

Eternal Heart 521

Chapter 521: Tongyun Tower

"What business do you have?" Chen Yu asked coldly.

"Of course, to challenge you and take over your cave dwelling." The burly man said arrogantly.

"I don't have time right now," Chen Yu declined.

He planned to purchase materials for cultivation and retreat to break through to the Middle Stage of Guiyuan Realm. Once he achieved the breakthrough, Chen Yu was confident he could easily become a Copper Badge Holy Guard, thus strengthening his influence and solidifying his hold on this cave dwelling or even challenge those above him.

"Hehe, no time? I think you're just scared. Since you won't fight, I'll take it as your surrender, and the cave dwelling is mine." The burly man was very domineering and liked taking advantage of others.

The loud conversation between the two spread throughout the vicinity, drawing many geniuses out of their cave dwellings to watch the scene.

"Tuoba Yan waited until Chen Yu entered seclusion, but he was beaten to the punch." A woman inside cave dwelling number twenty-two sighed.

"It's those two." Princess Hongyun's face darkened upon seeing Chen Yu and the burly man.

She had challenged Chen Yu first and lost, then the burly man challenged her and took her cave dwelling; both were her enemies. Although displeased to see her foes, she felt somewhat delighted by the thought of them fighting each other, "Two hard shells, go fight to the death."

Faced with such shameless individuals, Chen Yu could only battle.

Likewise, he hoped to advance to the Middle Stage of Guiyuan Realm and become a Copper Badge Holy Guard sooner to minimize distractions.

Boom! Chen Yu suddenly soared into the air, activating his Secret Pattern Demon Body, and threw a punch with a dark and overbearing fist aura that whooshed forward.

"Golden Mountain Fist!" The burly man's body grew slightly, and many golden lines appeared on him, his muscular body clearly defined.

His fist, like a block of metal, clashed with Chen Yu's fist aura.

Boom! A loud noise erupted, and the burly man's body shook slightly but he did not retreat.

From this strike, Chen Yu could tell that his opponent had some skills.

After all, this burly man lived in cave dwelling number twenty-one, and although Chen Yu's senior brother Yuan Chen was also in the Middle Stage of Guiyuan Realm, he lived in number twenty-six, although this also had something to do with Yuan Chen's amiable nature.

Madness Demon Slash! Chen Yu drew the Demon Flood Dragon Sword and struck with a terrifying and fierce black sword wave that surged out.

The burly man still countered with the Golden Mountain Fist but was pushed back three steps by Chen Yu.

"This spiritual artifact is truly powerful," the burly man watched the sword in Chen Yu's hand.

In terms of attack power, he probably could not match Chen Yu.

Golden Light Shield! The burly man stretched out his arms, releasing a metallic glow that formed a protective shield around him.

As a Body Cultivator with a special body structure, combined with the Golden Light Shield, his defensive abilities were exceptionally strong.

Boom! Chen Yu's sword strike slashed down but was blocked by the burly man.

"I see how long you can block." As Chen Yu continuously executed the Devil Wind Sword Technique, its power grew stronger, and if the burly man kept on defending, he would eventually fail to hold up.

Suddenly, the burly man charged out like a golden meteor, rushing towards Chen Yu.

Being purely a Body Cultivator, his body served both as a defense and as a powerful means of attack.

Swoