regular attacks barely injured him, but Chen Yu's speed also surpassed that of the Green Wind Swift Wolf.

He could be sure that Chen Yu had not yet broken through to the Guiyuan Realm.

This was truly terrifying!

The Yan Leader's heart couldn't help but think of another person who, despite not having reached the Guiyuan Realm, possessed the fighting strength of one at the Guiyuan Realm level.

However, in his mind, Chen Yu was in no way comparable to that person.

"Meng Chixiong!"

An image surfaced in the Yan Leader's mind.

Meng Chixiong, a member of the War Alliance Tribe, was famous among the nine tribes in his early years and continued to rise, undefeated among his peers, and fighting above his level was commonplace for him.

He seemed to be naturally favored by the heavens, blessed with great fortune.

Under his influence, the War Alliance Tribe gradually grew stronger, eventually becoming the most powerful among the nine tribes, and unified them.

Meng Chixiong was the great hero of the War Alliance Tribe, as well as a renowned tribal hero amongst the nine tribes, and might one day become the foremost among them.

"I'm going to be caught."

A sense of danger loomed, alerting the Yan Leader that Chen Yu was drawing closer and closer.

"This kid seems to be even better in a straight line!"

In the midst of crisis, the Yan Leader spotted a pattern and immediately commanded the Green Wind Swift Wolf to change to a zigzag course.

For the Green Wind Swift Wolf, this was clearly an easy task.

"Just as I thought!"

The Yan Leader exhaled in relief, a smile finally appearing on his face.

As long as he could return to his tribe and report this matter to the Clan Leader, Chen Yu would face the wrath of the entire Mantu Tribe.

At that time, the Yan Leader would personally attend to witness Chen Yu's death.

With that thought, the Yan Leader's smile grew even wider.

But suddenly, that dangerous oppressive feeling descended once again.

Glancing sideways, the Yan Leader became stiff all over, frozen in shock.

He saw that on Chen Yu's back, there were a pair of black tattered wings.

With the help of these wings, Chen Yu's speed significantly increased, as did his agility.

In an instant.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Chen Yu's heart suddenly erupted, closing in on the Green Wind Swift Wolf in an instant.

Boom!

Chen Yu threw a punch, and a black fist light covered with ancient patterns roared out.

Boom Bang!

The black fist light exploded, and a domineering Demonic Qi swept through the area.

The Green Wind Swift Wolf, being a Guiyuan Realm Demon Beast, had strong defensive power. It hastily dodged, only receiving some splash damage, not very seriously injured.

But the Yan Leader's True Qi shield and inner armor were both shattered, his back a bloody mess as he plummeted down.

"Die!"

Chen Yu looked at the Yan Leader and threw another punch.

"No

The Yan Leader roared in despair.

He, a mighty Innate Peak and strongman of the Mantu Tribe, was about to fall here!

Boom!

The black Demonic Wind swept out, engulfing the Yan Leader's body.

Elsewhere, the Green Wind Swift Wolf turned into a streak of light and fled far away.

Chen Yu was no Beast Tamer and could not tame the Green Wind Swift Wolf for his own use.

This Green Wind Swift Wolf would surely return to the Mantu Tribe and would become an enemy in the future; it was better to slay it now.

Swoosh!

Chen Yu's wings on his back trembled, creating a black current as his figure instantly shot forward.

A short while later, Chen Yu was still in pursuit of the Green Wind Swift Wolf.

At this moment, he was not using those wings, as the cost was too great. Likewise, the Green Wind Swift Wolf, being chased and repeatedly injured by Chen Yu, now sustained heavy injuries, slowing down.

Therefore, without using the black tattered wings, Chen Yu could still keep up with the speed-specialized Green Wind Swift Wolf.

"The poison has spread."

Chen Yu stared at the wound on the Green Wind Swift Wolf, one of which was bitten by the Iron Moon Strange Insect.

After such a long time, it finally took effect.

As Chen Yu drew closer to the Green Wind Swift Wolf, he pulled out the Giant Ruler Sword and swept it across, releasing a massive surge of Demonic Qi Sword Wave.

Boom Bang!

The Green Wind Swift Wolf was blasted several meters away, rolling continuously on the ground.

Chen Yu quickly closed in, wielding the huge sword slashed across its neck, bringing out a burst of blood.

After the Green Wind Swift Wolf died, Chen Yu cut off its hide, teeth, and claws, and took its Demon Core.

Materials from a Guiyuan Realm Demon Beast are very valuable.

"Huh? This terrain looks familiar."

Chen Yu realized he was very close to the enemy city.

"Let's go in and have a look."

Chen Yu's lips curved slightly upward as he leaped out, and soon he saw a city with much of its front wall collapsed.

He sent the Iron Moon Strange Insect to scout and found that only a very small number of people remained in the city, and their levels of cultivation were low, with just one Early Innate guarding the place.

Without another word, Chen Yu walked over openly.

"Who goes there?"

Soldiers clearing the rubble became aware of someone approaching.

When they saw Chen Yu, they were immediately shocked and fled in panic.

They all knew that the Yan Leader and other senior leaders had taken a large number of troops to pursue Chen Yu and the others.

Now, the Yan Leader and the others hadn't returned, but Chen Yu had shown up here!

They had a bad feeling in their hearts.

"An enemy attack, all out to fight!"

Inside the city, turmoil arose, and the few remaining troops gathered together.

"You... you dare to come back?"

The leader, a burly man, stared at Chen Yu with visible panic.

He was the sole Early Innate left in the city.

"I've arrived, and you aren't fleeing for your lives?"

Chen Yu chuckled.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, he stretched out his hand, emitting a massive surge of True Qi, which descended around the stout man. It formed a vast, pale black claw that grabbed him in one swift motion.

"Spare... spare my life."

The burly man begged for mercy, but the giant hand tightened fiercely, blood splattered in all directions, and his pleas for help stopped abruptly.

This scene thoroughly intimidated everyone present.

"Flee!"

The assembled soldiers scattered in an instant, creating utter chaos on the scene.

With casual strikes, Chen Yu killed several dozen more people, and the entire city became deserted, leaving only him.

"Alright, we can now bring over the troops to take over this place."

Chen Yu clapped his hands and returned to Qianshan City.

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"Run, there is Qianshan City ahead!"

Nangong Li shouted.

"Quick, quick, quick!"

Another person, shivering all over, ran for their life with all their might.

Boom, boom, boom!

From behind, an incalculable number of silhouettes chased after them, making the entire mountain range seem to tremble.

"Kill them!"

"Don't leave a single one!"

Yan Leader and other senior leaders had gone to chase after Chen Yu.

The rest of the troops were all pursuing the captives.

So far, several captives who ran too slowly were isolated and killed by them.

"We're just before Qianshan City now, and the leader and others haven't arrived yet, shall we keep pushing forward?"

A squad leader at the front of the army asked.

"Wait for now, the leader should be arriving soon."

Another person pondered for a moment before answering.

Atop Qianshan City, most guards were startled upon seeing the situation in the distance.

"Enemy attack, enemy attack!"

All over Qianshan City, flares lit up, and figures rushed out to the top of the city walls.

The City Protection Array also slowly activated, with a layer of dark yellow light enveloping the entire city.

Swoosh!

At that moment, Guardian Wei, cloaked in a black robe, floated down gracefully.

"Commander, save us, let us in quickly."

One of the captives immediately cried out for help.

"How come you are all here?"

Guardian Wei glanced at the captives, his mind full of confusion.

They were all captives; how did they all end up here? It just didn't make sense.

"Chen Yu rescued us," Fang Haofei said.

"Chen Yu?"

Guardian Wei's spirit sharpened.

Were these people really rescued by Chen Yu?

To rescue so many captives from the enemy camp would be a great merit!

"No, the Palace Master deliberately sent Chen Yu here to let me betray him."

Guardian Wei's spirits sank slightly, and he felt a bit gloomy.

During the day, Chen Yu had greatly defeated Man Rong, achieving three victories and gaining significant prestige.

At night, Chen Yu had rescued so many captives.

If Master Fu knew about this, he might think that Guardian Wei had defected and was scoring points for Chen Yu.

"How dare you deceive me, Commander. Even if Chen Yu were incredibly powerful, how could he possibly have rescued you from within the enemy city?"

Commander Wei sneered, his expression serious: "I think, perhaps you have already defected to the Snow Mountain Tribe, and this whole thing is a play you've concocted with them. If we open the city gates, Qianshan City might be destroyed!"

"That makes sense, Commander Wei is indeed far-sighted."

The others felt there was some truth in Commander Wei's words.

The enemy was too strong and cunning; there could indeed be deceit involved. To rashly shut down the Array and open the city gates was too dangerous.

"Guardian Wei, we haven't defected to the Snow Mountain Tribe. It really was Chen Yu who rescued us. To ensure our escape, he alone stayed behind to hold off the enemy leaders and other seniors. By now, he's probably already sacrificed himself."

A Hall Master of the Bone Demon Palace said, showing a trace of sorrow when mentioning Chen Yu's death.

After all, he bore no grudge against Chen Yu, and Chen Yu had made such a great sacrifice to rescue them.

"Chen Yu is dead?"

Guardian Wei's face changed, and he couldn't help but smile to himself.

He knew this Hall Master from Bone Demon Palace. If what he said was true, and Chen Yu alone stayed behind to hold off the Yan Leader and other powerful beings, then death was certain.

Since Chen Yu was dead, nothing else mattered, and the task given to him by Master Fu was successfully completed.

"Who would've thought that Chen Yu could be so selflessly devoted to Chu Country, tirelessly serving its interests? I will definitely report this matter to my superiors and bestow posthumous honors on him!"

Guardian Wei put on an expression of unbearable grief and waved his hand: "Shut down the Array, open the city gates."

Just at that moment, a loud laugh came from afar: "There's no need for a posthumous title, but as for rewards, I won't be polite."

Chapter 413: Commander Chen

"Enfeoffment is unnecessary, but I won't be shy about accepting rewards."

Following a burst of laughter, a figure appeared in the distance and headed towards Qianshan City.

"Chen Yu!"

"Brother Chen, you're unharmed, that's wonderful."

The numerous captives below were both shocked and overjoyed.

In their eyes, Chen Yu must have paid a heavy price to escape from the hands of the Yan Leader.

"How did you come back?"

Commander Wei's face changed on the spot.

Wasn't it said that Chen Yu alone was holding off the Yan Leader and other high-ranking members? How could he have possibly survived and returned?

Could it be that the Hall Master from the Bone Demon Palace just now had deceived him? He doubted he would dare to.

"Commander doesn't seem pleased with my return?"

Chen Yu maintained a calm smile, staring at Commander Wei.

Commander Wei did not reply; another thought had formed in his mind: keep Chen Yu outside the city.

When the enemy high ranks would arrive, they would massacre without constraint, and with the power of Chen Yu and a few captives, they would be crushed instantly.

However, the current Chen Yu was not the same as when he had first arrived; in just one day's time, Chen Yu had won tremendous prestige.

It was highly inappropriate for Commander Wei to betray Chen Yu in front of so many people, difficult to justify.

Now, within the Three Kingdoms Alliance, to blatantly harm a strong warrior from Chu Country was to actively cause internal strife in Chu Country, a grave crime indeed.

"Commander Wei, don't you intend to let me in? I've been entirely selfless, sacrificing myself for others, and have devoted myself wholeheartedly to Chu Country!"

Chen Yu asked with a smile, bringing up Commander Wei's previous words.

"How could that be?"

Commander Wei showed a tinge of an awkward smile, waved his hand, and said, "Disengage the Array, open the city gates."

Thereafter, Chen Yu and a group of captives who had escaped death entered Qianshan City.

"We're finally back."

Fang Haofei burst into laughter, and the other captives also heaved a sigh of relief, looking towards Chen Yu with genuine admiration.

Being captives, they had had little chance of survival, but Chen Yu had ventured into the lion's den and rescued them all, earning their life-saving gratitude.

Outside the city walls, the enemy tribe's people were puzzled.

"How did that kid come back? Where are the leaders?"

"Could something have gone wrong?"

A sense of foreboding grew in a woman's heart.

"How could it be possible, the Leader is a pinnacle Innate expert, and he has a Guiyuan Realm Demon Beast. Killing this kid would be as easy as flipping his hand!"

Another tall man objected.

"But, if Qianshan City launches an attack now, we're finished."

Another captain remarked.

Though they had deployed many troops, they lacked top battle strength. If Qianshan City launched a full attack now, they would surely be defeated.

"Retreat a distance for now, and wait for the Leader and the others

An elder with high prestige spoke.

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Atop Qianshan City.

"Vice Commander Chen Yu, why did you leave without a word, sneaking out in the middle of the night and even covertly into the enemy city? Do you realize how dangerous that was?"

Commander Wei spoke with a tone of rebuke.

As the highest ruler of Qianshan City, he had the authority to rebuke and punish when his subordinates acted improperly.

"Now, the enemy is right outside Qianshan City, ready to attack at any moment, all because of you. Do you realize this?"

Commander Wei continued sternly.

"Commander, the enemy is right outside, and their high ranks are not present. Isn't this a perfect opportunity for us to attack on a grand scale?"

Chen Yu retorted.

As Vice Commander, as long as he was reasonable, he could challenge the Commander's words.

Even if the Commander made a grave mistake, the Vice Commander could be elected to take his place.

"Ha ha, I know the Yan Leader's character best. He is extremely cunning and full of tricks. Perhaps he is already here, just hidden in the dark. What if we rush out and fall into an ambush?"

Commander Wei laughed lightly.

"How about I make a bet with the Commander? Give me five hundred troops, and I will exterminate the enemy."

A gleam shot through Chen Yu's eyes, and the corners of his mouth curved slightly upward.

As soon as he spoke, many nearby were inwardly shaken.

Five hundred troops to annihilate the enemy!

Bear in mind, the enemy numbered over a thousand.

Moreover, the enemy's high ranks were filled with powerful experts, much stronger than those of Qianshan City.

Commander Wei had always defended this location, never attacking, fearing that any carelessness could result in heavy losses and the fall of the city.

"Brother Chen, are you truly confident?"

Fang Haofei shivered upon hearing this.

Commander Wei was from the Bone Demon Palace; if Chen Yu did not follow through after such a bold claim, Commander Wei would surely not let it slide.

Commander Wei's gaze sank slightly and he did not rush to agree.

Although it seemed like a bet Chen Yu would surely lose,

Chen Yu was so confident that Commander Wei felt a bit uncertain.

"What's the matter? Is Commander Wei afraid? If Commander Wei leads five hundred troops and eradicates the enemy, I, Chen, will admit defeat and willingly accept the punishment."

Chen Yu smiled and continued speaking.

Though Chen Yu made the bold statement, though Commander Wei felt something was amiss, he couldn't bring himself to do it.

Not to mention others, the Yan Leader alone was slightly stronger than himself; leading five hundred troops over would be suicidal.

Just then,

Whoosh!

The enemy tribe forces outside Qianshan City began their retreat.

They had waited a while, but since the Leader did not arrive, they sensed something was off, and so the entire force withdrew.

"Chen Yu, I agree to your terms. If you lead five hundred troops and annihilate the enemy, then consider that I have lost."

Seeing the enemies withdrawing, Commander Wei suddenly spoke up.

Since the enemy had already returned to their city, if Chen Yu attacked now, he would face the enemy's full battlemight and City Protection Array. With just five hundred troops, it would be hitting a rock with an egg.

"Since it's a wager, there must be stakes involved. If I lose, I will resign from my position as Vice Commander and willingly accept punishment. May I ask, what will be Commander Wei's wager?"

Chen Yu finished speaking and looked on expectantly.

As a commander, Commander Wei's stake was certainly not going to be smaller than Chen Yu's.

"If I, Wei, lose, I will relinquish my position as commander of Qianshan City to you."

Commander Wei thought for a moment and then spoke solemnly.

"Good, who wants to join me in killing the enemy?"

Chen Yu agreed and turned around to look at the rest of the people behind him.

At the same time, Commander Wei also turned around and looked over, his gaze deep and probing, sweeping over the many high-ranking officials with a warning intent.

Although Chen Yu had just arrived and had already gained tremendous prestige, Chen Yu had only been there one day after all.

Commander Wei, on the other hand, had been defending Qianshan City for over a year and had the support of a major power like the Bone Demon Palace behind him.

In the end, only two hall masters of the Yunyue Sect who had undergone Postnatal Qi Transformation stood out.

However, eight out of ten captives saved by Chen Yu were willing to follow him.

Afterward, Chen Yu selected several hundred soldiers.

The ones chosen all hung their heads in dejection, lamenting in their hearts, "It seems that this time, we're destined to die on the front lines."

But as ordinary soldiers, even if they had a hundred objections, they couldn't defy the orders of Deputy Commander Chen.

Commander Wei didn't care about any of this; by then, these five hundred people would probably all perish, and even if Chen Yu returned alive, he would carry an immense burden of guilt.

Besides, the vast majority of these five hundred were from Yunyue Sect or small forces affiliated with Yunyue Sect.

Commander Wei laughed secretly; if he were Chen Yu, he would definitely choose people from the Bone Demon Palace to be the ones to die.

"Let's go!"

At Chen Yu's command, he led the five hundred men, marching out of Qianshan City.

"You two, come with me. If Deputy Commander Chen can't hold his own, we might still be able to save his life."

Commander Wei said to the two people beside him, then walked out of the city gate.

Although he said this, he didn't actually intend to do so. Taking the two men with him was just to witness Chen Yu's failure.

Both of these men were his confidants; if Chen Yu had any trump cards to contend with the enemy, they could sneak attack from behind and kill Chen Yu.

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"Brother Chen, what brilliant plans do you have? Otherwise, why would you say such a thing?"

On the way, Nangong Li asked.

He followed instinctively because he trusted Chen Yu, but at this moment, he was still very scared.

The others couldn't help but look over too, wanting to know if Chen Yu had any ingenious plans, or else they would all perish.

"No need for any strategy; with our strength, we're more than capable of crushing the enemy."

Chen Yu confidently declared, patting his chest.

The others listened and felt a bit speechless inside—no matter how you calculated it, it was our side that should be getting crushed by the enemy.

Before long, the team led by Chen Yu caught up with the retreating enemy.

"Kill."

Chen Yu took the lead and burst forth.

At that moment, the others had no choice but to follow suit.

Boom!

Chen Yu plunged headfirst into the enemy ranks, like a ferocious beast, sending a dozen men flying.

At the same time, Chen Yu released the Iron Moon Strange Insect.

This insect was at the Late Innate stage, possessing extreme penetration power, reaping lives equally swiftly.

"Run!"

"We're almost at the city."

Shouts rang out from the enemy's ranks.

Although they were numerous, they had no top-tier experts, no one who could stop Chen Yu.

The team led by Chen Yu chased and killed, reaping many enemy lives as they went.

And when the enemy forces returned to their city, they stood there dumbfounded like idiots.

At that moment, their city was practically a dead city, engulfed in chaos, wafting with the stench of blood, utterly empty!

Not a single person!

The Yan Leader, Deputy Leader, and all the other high-ranking officials were all missing!

The scene in front of them threw all those men into a panic, and a wave of fear rose in their hearts.

"Kill!"

Chen Yu let out a laugh and charged forward.

The troops following him were shocked beyond reason—the enemy city was completely empty.

Beyond the shock, all of them showed expressions of jubilation and rushed forward.

"Flee!"

The morale of the enemy forces was completely gone, and without anyone to hold the scene, chaos ensued, and they scattered in all directions.

In the distant sky,

The Yan Leader and two other high-ranking officials, watching the scene unfold, all widened their eyes in disbelief.

"What's going on? Why isn't Yan Chuan here? Where are the others... The city is destroyed, what happened here?"

Commander Wei's mind was in turmoil.

The battle before his eyes was simply a one-sided slaughter.

"Commander Wei, should we take action?"

Someone beside him asked.

"Act? Unless all these people are annihilated, leaving no survivors."

Commander Wei shook his head.

Just the two spirit pets of Chen Yu were formidable; the likelihood of annihilating these several hundred people was too low.

In no time at all, Chen Yu and his men had completely driven off the enemy and occupied the city.

Upon the city walls, Chen Yu stood proudly, glancing into the distance with a faint smile.

"He's seen me."

Commander Wei could tell that Chen Yu was watching him.

The three of them had followed carefully, only to be detected by Chen Yu.

"Hahaha, it turns out Deputy Commander Chen knew the enemy's situation all along. This battle was beautifully fought. Congratulations to Deputy Commander Chen for another great achievement."

Commander Wei walked over slowly, putting on an enthusiastic front.

"Please, call me Commander Chen!"

Chen Yu said flatly.

Chapter 414: First Rise to Fame

"Chen Yu, we have both served Chu Country together, and we will often see each other in the future, so let's not take things too seriously!"

Guardian Wei's expression darkened and then he sneered.

He had never expected to find such a situation within the enemy city walls.

Otherwise, he definitely would not have made this wager with Chen Yu.

"Is Guardian Wei intending to go back on his word?"

Chen Yu's smile remained.

This time, Chen Yu directly addressed him as Guardian Wei.

The others present looked at Commander Wei with contempt in their hearts.

Seeing Chen Yu speak in such a manner and referring to himself as Guardian Wei, he knew that Chen Yu was determined to make him lose face.

"I thought you too young to bear such a responsibility, but since you insist, I will report to the higher-ups to transfer the command to you."

Commander Wei still maintained his image.

"Thank you for the trouble, Guardian Wei."

Chen Yu smiled faintly and turned to enter the city.

The city, built by enemies, was now occupied by Chen Yu and would become a new stronghold.

Chen Yu found a quiet and magnificent hall in which to settle down.

The next day, he ordered the troops from Qianshan City to be assembled and began reconstructing the city.

As for Guardian Wei, he returned to the Chu Country main camp.

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"What? You say you want to transfer the command to Chen Yu?"

Palace Master Fu looked down at Guardian Wei, nearly storming over to slap him several times.

He had sent Chen Yu to Qianshan City for Guardian Wei to trap and ideally kill Chen Yu.

Yet just a few days had passed, and Guardian Wei came back proposing to transfer his command to Chen Yu.

At this moment, Palace Master Fu even suspected whether Guardian Wei was an infiltrator from Yunyue Sect placed within the Bone Demon Palace.

"Palace Master, I had no choice

Then, Guardian Wei recounted the events in full detail.

Having accepted the wager in front of so many people, he could not go back on his word without losing face in Chu Country.

"Is this truly what happened?"

Palace Master Fu's eyes showed doubt.

A perfectly good city—how could it be left empty?

"Palace Master, do you think that kid may have already thrown in his lot with the Snow Mountain Tribe, that this was all an act they put on together?"

Guardian Wei begrudgingly voiced a strange idea.

From start to finish, he had not seen Chen Yu's real strength, nor had he witnessed him fighting with the enemy's upper echelons—it was no wonder he had such suspicions.

"It's not impossible."

Palace Master Fu also found it strange.

The primary enemy in Qianshan City was the Mantu Tribe.

This tribe was among the top three of the Nine Great Tribes of Snow Mountain, comparable to Qi Country Lingjian Sect.

Therefore, he simply did not believe Chen Yu had any means to eliminate the enemy's high-level figures without anyone noticing.

Palace Master Fu was actually more inclined to believe that Chen Yu was in collusion with the enemy.

"Let's do this: let him be the commander, and you stay by his side to see what he does next. If he truly betrays Chu Country, we can execute him immediately."

Palace Master Fu laid out his plan.

He did not know that Man Rong of the Mantu Tribe had been killed by Chen Yu.

Otherwise, he absolutely would not have allowed Guardian Wei to return.

"Understood."

Guardian Wei nodded and left.

After Guardian Wei departed, Palace Master Fu reluctantly calculated Chen Yu's battle merits.

"Rescuing twenty-three prisoners and capturing enemy territory!"

These two feats alone were very inspiring to announce, so the battle merits could not be meager.

In addition, capturing the territory involved only Chen Yu and an additional five hundred people, meaning that aside from Chen Yu, others would receive a significant amount of Battle Merit Points.

This significant event could not be concealed by Palace Master Fu.

That day, news of Chen Yu capturing a large city spread far and wide.

The Three Kingdoms had always been in a defensive situation, seldom launching attacks, and reports of capturing enemy territory were scarce.

Therefore, the moment this news spread, it caused a huge uproar.

"Have you heard? Chen Yu just got to Qianshan City, and he captured the enemy city that very night."

"I heard that Qianshan City has always been at a disadvantage, only able to defend passively and never initiating attacks. With such a disparity in strength, how did Chen Yu achieve this?"

"I also heard that Chen Yu led only five hundred men to rout the enemy completely."

Throughout Chu Country, everyone was talking about Chen Yu, the heroic figure.

In a certain city, upon hearing this news, Mei Changqing's gaze suddenly became vacant.

He was fiercely fighting enemies on the battlefield, shining brightly and accumulating an impressive record of battle merits, unbeaten among the younger generation.

Yet, on Chen Yu's very first day on the battlefield, his tally of battle merits was already close on his heels.

Probably in just a few days, he would be overtaken completely.

Three years of battle merits accumulated by Mei Changqing—Chen Yu could catch up in just a few days, leaving Mei Changqing feeling utterly devastated.

Meanwhile, in the Beiyuan's Mantu Tribe, Chen Yu's name also spread.

The Mantu Tribe was situated amidst majestic rivers and mountains.

Underwater, amidst the mountains, and in the sky, creatures roamed everywhere.

Suddenly.

"Rong'er is dead?"

A thunderous roar burst forth violently.

Birds and beasts between heaven and earth shook together, panicked and in disarray.

Only a few spirit pets with exceptionally strong auras looked towards an ancient and massive stone fortress in the heart of the land.

Inside the fortress, an old man with long hair and a beard that swept the floor trembled slightly, his face ghastly.

On both sides, numerous people held their breath, not daring to make a sound.

Man Rong, the most beloved grandson of the Mantu Clan Chief, had exceptional talent as a Beast Tamer, far surpassing the other offspring of the Man Family.

"Who is it? Who killed him?"

The elder with long hair glared, his terrifying Guiyuan Realm pressure bursting forth.

His floor-length beard and long hair floated up, making him look less like a man and more like a long-haired ferocious beast.

"It was a man named Chen Yu!"

Below, a warrior lay prostrate on the ground, his body trembling nonstop.

After all, Man Rong had died within their guarded city; it was their failure to protect him.

"Where is Yan Chuan? Didn't I instruct him to ensure Rong'er's safety?"

The elder's eyes flickered with a fierce light.

"Yan Leader is also dead, killed by Chen Yu."

The man continued to answer.

"He's dead too!"

The elder's gaze flickered, and he calmed down slightly. His floating hair and beard also fell back down.

"I remember now, the Great Witch once said that among the Three Kingdoms, there's a 'Destiny Protagonist,' who is also the 'Great Evil Star' of my Snow Mountain Tribe. This person is called Chen Yu."

The elder's gaze turned extremely gloomy.

His own grandson had run into the Destiny Protagonist of the Three Kingdoms; his luck was too terrible.

But the fact that the Destiny Protagonist could kill Man Rong and Yan Leader also showed he was no ordinary force.

"Destiny Protagonist?"

The others present all showed shocked expressions.

Previously, they hadn't believed in this because, for the Nine Great Tribes of Snow Mountain, conquering the Three Kingdoms was only a matter of time.

But in such a situation, the Mantu Tribe had lost a city, and even the Clanchief's grandson had been killed.

Could this be the start of the Destiny Protagonist affecting the fate of the Three Kingdoms?

Everyone was wary of the Destiny Protagonist.

It was precisely because of a Destiny Protagonist in the Snow Mountain Nine Great Tribes that they had been able to unite.

"Why not ask Meng Chixiong to deal with Chen Yu?"

An elder spoke up.

"Hmph, why should we boost his morale and diminish our own prestige? The mere Three Kingdoms cannot possibly have anyone who compares to Meng Chixiong."

A tall, dark-skinned man with abundant hair scoffed coldly.

"According to them, this Chen Yu hasn't reached the Guiyuan Realm yet. Clanchief, leave this matter to me!"

The dark-skinned man volunteered.

"Good, Man Tuo, I'll leave this task to you. You must bring Chen Yu's head back."

The Mantu Clan Chief pondered for a moment before making a decision.

He, too, didn't quite believe the talk of the Three Kingdoms' Destiny Protagonist. Even if Chen Yu were indeed the Destiny Protagonist, he was a newly emerged one; having Meng Chixiong deal with him would be making a mountain out of a molehill.

Besides, Meng Chixiong had his own agenda, and whether he would agree to come was another matter.

Man Tuo, once a genius of the clan, had advanced to the Guiyuan Realm and was extremely powerful.

"Man Tuo, take this."

The Mantu Clan Chief thought for a moment, then took out a black jar from his storage bag.

Upon opening the jar, a mass of dark red scorching mist floated out. On closer inspection, it contained a myriad of tiny, dark red dots.

"Are these 'Poisonous Fire Bugs'?"

Man Tuo's eyes shone brightly.

The Mantu Tribe's Clan Chief was not only a Beast Tamer but also a powerful Insect Cultivator.

These Poisonous Fire Bugs, small in size with strong defensive power, would make one feel as though they were burning in fierce fire if they were bitten; the pain was unbearable.

With such a powerful method, Man Tuo was even confident in killing those in the Guiyuan Realm.

After giving some additional instructions, the meeting concluded.

In the stone castle, only the Clan chief and another ancient-looking old woman were left.

The two moved their feet, walking through a gloomy passageway.

After traveling a distance, they arrived at an underground cavern.

The sight before them was a molten lava flow, with searing hot gases constantly rising, filling the entire cavern with a red-hot mist. Ordinary individuals at the Organ Refining Stage would likely be burnt to death on the spot if they were here.

Around the lava, there was a large Array, with a person sitting at each of the four corners.

"Have you arrived?"

One asked in greeting.

The Clan Chief and the old woman walked towards two of them, taking out some Fire Dao treasures and blood-red glazed beads.

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These blood-colored beads were made using the qi and blood of the freshly deceased.

"The numbers are fewer than before."

The old woman sighed.

"How much longer do we need before our 'Holy Beast' can recover?"

The Mantu Clan Chief inquired.

"It will be soon."

An emaciated elder answered.

"Good, when that time comes, my Mantu Tribe will become the strongest tribe, and the war of Beiyuan can end."

The Mantu Clan Chief's eyes were deep, and his voice carried an extremely strong confidence.

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Several days after Guardian Wei left, he returned to the city and relayed the decision from above to Chen Yu.

Chen Yu was now the commander of this city, while he himself had become the Deputy Commander.

Chen Yu did not care one bit about this.

Having just taken a new city, there were many aspects that needed restructuring, so Chen Yu remained relatively free, focusing on cultivating in seclusion.

Although the cultivation efficiency in Chu Country compared to that of No Demon Academy was like heaven and earth, Chen Yu still could not neglect his cultivation.

He also needed to prepare for his attempt to break through to the Guiyuan Realm.

In the war of Beiyuan, what truly decided the outcome were warriors at the Guiyuan Realm Level.

Hence, Chen Yu became more diligent recently.

A month later, within the secret chamber and not far from the Red Flame King, a surge of scorching power erupted within its body but was quickly restrained.

"Innate Peak?"

Chen Yu opened his eyes.

Just having broken through to Innate Peak and then perfectly concealing his aura the next moment—this showed the original high level of the Red Flame King.

Chapter 415: Falling into a Trap

"Innate Peak already?"

Chen Yu opened his eyes and looked at the Red Flame King.

Having just broken through to the Innate Peak, his next moment perfectly concealed his aura, showing the high level of the Red Flame King's original realm.

"What kind of damn place is this, and only now have I reached the Innate Peak,"

Said the Red Flame King, quite dissatisfied.

Had he been in Yun Zhao Country's No Demon Academy, he might have reached the Innate Peak much earlier.

Moreover, to have reached the Innate Peak so quickly in a place like Chu Country was also quite remarkable.

Looking at Chen Yu, whose training progress was slower, he was not in a hurry.

The new city was relatively stable, and he wasn't rushing to attack.

After all, if the other strongholds along the defensive line couldn't keep pace with Chen Yu's steps, and only his position kept advancing, it would be easy for the enemy to surround him on three sides. Even someone as capable as Chen Yu couldn't avoid unexpected incidents.

Thus, Chen Yu used this free time for training, preparing for the breakthrough to the Guiyuan Realm.

"By the way, lad, that sword is now 50% refined. You can use it to aid your training,"

Suggested the Red Flame King after observing Chen Yu's slow progress.

"Is that so?"

Chen Yu hesitated for a moment before pulling a pitch-black bone sword from his storage bag.

Deputy Commander Wei often appeared nearby, seemingly keeping an eye on Chen Yu, but he did not take it to heart.

"You might as well try."

The Red Flame King sounded indifferent.

Chen Yu said no more and channeled Demon True Qi into the bone sword.

As soon as the Demon Qi surged into it, the sword trembled, the Demon Qi inside it affected strangely, becoming altered.

When the stream of Demon Qi returned to Chen Yu, his mind was suddenly filled with deep Demon Dao insights.

"If used well, indeed the training speed is doubled."

Chen Yu's expression brightened.

This sword possessed a spirit and could unleash tremendous power even without someone controlling it.

And Chen Yu could slightly comprehend that profound and mysterious power through this sword while also refining the Demon Qi with its help.

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Tens of miles away from the city where Chen Yu resided, the enemy tribe had already built a new stronghold on a well-defensive spot and gathered a large number of troops.

Wu Hai was the commander of this stronghold, noticeably shorter and with sunken eyes, but they were very expressive.

Inside a simple tent, the high-ranking officials gathered.

"It's surprising that Yan Leader actually failed,"

Wu Hai sighed.

Firstly, the nine tribes had rarely experienced defeat. Moreover, the troops led by Yan Leader were elite, with strength far surpassing Qianshan City, yet they still faced a crushing defeat.

"Even Yan Leader was killed. If the enemy attacks, our hastily constructed stronghold might not be able to hold at all."

To the right, an elder shook his head and sighed, worrying for their lives.

Although they didn't need to fight Chen Yu's forces head-on—they could retreat immediately if the enemy attacked—accidents might happen.

With these words, the atmosphere among those present dimmed.

"Don't forget, Man Rong died at Chen Yu's hands. The Mantu Tribe will definitely not let this go,"

Wu Hai's eyes flashed.

The expressions of the others changed, and their faces regained some color.

Just then, a voice as heavy as a mountain suddenly resounded inside the tent: "Indeed, the Mantu Tribe will not let this go."

The next moment, a dark-skinned robust man appeared in the tent without any warning.

The atmosphere tensed, everyone feeling a massive pressure, making every movement extremely difficult.

"Elder Man Tuo!"

Wu Hai's voice trembled, filled with excitement.

He recognized this man, a Guiyuan Realm powerhouse from the Mantu Tribe.

As he expected, the Mantu Tribe would not let this go and had sent a Guiyuan Realm powerhouse.

"Tell me everything you know about the enemy."

Man Tuo suddenly sat down and calmly spoke.

"Yes!"

The high-ranking official then narrated everything he knew.

After listening, Man Tuo scoffed.

The enemy city's military force was not strong, even somewhat weak, and had few high-level fighters.

As for Chen Yu, he often secluded himself, uninvolved in external affairs.

If Man Tuo were Chen Yu, after gaining fame from one battle, he would have pursued the victory relentlessly, not giving the enemy a chance to breathe, expanding the advantage for Chu Country.

This showed that Chen Yu either lacked ambition or didn't know how to deploy troops and conduct warfare.

"From now on, only you few know I'm here. If this information leaks, I'll exterminate the informant's family, making their lives worse than death,"

Man Tuo said softly, his words exuding a dangerous aura that sent shivers down the spine.

"Yes."

The others nodded repeatedly.

They dared not defy the will of a Guiyuan Realm powerhouse.

At the same time, they were curious, as to why Elder Man Tuo did not want others to know his whereabouts?

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Three months had passed since Chen Yu came to the new city.

The discussions about his conquests had been overshadowed by news from other battlefields.

After all, the battlefield of Chu Country was vast, with battles occurring nearly every day.

During this period, Chen Yu had been wholly focused on training, barely attending to anything else.

However, Nangong Li, Mu Xueqing, and other former sect mates occasionally visited him for guidance or casual chats.

Additionally, they also knew about Chen Yu becoming an elder of the Yunyue Sect.

Now on the battlefield, they needed to call him Commander in presence, but privately, Chen Yu remained their elder.

Chen Yu was not stingy at all; he not only provided guidance on their cultivation problems but also gave them some extremely precious cultivation resources.

One day, Deputy Commander Wei gathered several high-ranking officials and summoned Chen Yu.

Inside the council hall.

"Commander Chen, the enemy base ahead is weak. This is a great opportunity for us to attack and it should not be missed!" Commander Wei said.

Chen Yu had become a commander, yet he managed nothing; all these matters were handled by Deputy Commander Wei.

"Commander Chen's battle in the past had shaken Chu Country, and having rested and gathered strength for so long, it's time to launch an attack."

Another high-ranking official's eyes sparkled as he spoke spiritedly.

They had come to the battlefield to participate in the war because of the Battle Merit Points.

Since Chen Yu was able to defeat the Yan Leader and capture territories, he could naturally break through the next stronghold easily.

Last time, he did not follow Chen Yu and missed out on Battle Merit Points, which he deeply regretted.

"Commander Chen, it's somewhat lackluster to just stay here and do nothing."

Deputy Commander Wei chuckled lowly.

After the famous battle and becoming commander, Chen Yu was not hurried at all; he behaved as if nothing mattered, and had been in secluded cultivation all along, paying no attention to the battlefield situation, and everyone had already rested for three months.

This made Deputy Commander Wei even more convinced that Chen Yu had some collusion with the Snow Mountain Tribe.

Therefore, he incited a group of high-ranking officials to call Chen Yu out.

If Chen Yu kept to his seclusion, how could Deputy Commander Wei gather evidence of Chen Yu's collusion with the Snow Mountain Tribe?

"Since that's the case, let's attack."

Chen Yu thought about it and felt that this matter was not very impactful.

"Good!"

The rest of the high-ranking officials were invigorated.

Deputy Commander Wei narrowed his eyes slightly, and he was determined to keep a close watch on Chen Yu during the upcoming period. If he could obtain any evidence, he would have achieved a great feat.

A day later, Chen Yu led the army to attack in full force.

Inside the enemy stronghold, the leader Wu Hai led his troops to resist briefly before completely giving up and retreating swiftly.

The battle was incredibly smooth, with the lowest casualties and losses since the start of the war.

"We won a total victory, truly thrilling!"

"Hahaha, what Nine Major Tribes, so weak."

Everyone celebrated with great joy.

The group temporarily stationed at the new stronghold and continued celebrating late into the night.

Chen Yu was also among the ranks, but he harbored a doubt in his heart.

The battle had gone too smoothly, and it was clear that the enemy had already planned their retreat, engaging in a brief skirmish before retreating as a whole.

Logically, since he had seized an enemy city, the enemy should have paid close attention to this place; even if they didn't recapture the city, they should at least ensure they didn't continue to lose.

Inside a large tent, Deputy Commander Wei's expression was dark, and he was equally puzzled.

"This Chen Yu must be in collusion with the Nine Major Tribes, otherwise how could we have so smoothly captured another stronghold!" Deputy Commander Wei gritted his teeth.

Regrettably, despite keeping an eye on Chen Yu recently, he had not discovered any suspicious activities from Chen Yu.

At that moment.

Woo-woo! Thump-thump!

Suddenly, a series of horn and drum sounds erupted around the stronghold, deafening.

The celebrating people were stunned in an instant.

"Enemy attack, we are under attack!"

Someone exclaimed in shock, and the scene immediately turned chaotic, with continuous cries and shouts.

Chen Yu's eyes lit up instantly, and he smiled slightly, "Right, this is normal."

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

From inside the tent, figures rushed out, their expressions panicked.

"We are done for, we've fallen into the enemy's trap."

An elder looked anxious.

Clearly, the enemy had intentionally given up the stronghold, waiting for the group to celebrate and lower their guard at their most relaxed moment before suddenly attacking.

Rumble rumble~

The ground trembled slightly, and from all directions, massive dark figures converged, with some flying spirit pets circling in the sky as well.

Based purely on the sound, one could roughly guess the massive number of the enemy.

"This is bad, we're surrounded."

Deputy Commander Wei's face turned to horror.

Had the enemy just launched a frontal attack, they would have still had the strength to resist and slowly regain composure.

But now, with enemies on all sides, it was too difficult to regain morale at this stage.

"Hahaha, did you really think we, the Nine Major Tribes, were unprepared and would just obediently hand over the territory to you?"

A massive troop in the front burst into laughter with Wu Hai's voice.

"Hehe, today we will completely capture all of you."

On the right side, a blond man sneered.

Deputy Commander Wei recognized this man as a strong warrior from another stronghold; it seemed Wu Hai had secretly planned this a long time ago and sought support from other city strongholds.

"Attack!"

Wu Hai gave the command.

Caw caw~

In the sky, several ugly brown birds screeched shrilly, swooping down.

As they reached the airspace above the stronghold, their claws released one by one, dropping red glass bottles.

"This is 'Corpse Transformation Flame'!"

Deputy Commander Wei's face changed dramatically.

Once those glass bottles broke, the Corpse Transformation Flame inside would cover a wide area instantly. The burning capability of this flame was extremely strong, particularly at burning the vitality of life. Anyone below the Qi Transformation Realm who got tainted with it would be burned to nothing in no time.

Chapter 416: Battle with Man Tuo

People who had spent time on the battlefield almost all recognized "Corpse Transformation Flame."

This fire had an incredibly strong burning effect on life force. If someone at the Qi Transformation Realm or below were contaminated, it wouldn't take long before they were burned to nothing.

Even if someone at the Qi Transformation Realm was afflicted, it was extremely difficult to remove. The infected body would also carry the corpse poison, and the wounds would fester and stink.

Whoosh!

Instantly, a high-level practitioner at the Qi Transformation Realm soared into the sky, waved his palm, and created a gust of wind that sent a glass vial flying into an open space.

Boom!

At once, a dark red ghostly fire ignited, engulfing an area of several meters in radius and spreading outward, but fortunately not harming anyone.

The other high-level individuals also took action, using similar methods to avoid casualties.

But the enemy had more tricks up their sleeve.

Swoosh, swoosh, swoosh!

From all around, countless arrows came flying.

Many glass vials were pierced by the arrows, bursting upon impact, and a layer of dark red ghostly fire descended, infecting several soldiers at the Organ Refining Stage. In just a short while, they were burned to a crisp.

Around them, flames flared and arrows flew in confusion.

"Ah

Screams were continuous and unending.

"Deputy Commander Wei, what should we do?"

A high-level officer asked.

At this critical moment, some of the old-timers and higher-ups still turned to Guardian Wei first for advice.

After all, Guardian Wei was more experienced and had spent many years on the battlefield.

But Chen Yu, although a commander, was too young.

"Faced with such a situation, our only choice is to fight our way out and then retreat!"

Deputy Commander Wei pondered for a moment and revealed an expression of despair.

"Brother Yu, what do we do?"

Mu Xueqing hurried to Chen Yu's side, her face filled with panic.

"Annihilate the enemy!"

Chen Yu spoke with resolution, uttering two words.

"What?"

Many nearby heard those words and were immediately scared out of their wits.

Right now, they were surrounded on all sides, with the enemy's numbers at least three times their own.

Faced with such a situation, Chen Yu actually gave the order to annihilate the enemy.

Young people were always hot-blooded and impulsive, incapable of seeing the bigger picture.

"Commander Chen, such an action will only lead to our entire army being wiped out."

Deep inside, Deputy Commander Wei was slightly pleased and immediately objected.

At such a critical moment, Chen Yu's command was a perfect opportunity to bring him down!

"Indeed, we are outnumbered; how can we possibly annihilate the enemy?"

One person spoke with resentment.

However, not everyone immediately dismissed Chen Yu's idea.

The prisoners who had been rescued by Chen Yu, along with the five hundred people who had followed Chen Yu to capture territories, mostly remained silent, having yet to make a decision.

Chen Yu couldn't be bothered to explain. With a slap on his pet bag, he released the Red Flame King.

"I'll leave it to you," said Chen Yu.

"Since it's a game of fire, I won't haggle with you this time."

The Red Flame King's eyes slightly narrowed as he glanced around.

In the next moment, his body became a bit translucent, emitting a faint red glow.

Whoosh~

From the mouth of the Red Flame King, a dazzlingly bright red fireball was spewed out. The fireball bounced repeatedly, radiating strange energy fluctuations.

All around, many people were drawn to the Red Flame King.

After all, the aura of an ancient beast was very strong, and at that moment, the flame in the Red Flame King's mouth was particularly eye-catching, with strong True Qi fluctuations.

It wasn't only their own side; many on the enemy's side also looked towards the Red Flame King, their eyes sparkling with anticipation.

"A Fire Scale Beast, a powerful ancient creature flowing with the bloodline of the Qilin Sacred Beast."

"Capture it alive – don't injure this fellow by accident later."

Many powerhouses eyed the Red Flame King with unabashed greed.

"What's it doing?"

Someone asked.

The rest also suddenly developed this curiosity.

Suddenly.

The Corpse Transformation Flame around the battlefield leaped up, transforming into thin streams of flame, rushing towards the fireball in the Red Flame King's mouth and merging into it.

The Red Flame King itself showed no discomfort.

In truth, the Red Flame King was merely absorbing the fiery power from the surroundings, so there was no adverse effect. The Corpse Tao Power in the Corpse Transformation Flame, without the support of the fire, was unable to stir up any trouble.

A practitioner at the Qi Transformation Early Stage was attempting to extinguish the Corpse Transformation Flame on his body, but in the next moment, the Corpse Transformation Flame transformed into a stream of flame, flying off into the distance.

"This

Both enemies and allies were utterly shocked.

Soon, the sky and earth darkened.

Belch~

The Red Flame King let out a satisfying burp, extending a claw to pat its belly.

Whoosh!

Chen Yu opened his mouth and inhaled, causing wind to howled around him and his robes to flutter loudly.

"Kill!"

In the next moment, he shouted fiercely, and a sonic attack spread out in front of him.

It was just a casual strike, but it still possessed immense destructive power.

Several high-level individuals directly in front of him immediately started bleeding from the corners of their mouths and noses, some collapsing backward. Those behind also suffered greatly, resulting in a momentary chaos.

At the same time, the word "Kill" spoken by Chen Yu using the Copper Lion Roar technique was even more inspiring.

Swoosh!

Chen Yu immediately charged forward, pulled out his Giant Ruler Sword, and with a fierce sweep, a monstrous wave of demonic runes crashed forth.

The might of this single sword strike was fierce and unparalleled, causing the enemy powerhouses to become greatly concerned.

Chen Yu's successive actions not only deterred the enemy but also rekindled the fighting spirit of his own side.

"Kill!"

Nangong Li and Fang Haofei both roared.

Suddenly, the rest followed suit, more and more people joining Chen Yu in the fray.

Deputy Commander Wei stood rooted to the spot, his initial intent to win over the crowd foiled as Chen Yu gained everyone's favor with his actions.

Having no other choice, he could only follow the crowd.

Boom! Chen Yu swept out with his sword, instantly slaying two Innate warriors who tried to resist.

This scene shocked everyone nearby.

"This guy's weapon seems to be a Half Spirit Artifact,"

Someone recognized the rank of Chen Yu's Giant Ruler Sword.

"Half Spirit Artifact!"

Many eyes gleamed with greed.

Even ordinary warriors in the Guiyuan Realm might not possess a Half Spirit Artifact, underscoring its immense value.

Promptly, the enemy's top masters converged, deciding to encircle and kill Chen Yu.

"You're dead."

Chen Yu's colossal sword surged with demonic patterns, emanating a dark and twisted force field.

Boom! A vast dark sword wave roared into existence as he swung his sword.

"So strong."

Only by facing Chen Yu directly could they truly grasp the terrifying power of his sword.

Suddenly, from not far in the crowd, a loud and heavy voice rang out, "Make way, leave this man to me!"

Swoosh! A black figure burst forward, a massive pressuring aura from the Guiyuan Realm unfurling in all directions.

Instantly, nearly everyone on the battlefield felt an irresistible, formidable presence.

"A Guiyuan Realm powerhouse!"

"There's a Guiyuan Realm fighter supporting us!"

The enemy tribe's warriors were unaware of this and became incredibly excited.

With a Guiyuan Realm powerhouse joining the battle, there was no suspense in the outcome—the victor was already decided.

Meanwhile, the fighting spirit just ignited within their adversaries snuffed out in an instant.

"Guiyuan Realm, a Guiyuan Realm powerhouse has actually intervened!"

"We're doomed, everyone's going to die!"

Many were stupefied on the spot, their expressions blank as if they had lost their souls.

Swoosh! The black figure rushed in front of Chen Yu, waving an arm and sending out a surge of dark light.

Boom! Chen Yu's sword wave blasted forward, only to explode and vanish on impact.

"Man Tuo the elder!"

"The Guiyuan Realm powerhouse of the Mantu Tribe."

Many from the tribes recognized Man Tuo's figure, causing a chorus of exclamations.

At that moment, almost all eyes and minds were fixated on Man Tuo.

And in the world around them, it seemed as if an invisible mighty force was under his command, imposing infinite pressure on those who opposed him.

"Kid, to force me into action in such a situation, you can die at ease."

Man Tuo said with a light chuckle, moving with calm steps.

Bang! At a certain moment, a deep footprint appeared in the ground, and Man Tuo transformed into a black blur, charging ferociously towards Chen Yu.

The explosive speed in that instant was shocking, that formidable and aggressive aura making it impossible for anyone to look him in the eye directly.

Behind Chen Yu, a few who saw Man Tuo charging toward them went weak at the knees, falling backward, landing with a dull thud on the ground, staring blankly.

"Brother Yu, run!"

Mu Xueqing looked toward Chen Yu, tears welling in her eyes, shouting loudly.

However, facing Man Tuo directly, Chen Yu displayed only a trace of surprise, without any other change.

Hum! Chen Yu's body suddenly radiated a jet-black demonic light, mysterious inscriptions appearing fleetingly upon his skin, evoking a sense of eerie mystery.

Harnessing the power of the demonic pattern, Chen Yu faced the charging Man Tuo head-on, blasting out with his sword.

"Courting death."

Man Tuo's fist shone with a dark glow, forming a black, gleaming punch aura.

Boom! Fist and sword collided, a black storm rising shockingly, reverberating in all directions.

Nearby, several people were outright annihilated by the residual waves from Chen Yu and Man Tuo's clash, even more were blasted meters away.

On the ground, a massive pit formed, with Chen Yu and Man Tuo standing motionless, like immovable boulders.

Man Tuo stared at Chen Yu, a hint of shock and surprise emerging in his eyes.

And around, those who witnessed this scene collectively inhaled sharply, their hearts filled with indescribable astonishment.

"Is... is this a fake?"

Deputy Commander Wei stuttered in fright upon witnessing the scene.

That was a Guiyuan Realm powerhouse, and yet Chen Yu had just blocked his attack head-on.

More people were dumbstruck, pinching themselves hard before they could accept the reality of what they had just seen.

Just as everyone was in shock.

Bang! Man Tuo, positioned at the center of the crater, with a concentrated gaze, unexpectedly unleashed another strike.

This time, Man Tuo had held back before, but now he used his full strength in this attack.

Chen Yu remained composed, his physique's strength erupting, his True Qi surging as he unleashed another sword strike.

Boom! A thunderous roar erupted once more, and as the dust settled, both individuals in the center of the crater stood unshaken, not having moved an inch.

"Impossible!"

Man Tuo was incredibly stunned and his expression swiftly darkened, becoming extremely serious, his killing intent unmistakable.

He had previously boasted in front of the Clan Leader and many high-ranking officials that he would bring back Chen Yu's head, no failure permitted.

This time, Man Tuo no longer saw Chen Yu as a junior, but as a formidable enemy.

"It's been a while since I got serious, come on."

Chen Yu shrugged his shoulders with a slight shake, assuming a posture of warming up, then looked toward Man Tuo with anticipation.

Man Tuo's expression froze, then turned furious, no longer regarding Chen Yu as a junior, but as a formidable enemy.

Yet, the way Chen Yu acted, he hardly saw him as a formidable opponent, but rather as someone to practice with.

Chapter 417: Shocking the Entire Audience

At this moment, what attracted more attention in the pit was not Man Tuo, but Chen Yu.

Facing Man Tuo directly and clashing with two moves without a clear winner, could this be something achievable by someone in the Qi Transformation Realm?

The arrival of Man Tuo was like a huge disaster for the people of Chu Country, while the appearance of Chen Yu was like the dawn breaking at daybreak.

"Kill, follow Commander Chen and carve a bloody path."

Seeing hope, the crowd roared and fought valiantly.

Deputy Commander Wei felt extremely conflicted upon seeing this scene.

He both hoped that Chen Yu would die there and also hoped Chen Yu could defeat Man Tuo and lead everyone to break out of the encirclement and escape to safety.

Of course, no matter what, he had to survive.

"Group together, don't charge blindly."

Deputy Commander Wei took control of the overall situation and strategically contended with the numerously superior enemy.

Boom!

The pit exploded again, sending dust flying and black demonic light soaring into the sky.

"Ancient Barbarian Fist!"

Man Tuo roared, unleashing a terrifying aura. His body grew slightly larger, and combined with his dark skin and long hair, he looked just like a giant gorilla.

Especially Man Tuo's fists, which became even sturdier and extremely hard.

Boom!

Before the fist even struck, the intense wind pressure surged toward Chen Yu.

However, Chen Yu's physique was immensely strong, unaffected by the pressure, he swung his sword vigorously, unleashing the gravitational field of the Giant Ruler Sword.

Thud! Thud! Thud!

Man Tuo threw several punches in succession, all perfectly blocked by Chen Yu's giant sword.

Chen Yu stood his ground, solid as a rock, whereas Man Tuo, affected by the immense force from Chen Yu, felt a slight numbness in his arms and his body shook a bit.

"Is this kid made of steel?"

A wave of turmoil surged inside Man Tuo.

People from the Mantu Tribe were mostly Beast Tamers, but he was an exception, skilled in close combat with formidable frontal battle capabilities.

Yet, at this moment, he could not shake Chen Yu, which filled Man Tuo's heart with a sense of defeat.

After a round of Ancient Barbarian Fist, Man Tuo briefly paused to catch his breath.

However, Chen Yu, seemingly untired, launched an even more fierce attack.

The gravitational field around him exerted tremendous pressure on Man Tuo's body. Facing the powerful black sword attacks, Man Tuo managed to withstand several blows but soon felt overwhelmed.

At one moment, Man Tuo patted his storage bag, releasing a dark blue shadow that darted behind him.

On a closer look, it was a dark blue fox with sparkling bright blue eyes and three tails.

This blue fox, clearly a beast of ancient lineage at the peak of Innate, yet possessed the combat power of Guiyuan Realm level.

"Not good, Man Tuo has released his Spirit Pet."

A high-ranking official from Chu Country exclaimed.

Generally, Beast Tamers stood behind, commanding their Spirit Pets to fight, but Man Tuo, lacking in Beast Taming skills and proficient in close combat, along with his owned Spirit Pet, had formidable killing capabilities.

Nangong Li, Mu Xueqing, and others close to Chen Yu were even more worried.

Being able to contend with Guiyuan Realm warriors was already incredible, and now they had to face such a powerful Spirit Pet.

The moment the blue fox appeared, it opened its mouth wide, condensing a cold light inside and then firing it out.

Swoosh!

A blue icy aurora streaked across the sky and landed on Chen Yu.

The blue fox and Man Tuo coordinated very well, launching an attack instantly as it appeared, Chen Yu couldn't dodge in time and was hit by the blue ice light on his left shoulder.

Instantly, a layer of dark blue ice formed.

"Ha ha ha, lad, this is my Spirit Pet, one of us excels in close combat, the other in ranged combat, our coordination is impeccable."

Man Tuo laughed wildly.

He knew Chen Yu's defenses were astounding and didn't expect his Spirit Pet could hurt Chen Yu, but as long as it could slow down Chen Yu's speed and agility, he could secure a victory.

Seizing this moment, Man Tuo threw a punch.

However, Man Tuo underestimated Chen Yu.

To be precise, he underestimated the “Heavenly Demon Secret Pattern Record.”

Chen Yu’s “Heavenly Demon Secret Pattern Record” at its third tier was already perfect, even the attacks from ordinary Guiyuan Realm warriors found it hard to harm Chen Yu, let alone this fox’s harassing attacks.

Chen Yu fully activated his Secret Pattern Demon Body, True Qi flowed through his body, unleashing a domineering demonic power that scattered around, making Chen Yu at this moment look extraordinary, like an unmatched Demon Lord.

The ice on his shoulder shattered instantly.

Swoosh! Boom!

Chen Yu struck with a sword fast as lightning.

Man Tuo’s arm went numb, his bones ached immensely, and his figure slid backward more than ten meters before stopping.

"Three-tailed Ice Fox, continue the attack!"

Man Tuo’s expression turned severe.

Although Chen Yu had burst forth in an instant, making the Three-tailed Ice Fox’s attack ineffective,

Man Tuo believed that Chen Yu definitely exhausted a lot of True Qi at that moment.

And the attacks of the Three-tailed Ice Fox surely had some effect, not completely without any result.

Right after he finished speaking, a black demonic shadow approached Man Tuo, black demonic patterns surged ferociously, pressing down.

"Damn, such fast speed."

Man Tuo gritted his teeth and countered with his fists.

Swoosh!

The blue fox, now at some distance, kept firing blue icy lights from its mouth, like pale blue meteors streaking across the sky and plummeting down.

However, Chen Yu grew increasingly fierce, with fast attacks and strong power, offering no breathing space to Man Tuo, completely ignoring the interference from the Three-tailed Ice Fox.

"How can this be... completely ineffective?"

Man Tuo grew increasingly alarmed.

The continuous shots from the Three-tailed Ice Fox all hit Chen Yu, but had no effect.

While he himself was completely overwhelmed by Chen Yu, reduced to just defending, and now internal injuries had started appearing.

Around, both friends and foes witnessing the battle between Man Tuo and Chen Yu were stunned for a moment.

The Guiyuan Realm expert, with the assistance of a Spirit Pet, was actually beaten down by someone from the Qi Transformation Realm so badly that they couldn't hold their head high.

Is this the Guiyuan Realm they once regarded as unreachable?

"Fantastic, Commander Chen is so powerful. It looks like we might have a chance to survive this time."

A high-ranking official from Chu Country was overjoyed, and the rest of the participating combatants were even more delighted.

Now, their primary goal was to keep their lives safe and wait for an opportunity.

Luckily the Red Flame King was continuously assisting them; the combat power of this Spirit Pet was equally terrifying. It always provided assistance at crucial moments, affecting the course of the battle.

However, at that moment, Man Tuo from the other side let out an angry shout,

"Chen Yu, you're asking for it!"

Man Tuo took out a black jar from his storage bag and violently smashed it.

Instantly, dark red spots teemed and floated densely in midair.

With Chen Yu's senses, he could see clearly that these were all insects.

"Poison Firebugs!"

Wu Hai saw those little bugs, his mind trembled instantly, showing a look of fear.

The Poison Firebugs were extremely small, and if even one of them penetrated the body, it would release a painful fire poison.

And now, Man Tuo had released so many Poison Firebugs.

Even if an ordinary Qi Transformation Realm used True Qi for defense, the Poison Firebugs could use their fiery nature to burn the True Qi away.

That wasn't all, after releasing the Poison Firebugs, Man Tuo took out three red pearls and smashed them fiercely.

Suddenly, a terrifying force of flames burst forth, sweeping around a dozen yards, forming a sea of fire.

In this sea of fire, the capabilities of the Poison Firebugs were significantly enhanced. They crazily swarmed towards Chen Yu, driving all the flames around them, enclosing Chen Yu in a fireball.

"Hahaha, the Poison Firebugs given to me by the Clan Leader, combined with the Fiery Fire Pearl, have the power to even slay ordinary Guiyuan Realm warriors!"

Man Tuo revealed a winner's smile.

The people from Chu Country saw this scene, and their expressions turned grim.

Thinking about the combination of Poison Firebugs and Fiery Fire Pearl was terrifying—was Chen Yu still a match for Man Tuo?

The Red Flame King glanced indifferently, not worried at all.

If Chen Yu had been fighting with all his might, the battle would probably have ended already.

Suddenly, Man Tuo perceived something unusual.

He saw that the fireball surrounded by flames and Poison Firebugs maintained a fixed size and couldn't shrink at all.

At one moment.

Boom!

A black sword suddenly pierced out, and the fireball violently dispersed.

Inside, a demon pattern shield appeared, and Chen Yu was within it, completely unharmed.

Chen Yu's "Demon Scale Protection" was extremely strong in defense; unless these Poison Firebugs were given enough time, they absolutely couldn't break through.

"Your trump cards must be almost exhausted."

Chen Yu said calmly, bursting forth.

At this moment, looking towards Chen Yu, Man Tuo experienced a feeling of fear.

"Attack!"

He shouted frantically.

The Three-tailed Ice Fox spat out a cold light from its mouth, and the Poison Firebugs charged aggressively, launching another attack.

"Slash!"

Chen Yu mobilized Half-step True Essence, displayed a Sword Dao battle technique, and swung out a ring-shaped demon pattern Sword Qi.

Bam! Bam! Bam!

The cold blue ice light shattered instantly, and the Poison Firebugs that came in contact with Chen Yu's Sword Qi were also instantly annihilated, turning into small black dots, scattering down.

This sword's power hadn't dissipated yet and swept forward horizontally.

"Half-step True Essence!"

Man Tuo's scalp tingled.

Possessing Half-step True Essence before breaking through to the Guiyuan Realm was extremely rare in the Beiyuan Region.

And the feeling of Chen Yu's Half-step True Essence to him was almost equivalent to the ordinary Guiyuan Realm's True Yuan, compounded with the Half Spirit Artifact in Chen Yu's hand, this sword was incredibly powerful.

Man Tuo's fists shone with black light, managing to block the residual might of Chen Yu's sword.

And, he used the force of the impact to retreat backward.

At this moment, Man Tuo chose to flee.

Chen Yu's speed, defense, and attack were all far superior to Man Tuo. Continuing to fight might lead to Man Tuo's downfall, hence his decision.

"You can leave only if you leave your head behind."

Chen Yu said with a light smile and surged upward.

Hearing this sentence, Man Tuo cursed inwardly—if he left his head behind, how could he still leave?

The people from the Snow Mountain Nine Tribes were dumbfounded by this scene.

How could the Guiyuan Realm expert from the Mantu Tribe run away? What should they do now?

Fortunately, Chen Yu chased after him.

"Retreat... retreat!"

Wu Hai immediately gave the order.

Man Tuo was surely defeated. If Chen Yu attacked them, it would be an overwhelming slaughter.

Anyway, the Nine Tribes were sure to send a Guiyuan Realm to confront Chen Yu; they didn't need to clash with Chen Yu to the death.

"Stop him!"

Man Tuo immediately ordered the Three-tailed Ice Fox and the Poison Firebugs.

Instantly, the Three-tailed Ice Fox exerted all its power, releasing a wave of icy light. The Poison Firebugs formed into a sea of fire and surged forward.

If they could just delay Chen Yu for a moment, Man Tuo would be able to escape to another city stronghold and seek help.

Chen Yu's expression was cool as he used the Half-step True Essence. The giant sword swept horizontally, breaking through everything. The remaining attacks that landed on him had no effect.

"This is... too brutal!"

The people from Chu Country were profoundly shaken by this scene.

From start to finish, Chen Yu didn't retreat at all. With one man and one sword, he destroyed all of Man Tuo's methods and scared him away.

Chapter 418: Great Fame Shakes

Deputy Commander Wei's mind buzzed, and by now, he had almost figured out why there had been no one inside the enemy's city initially, and how Chen Yu had easily taken it over with five hundred men.

It could be because, long before that, Chen Yu had rescued the enemy's top brass by cutting them down, thereby scaring off the soldiers stationed in the city.

With Chen Yu's current strength, accomplishing this had been quite easy.

Suddenly, Deputy Commander Wei also remembered how he had constantly opposed Chen Yu and had created no small enmity with him.

Thinking of this made sweat bead on his forehead.

Only now did he realize that he might have lingered outside the gates of death many times.

At this moment, he was even thankful that Chen Yu hadn't sent him into the gates of death.

In the sky,

Boom, boom, boom~

Chen Yu shattered the attacks of the Three-tailed Ice Fox and the Venomous Fire Worm with a single sword strike, moving like a pitch-black whirlwind sweeping through.

"Damn!"

Man Tuo's heart trembled violently when he witnessed that scene.

He had left the Venomous Fire Worm and the Three-tailed Ice Fox to make a solo escape, but in reality, it hadn't worked well at all; neither the Three-tailed Ice Fox nor the Venomous Fire Worm could hold Chen Yu back for even a moment.

Man Tuo was strong in close combat, but speed wasn't his forte, only average.

Whoosh!

In that moment, Man Tuo was fleeing with all his might.

However, a raging wind bellowed louder and louder behind him, and a demonic aura overwhelmed the area.

Man Tuo knew he couldn't escape.

"I'm going all out against you!"

Man Tuo suddenly turned around, showing a readiness to face death.

Of course, he mainly wanted to make Chen Yu retreat by showing that, although he wasn't Chen Yu's match, if Chen Yu wanted to kill him, it would cost him dearly, perhaps even his life.

But he thought wrong; his abilities couldn't possibly frighten Chen Yu.

Thump thump! Thump, thump, thump!

Chen Yu's heart surged, and Half-step True Essence coalesced, a demonic rune light wave swirling around the Giant Ruler Sword in his hand.

Whoosh!

Chen Yu suddenly exploded forward, quick as a black bolt of lightning, and the Giant Ruler Sword slashed in a straight line.

In that moment, the combat power that Chen Yu released made Man Tuo feel unreal and sense the breath of death.

In his mind, this battle should have been a time when he dominated the enemy, decapitating Chen Yu and returning to the Mantu Tribe to claim his reward.

However, reality profoundly illustrated the unpredictability of life.

Man Tuo roared loudly, igniting his True Yuan, bursting forth with immense momentum, both fists striking simultaneously.

Swoosh!

But it was all in vain; Chen Yu, wielding the giant sword, charged fiercely, piercing through everything in front.

The eruption from his heart doubled Chen Yu's speed and strength. Coupled with Half-step True Essence and Half Spirit Artifact, the already wounded Man Tuo couldn't withstand the strike, taking a severe blow, spewing blood, and being sent flying backward.

Chen Yu did not give him a chance to breathe, erupting again, closing in on Man Tuo, the giant sword swinging fiercely.

Spurt!

Blood sprayed, Man Tuo's head soared into the air, and Chen Yu extended his giant sword, catching it stably.

"A head from the Guiyuan Realm, that's worth quite a few military merits."

Chen Yu placed the head into a cloth bag, tossing it into the "Smoke-spitting Pearl."

Then, he swiftly returned to his original position.

But on the way, he saw the enemy forces already retreating.

These retreating enemies lost their souls at the sight of Chen Yu, becoming a chaotic mess, fleeing frantically.

Chen Yu glanced below, casually killing a few Qi Transformation Realm.

"So soon they have returned, Man Tuo escaped?"

In the far distance, Wu Hai watched Chen Yu sweeping across the sky, relieved.

Luckily, Chen Yu did not pursue to the bitter end; otherwise, at least half of their people would have died.

Numbers were useless in the face of absolute power.

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When Chen Yu returned to his stronghold, the scene was solemn, most people showing joy, but some who had grievances with Chen Yu were restless and anxious.

Some mourned the deaths of their comrades.

After all, the disparity in numbers had been significant, and even though Chu Country had won, the casualties were heavy.

"Leave some people to scout in this area, the rest can return to the city."

Chen Yu issued his orders.

Having encountered a massive battle, this stronghold was left in ruins.

Rebuilding the city would waste a lot of manpower and resources.

"Yes, sir."

Many higher-ups responded cautiously.

Before Chen Yu had displayed his true power, they felt that even though this commander was strong, he was still too young and hadn't taken it too seriously.

Once Chen Yu demonstrated his genuine strength, even Qi Transformation Realm individuals who had lived a century felt uneasy in his presence.

"Commander Chen, let me handle this, you go back to the city and rest."

Deputy Commander Wei immediately stepped forward, taking over the task of cleaning up.

He had no choice but to do so, having not recognized the mountain before and offended this great figure.

For his own survival, he now had a lot of work to do.

"Very well, thank you, Deputy Commander Wei."

Chen Yu smiled, unconcerned, and left with the Red Flame King.

"I dare not... I dare not

Deputy Commander Wei wiped off a lot of sweat, finally letting out a large sigh of relief after watching Chen Yu leave.

Suddenly, the scene erupted into cheers and joy.

"I never thought I'd survive such a dire situation."

"All thanks to Commander Chen; he's really amazing. The Mantu from the Mantu Tribe stood no chance against Commander Chen, ending up utterly humiliated and in disarray."

"Commander Chen is so young, and he hasn't even reached the Guiyuan Realm yet. With another Guiyuan Realm powerhouse in the Yunyue Sect, the situation in Chu Country might see a slight change."

Many people were expressing their joy, emotion, and admiration.

"Do you think Man Tuo is dead?"

Someone suddenly asked.

Many were silent!

"Commander Chen just chased after him and returned quickly, Man Tuo must have escaped. It's too difficult to kill an enemy of the same rank, let alone Commander Chen and Man Tuo aren't of the same rank

An elder analyzed.

Following that, everyone went about their tasks as arranged by Deputy Commander Wei.

Chen Yu returned to the city and rested.

No one went back to the main Chu Country camp to report the battle achievements, so the news of this battle hadn't spread quickly, and not many people knew about it.

Instead, within the Nine Snow Mountain Tribes, the news of Man Tuo's death spread rapidly, shaking all nine tribes.

There were only so many Guiyuan Realm powers between the two forces.

Normally, the key to victory in war lay with those in the Guiyuan Realm.

However, now within the Nine Great Tribes of Snow Mountain, someone from the Mantu Tribe of the Guiyuan Realm had fallen.

This was the first death of a Guiyuan Realm member among the nine tribes since the great war began, and all the tribes paid great attention to it.

Mantu Tribe.

"How could this happen? How could Man Tuo die?"

The Mantu Clan Chief, holding his forehead with a hand, showed a worried and agitated expression.

In his estimate, there was a seventy percent chance that Man Tuo would return with Chen Yu's head, a thirty percent chance of returning without success. He had never envisaged that Man Tuo might not return.

Before leaving, the Mantu clan chief had even given many poison fire bugs to Man Tuo.

"Chen Yu, you killed my son, and now you have killed a Guiyuan Realm power in my clan; I will never let you go

The Mantu Clan Chief spoke word by word, his words filled with intense hatred and murderous intent.

Before long, all the details about the circumstances of Man Tuo's death in battle were investigated.

And Chen Yu had completely caught the attention of the Nine Great Tribes of Snow Mountain.

As for Chu Country, they learned this news from the enemy.

"Man Tuo is dead?"

"Man Tuo was killed by Chen Yu!"

The news spread wildly, and in less than a day, it caused a sensation in Chu Country.

Subsequently, Qi Country and Yan Country also received this message.

Due to the importance of the matter, the Three Kingdoms Alliance decided to hold a highest-level meeting.

This highest-level meeting, was still centered around Chen Yu.

After receiving the notification, Chen Yu hurried to the camp of Chu Country Sect.

When he arrived, countless gazes fixated on Chen Yu, their eyes filled with admiration and aspiration.

"It seems killing Man Tuo really matters a lot to the Three Kingdoms, no wonder they called another highest-level meeting."

Chen Yu murmured a few words, and entered Red Cover City.

"Commander... Chen!"

Above Red Cover City, the personnel specially in charge of greetings, upon seeing Chen Yu, instantly smiled as brightly as flowers and hurried over to welcome him.

"Commander Chen, the Yunyue Sect's living area is over here. The highest meeting will begin once everyone arrives, so please wait a moment."

The person led Chen Yu to a scenic pavilion with elegant buildings and then left.

Just then, from a nearby house, a dignified and beautiful woman named Gong Shang came out.

And that lady, Gong Shang, had skin as white as snow, dignified and serene.

"Elder... Xia."

Chen Yu recognized her; she was the beautiful elder known as “Fairy Xia Yu” within the sect.

He was about to use a respectful title, but then he suddenly remembered that he was no longer a disciple of the sect.

“It’s Elder Chen, you’ve returned so quickly.”

Fairy Xia Yu saw Chen Yu and gave a subtly transcendent smile.

She had always had a deep impression of Chen Yu.

Initially, it was because Chen Yu and her disciple Mu Xueqing had some emotional entanglements; at that time, she thought Chen Yu was not worthy of Mu Xueqing.

Now, looking back, she somewhat regretted it; at this moment, she hoped Mu Xueqing had more entanglements with Chen Yu.

“I wonder how Mu Xueqing is doing on the battlefield?”

Fairy Xia Yu brought up Mu Xueqing as a topic to converse with Chen Yu.

“She’s doing well, her cultivation just had a breakthrough.”

Chen Yu briefly reported.

“Is that so? It seems Elder Chen provided quite some help.”

Fairy Xia Yu gave a slight smile, thinking there might be a possibility of rekindling old feelings between Chen Yu and Mu Xueqing.

The two didn't talk much; Chen Yu found an empty house and moved in.

Six days later, the bell rang.

Chen Yu followed Elder Mao and the Supreme Elder Gongyang Mountain to the grand hall for discussions.

Elder Mao and Gongyang Mountain had ruddy complexions, their heads held high.

The fall of a Guiyuan Realm member of the Snow Mountain Tribe was a significant joyous event for the entire Three Kingdoms.

And the one who had slain Man Tuo was none other than Chen Yu.

Elder Mao, as Chen Yu's master, felt indescribable pride.

Gongyang Mountain was excited because the Yunyue Sect now had an additional Guiyuan Realm force, and henceforth, among the three sects of Chu Country, the Yunyue Sect was no longer at the bottom.

Inside the hall, there were already quite a few people.

The moment Chen Yu appeared, everyone's gaze suddenly converged on him

Returning here again, the way people looked at Chen Yu was completely different.

Previously, their gazes were filled with disdain, greed, and hatred; now, they were solemn, profound, and serious.

Additionally, Yan Country only brought one Guiyuan Realm power and two from the Qi Transformation Realm.

This Guiyuan Realm power had also been here last time; he stared at Chen Yu, continuously exclaiming in his heart: "It seems this young man truly possesses great fortune; I wonder if he could compare to Meng Chixiong in the future."

At that moment, a massive Sword Dao pressure descended.

Chen Yu knew without looking who it was.

Just like the last time, Chen Yu still had a slight smile and greeted with the same words: "Lv Tiezu, good to see you well!"

Chapter 419: Alliance Elders

At this moment, to Lv Tiezu, Chen Yu's greeting was not a simple hello, but a display of might, a provocation, a show-off...

Lv Tiezu had never imagined that one day, a simple greeting from someone else could infuriate him so much.

He was now seething with rage, struggling to suppress the hatred and anger at the bottom of his heart.

During the last supreme council meeting, he failed to kill Chen Yu, so this time, it would be even less likely for him to kill Chen Yu.

Back then, upon Chen Yu's return to Chu Country, he was merely a traitor, a junior, insignificant in the impression of most people.

Only Elder Duanmu and Elder Gongyang opposed him.

But this time, Chen Yu had established great achievements, even slaying someone from the Guiyuan Realm; he shook the world with his reputation and became a person of status.

Moreover, Chen Yu had killed someone from the Guiyuan Realm, regardless of the dirty tricks he employed or the help from others. In the end, it was Chen Yu who had accomplished the feat.

Now in the Beiyuan war, the battle strength displayed by Chen Yu was what the three great nations needed.

If he attempted to kill this highly meritorious figure during the supreme council meeting, his lifetime of reputation would likely be destroyed in an instant, despite it being not so good to begin with.

And this time, the opposition would not just be Lingjian Sect and Elder Gongyang.

"Hmph."

Lv Tiezu snorted coldly, angrily flicked his sleeve, and walked over to a seat before sitting down properly.

He now felt some regret; he should've killed Chen Yu at all costs, either five years ago or during their last encounter.

Now, without even realizing it, a sliver of unease appeared in his heart.

Chen Yu, Elder Gongyang, and Elder Mao also took their seats, waiting for the other members of the meeting.

One by one, high-level representatives from Water Moon Sect, Bone Demon Palace, Iron Sword Sect, and Yunyue Sect began to arrive.

At a certain moment, an incomparably beautiful woman entered—it was Elder Duanmu from Qi Country Lingjian Sect.

After Elder Duanmu arrived, she first glanced at Chen Yu and smiled with a nod.

During the initial meeting regarding the Moon Spirit Ore, Elder Duanmu took it upon herself to make significant concessions, giving the biggest benefits to Chen Yu.

After returning to the sect, the Ancestor was greatly displeased, with Elder Chai taking the opportunity to exacerbate the situation.

Fortunately, it didn't take long for Chen Yu to establish great achievements and become widely known.

The pressure Elder Duanmu faced in Lingjian Sect instantly evaporated, and her own prestige even rose.

All of this could be said to be mutually beneficial cooperation.

Before long, all the members had arrived.

"The members have now all gathered, the Three Kingdoms' supreme council meeting begins now!"

The hoarse, deep voice of the Absolute Yin Ancestor slowly spread from the top.

"The theme of this meeting goes without saying: the nine tribes have lost a Guiyuan Realm member, while the land of the Three Kingdoms has given birth to a new powerhouse, which has extraordinary significance for the entire war."

Master Fu stood.

This news, when heard by the many high-levels, was quite exhilarating, not to mention the rest of the people from the Three Kingdoms.

Therefore, the high-levels of the Three Kingdoms placed great importance on this matter and decided to widely publicize it to boost morale.

With morale and hope, the overall strength of the Three Kingdoms Alliance would undergo a great change.

After speaking, Master Fu gave Chen Yu a deep look.

What a foolish decision it was to send Chen Yu to Qianshan City.

With Chen Yu's strength, how could Guardian Wei possibly deal with him?

Master Fu discovered that he completely could not see through Chen Yu.

"Elder Chen is indeed a hero in his youth, possessing such powerful strength at such a young age, truly the fortune of our Yunyue Sect!"

A high-level elder from Yunyue Sect said with a laugh, both complimenting Chen Yu and establishing the sect's might.

Following that, the high-level members began to discuss matters related to slaying the Guiyuan Realm enemy, as well as Chen Yu's rewards.

Killing an enemy Guiyuan Realm expert held special significance for the Three Kingdoms.

If combined with certain actions, it would have unexpectedly effective results.

First, the high-levels decided to hang Man Tuo's head above the Chu Country Sect's camp to proclaim this accomplishment and to rally the people's spirits.

Secondly, to hold certain events, also aimed at inspiring the warriors of the Three Kingdoms.

As part of this, someone suggested adding rare items for battle merit exchange, or organizing some exchange events.

The last item on the agenda was to discuss Chen Yu's reward.

"Chen Yu has slain Man Tuo, and is awarded one hundred thousand battle merit points."

Master Fu announced.

These were extra rewards, for usually, no matter how many enemies were killed, there wasn't a concept of battle merit awards.

"I propose that Chen Yu be promoted to Alliance Elder."

Elder Duanmu suggested.

The Three Kingdoms Alliance consisted of three Hierarchs with the highest authority, followed by the Alliance Elders.

This showed the significant meaning behind the position of Alliance Elder.

The number of Alliance Elders a sect had basically represented the strength and status of that sect.

Elder Duanmu had a good relationship with Chen Yu, and if Chen Yu were to become an Alliance Elder, there would be many benefits for her.

"Indeed, it's feasible."

Elder Gongyang said cheerfully.

"No, that's not possible. The position of Alliance Elder concerns the survival of the Three Kingdoms. How can such an important responsibility be entrusted to a young and inexperienced youngster like Chen Yu?"

Lv Tiezu immediately opposed.

He was an Alliance Elder, and if Chen Yu obtained this position, wouldn't that mean Chen Yu would be on an equal footing with him?

"Yes, Chen Yu is too young. It's feasible after another decade or so of experience."

The Sect Master of Iron Sword Sect supported the Supreme Elder.

"It seems there are no rules stating that one has to be old to qualify as an Alliance Elder."

Chen Yu suddenly spoke up.

Ordinary people, when nominated by an elder, would put on a modest front.

But Chen Yu was proactive in his approach, clearly demonstrating his desire for the position.

Of course, Chen Yu was mainly provoked by Lv Tiezu.

"Indeed there's no such rule, and besides, the battle merit points accumulated by Chen Yu might already surpass those of the majority of the Alliance Elders."

Elder Gongyang logically responded to Chen Yu's question and spoke in his favor.

Once these words were uttered, several of the Alliance Elders present couldn't help but lower their heads.

Just by slaying Guiyuan Realm opponents, Chen Yu had earned a hundred thousand battle merits. He had previously occupied cities, eliminated strongholds, and slain numerous formidable enemies; the tally could very well be sixteen or seventeen hundred thousand by now.

Whereas most of them had just over a hundred thousand battle merits, all accumulated over many years.

"This would also motivate others, suggesting that once someone achieves a certain level of accomplishment, or accumulates a significant number of battle merit points, they could potentially become an Alliance Elder, which positively impacts the whole war effort."

Elder Duanmu spoke up again.

This time, he justified Chen Yu's election from the perspective of the war's impact.

"Although young, Chen Yu has made significant contributions at his first time on the battlefield. His experience is not low, and it's entirely justifiable that he has the potential to become a Guiyuan Realm practitioner and an Alliance Elder in the future."

A diminutive elder from Purple Cloud Palace said.

His sect, Purple Cloud Palace, had no enmity with either Yunyue Sect or Chen Yu.

Moreover, as Purple Cloud Palace was currently weaker than the Lingjian Sect, it needed to establish connections.

When it came to the allocation of the Moon Spirit Ore Vein, Chen Yu alone held thirty percent.

Of course, Chen Yu couldn't possibly make use of so much Moon Spirit Ore alone; he would surely sell a portion. As the saying goes, proximity to the water makes it easier to get the moon. Now was the time to get on good terms with Chen Yu, for future dealings might become smoother.

"For such major contributions, Chen Yu is undoubtedly worthy of the position of Alliance Elder."

A man in armor from Yan Country said.

He also had no grudges with Chen Yu and intended to purchase Moon Spirit Ore from him later on, so he spoke up for Chen Yu.

Palace Master Fu and Absolute Yin Ancestor exchanged glances and had a quick, silent discussion, arriving at a decision.

"Since most are in favor, as Alliance Hierarch I hereby confer upon Chen Yu the position of Alliance Elder," announced the Absolute Yin Ancestor.

Becoming an Alliance Elder was tantamount to joining the highest echelons of the Three Kingdoms, entitled to know any information, along with many special privileges.

For instance, only Alliance Elders could attend the highest meetings, and Chen Yu had continuously attended two, primarily because both times they had been convened on his account.

Of course, these things were not of significant use to Chen Yu, but they were not to be disregarded if available.

In the distance, Lv Tiezu had a dark expression, feeling extremely discomforted.

Once the meeting was over, the news that Chen Yu became an Alliance Elder spread like wildfire.

"My goodness, such a young Alliance Elder!"

All pertinent decisions of the Three Kingdoms were made through consultations between the Alliance Hierarch and the Alliance Elders, affecting the lives of countless individuals.

"That means I also have a slim chance of becoming an Alliance Elder."

"Dream on, with your paltry ten or twenty thousand battle merit points, it's impossible in this lifetime."

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After the meeting, Chen Yu prepared to return to his residence.

On his way, a delicate and graceful girl suddenly appeared, her large and spirited eyes fixated on Chen Yu, her long eyelashes fluttering, catching one's attention.

"Brother Yu!"

The girl called out with a face full of surprise.

Chen Yu smiled, recognizing the lively and beautiful girl in front of him as his cousin, Chen Ying'er.

After five years apart, Chen Ying'er had changed drastically. From an innocent little girl, she had blossomed into a slender young lady, full-figured and lovely. And yet, from the faint smile at the corner of her mouth, it was apparent that her mischievously spirited character hadn't changed much.

"Brother Yu, after so many years apart, why didn't you come to see me when you returned?"

Chen Ying'er feigned a reproachful tone.

Whoosh!

A purple glow flickered, and a purple fox lay on Chen Ying'er's shoulder, its profound purple eyes shining with a lively luster.

After a long observation, a trace of wariness flashed in the eyes of the purple fox.

"Isn't this me seeing you now?"

Chen Yu gave a dry laugh, jesting.

Actually, he hadn't been back for long, and had always been quite busy.

For instance, going to the battlefield was an order from Palace Master Fu; if Chen Yu hadn't gone then, Palace Master Fu would have had an excuse to target him.

Of course, now that Chen Yu was an Alliance Elder, he had more say.

"Brother Yu, I bet you've got a lover now and have forgotten all about your cousin."

Chen Ying'er continued, pouting her lips. She had heard that when Chen Yu had just returned to Chu Country, he was accompanied by a beautiful woman, and they were almost inseparable.

Chen Yu looked at Chen Ying'er, guessing her thoughts.

"Brother Yu, you've just become an Alliance Elder, such a joyous occasion, shouldn't you show some gesture?"

Chen Ying'er's attitude shifted abruptly, her face breaking into a flattering smile.

Chen Yu had anticipated that his cousin would surely try to wheedle something out of him upon seeing him.

"That's no issue!"

Chen Yu invited Chen Ying'er to his residence to sit for a while.

Other than his parents, the only family members he got along well with in his former family were practically just Chen Ying'er.

Chen Ying'er herself was also quite fortunate, with high talent in cultivation, and had even managed to form a contract with an ancient beast within the Blood Burial Garden.

The purple fox had the rare 'Heavenly Fox' bloodline, with potential far exceeding that of average ancient beasts, almost on par with some of the legendary Holy Beasts, and should be about equal to the Fire Scale Beast.

Chapter 420: Transforming True Yuan

In the room, Chen Yu asked about Chen Ying'er's situation over the past five years.

Five years ago, the Water Moon Sect betrayed and sided with the Bone Demon Palace.

But at that time, the combined strength of the Bone Demon Palace and the Water Moon Sect was very formidable, almost unifying the martial world of Chu Country.

And Chen Ying'er's master, Elder Kui Yue, held tremendous power within the Water Moon Sect, and with the Supreme Elder's favor towards Ying'er, one could say she lived quite comfortably.

Apart from the sect's chief disciple, Li Bingyue, Ying'er was the one most looked after by the sect.

With a background that was far from ordinary and being valued by a Guiyuan Realm powerhouse alongside a powerful ancient beast as her companion, Ying'er had reached the Postnatal Late Stage and had become one of the genius prodigies of Chu Country's new generation, truly surprising Chen Yu.

Originally, Ying'er was also very confident, but upon hearing all the news about Chen Yu, her pride suddenly seemed insignificant.

Slaying someone from the Guiyuan Realm!

These were beings high above, unreachable, yet they fell at the hands of her cousin.

Her respect and admiration for Chen Yu were rekindled once again.

Afterward, Chen Yu took out some precious materials and even gifted Ying'er a piece of top-notch High Grade Inner Armor.

"Thank you, cousin!"

Chen Ying'er received all sorts of rare cultivation materials, and the top-notch High Grade Inner Armor, her eyes curving into crescents, shining with joy like a waxing moon.

Suddenly, Ying'er spread her arms and gave Chen Yu a hug.

Chen Yu was taken aback. Now at twenty, Ying'er's figure was full and supple, her touch delightful, causing Chen Yu's mind to race with excitement.

"Hehe!"

Ying'er quickly released her arms, her cheeks blooming with a hint of bashfulness.

On her shoulder, the purple fox suddenly put on a pitiful expression, gazing at Chen Yu, as if begging for something.

This fox, with its extraordinary spiritual intelligence among ancient beasts, saw Ying'er receiving so many benefits and quickly tried to please Chen Yu with an expression even more on point than Ying'er's.

The contract signed between this fox and Ying'er was one of life and death, so Chen Yu wasn't worried that a stronger fox would harm her, and thus he took out some resources that could be useful to it.

After receiving the benefits, a sly gleam flashed in the eyes of the purple fox.

Little did it know, the items Chen Yu gave were of little use to him.

"Cousin, when will you break through to the Guiyuan Realm? Then, I'll have a Guiyuan Realm cousin," Ying'er's eyes suddenly lit up.

Although Chen Yu had killed those in the Guiyuan Realm, he himself was not yet at that level.

"You think breaking through to the Guiyuan Realm is that easy?" Chen Yu glanced at Ying'er with a hint of amusement.

In the entirety of the Three Kingdoms, there were only so many at the Guiyuan Realm level.

Chen Yu too wished to break through to the Guiyuan Realm, but he needed to lay a solid foundation and make ample preparations before making the attempt.

A break-through to the Guiyuan Realm was fraught with immense danger, and failure could lead to a fall in cultivation level, with the worst-case scenario even resulting in death.

Chen Yu was not one to joke with his own life.

Moreover, should he fail and suffer severe injuries, or his cultivation level fall, it was likely that other powers would strip away his benefits, and Lv Tieniu would not miss such an excellent opportunity.

After chatting for most of the day, Ying'er finally left.

After wandering around for a bit, Chen Yu began his cultivation.

He had already reached the Innate Peak, and now all that was needed was to prepare for the breakthrough to the Guiyuan Realm.

First and foremost, it was the transition of transforming True Qi into Half-step True Essence.

Generally, those in the Qi Transformation Realm breaking through to the Guiyuan Realm would directly transform True Qi into True Yuan.

But for geniuses like Chen Yu, Ye Luofeng, and Yunhai Zhen, first the True Qi would be transformed into Half-step True Essence, and then at the moment of the breakthrough, the Half-step True Essence would be converted to True Yuan. This approach was easier and significantly reduced the rate of failure.

In the Beiyuan Region, due to the influence of innate talents and Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, very few could achieve this, making it extremely difficult to break through to the Guiyuan Realm.

Hence, Chen Yu's current cultivation routine was to convert Demonic Pattern Qi into Half-step True Essence.

The quality of Chen Yu's Demonic Pattern Qi was exceedingly high, making it very difficult to transform, and he had always had very little Half-step True Essence in his body.

This was a process that would require a considerable amount of time.

But Chen Yu was in no rush, taking it step by step.

Ten days into his secluded cultivation, Chen Yu left his abode to head to the battle merit tally office.

"Elder Chen, you've arrived," greeted the elder at the battle merit tally office, his eyes lighting up and a smile spreading across his face as he saw Chen Yu.

"I'm here to report on the battle achievements and settle the merits," Chen Yu said.

This time, as Deputy Commander Wei did not return, it fell to Chen Yu to do so.

After a long while, the old man recalculated the battle merits of everyone in Chen Yu's troop.

When it came to Chen Yu's own merits, the elder intentionally calculated a bit more.

In the end, Chen Yu's cumulative battle merits reached 190,000, suddenly propelling him into the top ten of the battle merit leaderboard.

"Here is the battle merit exchange catalog, listing items and resources that can be exchanged with battle merits

The old man handed over a booklet.

With such high battle merits, Chen Yu could exchange for many valuable items.

"Additionally, an Alliance Elder like yourself gets a 10% discount when exchanging materials," the elder reminded Chen Yu with a cheery smile.

If one needed 100,000 battle merits, a 10% discount would save 10,000 merits, which was quite a good deal.

However, Chen Yu glanced through it and didn't show much interest.

The exchangeable resources listed in the catalog were mostly aimed at those in the Organ Refining Stage and the Qi Transformation Realm.

Items and resources for the Guiyuan Realm level were very limited.

Chen Yu, who didn't lack weapons, defensive artifacts, or cultivation techniques, found nothing of particular necessity among the items presented.

"Elder Chen, I knew these items wouldn't catch your discerning eye,"

The elder said with a flattering smile.

"The Three Kingdoms Alliance has always wanted to hold a large-scale auction, but due to the urgency of the war, there hasn't been time. However, a large-scale auction could boost the overall strength of the elites from the three countries. I think they will find a way to hold one."

The elder shared the news he had heard.

Some time ago, after Chen Yu had slain a cultivator in the Guiyuan Realm, the Three Kingdoms Alliance celebrated by holding several small-scale exchange meetings in various places, allowing for personnel from different countries to spar and trade.

But such events were clearly not suitable for the top experts to attend.

Therefore, the Three Kingdoms Alliance had been wanting to hold a large-scale auction to allow many cultivators to sell the treasures they didn't need and exchange them for items they did, which could almost certainly boost the strength of the top experts from all three countries.

However, the three countries had been at a disadvantage on the battlefield and couldn't reallocate too many resources to organize such a grand auction.

"I understand,"

Chen Yu noted.

Indeed, he had many good items in his possession, such as the spoils from slaying the Yan Leader and Man Tuo.

Not to mention the resources and treasures he had acquired from killing numerous geniuses during the Academy's trials.

These items could only fetch the highest profit at an auction, especially during this time of conflict.

After not lingering much longer, Chen Yu returned to the previous city.

Along the way, nearly everyone was discussing the legendary deeds of Chen Yu, the newly appointed Alliance Elder, becoming the model and goal in the hearts of the younger generation from the Three Kingdoms.

Of course, this was thanks to the deliberate propaganda of the Three Kingdoms, bestowing an aura of honor upon Chen Yu, which greatly motivated the young generation across the three countries.

"Welcome back, Commander."

Upon returning to the city, the guards saw Chen Yu and immediately saluted.

Along the way, everyone who encountered Chen Yu did the same.

Upon his return, Deputy Commander Wei immediately came over to report the latest developments.

"Commander Chen, it seems that the enemy has completely given up on this region; there are no forces stopping us at the front,"

Deputy Commander Wei reported seriously, but as a wily veteran, he naturally saw the potential trap: "If we advance too deeply, we will surely face encirclement, and with your rising fame, the Nine Great Tribes of Snow Mountain will certainly send strong experts to deal with you."

Chen Yu had not only shown astonishing strength but also potential.

Given the chance, the enemy would surely attempt to eliminate Chen Yu.

"Perfect, we'll take this opportunity to support the other cities and strongholds whenever possible,"

Chen Yu replied indifferently after listening.

In fact, what he had done was already enough, having lifted the spirits of the Three Kingdoms and deterred the enemy.

Whenever possible, the spare forces here could support other regions.

Meanwhile, Chen Yu planned to enter seclusion to cultivate, preparing for his breakthrough to the Guiyuan Realm.

Time passed.

As Deputy Commander Wei had predicted, there were no forces halting their progression at the front.

Chen Yu didn't concern himself with that and continued his extended period of secluded cultivation.

The transformation of demonic pattern energy into half-step True Essence was incredibly difficult, especially in a land so depleted of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi. Chen Yu's insufficient Spiritual Body aptitude was fully exposed.

After seven months, Chen Yu's conversion rate of True Qi reached 40%, which was due to his relentless efforts.

By this point, the half-step True Essence inside Chen Yu's body was abundant, allowing him to be profligate in battle for a time.

The later stages were even harder to transform.

At least in the historical records of Yun Zhao Country, it was extremely rare for a talent to achieve a conversion rate of 50%, and unheard of to completely transform into half-step True Essence.

Another three months passed, and Chen Yu's True Qi conversion rate approached 60%, and making further progress was becoming exceedingly difficult.

"It's been ten months already."

While Chen Yu occasionally received updates on the battlefield through Deputy Commander Wei, he did not have a comprehensive picture.

After emerging from seclusion, Chen Yu found Deputy Commander Wei.

"Compared to before, the strength of the Three Kingdoms has grown stronger, no longer at such a disadvantage as before, and we've even had a few victories,"

"Also, a month ago, Ye Luofeng, the cherished daughter of Lingjian Sect, made a breakthrough to the Guiyuan Realm, solidifying Lingjian Sect's well-deserved reputation as the number one sect."

"And about the Moon Spirit Ore Vein, we've already produced a large amount of semi-finished ore, with over ten pounds of finished product. It won't be long before more Moon Spirit Ore is nurtured."

Deputy Commander Wei explained item by item to Chen Yu.

The gradual stabilization of the Three Kingdoms was certainly pleasing.

It was expected for Ye Luofeng to breakthrough to the Guiyuan Realm.

But the news about the Moon Spirit Ore Vein had caught Chen Yu by surprise.

Of course, this success had come at a great cost.

After all, the Moon Spirit Ore Vein was nurtured on a Yuan Stone Vein, and Yan Country had some methods to cultivate it as well, with Chen Yu possessing an Ancient Array that could catalyze the vein's formation.

Then, the three sects invested substantial manpower and resources into the Moon Spirit Ore Vein.

"Finally, there is one more thing; the Three Kingdoms Alliance plans to hold a large-scale auction in Chu Country a month from now,"

Deputy Commander Wei added after some thought.

Chen Yu had heard about this planned large-scale auction before, mainly to cater to the top elites of the Three Kingdoms.

"That might be worth checking out."

Chen Yu showed a hint of interest.

The Red Flame King had once asked him to help collect rare materials, of which only three items were still missing; perhaps he could encounter them at the auction.

According to the Red Flame King, he had significant use for these materials.

Additionally, Chen Yu also had several items to sell, and maybe at the auction, he could find something he needed.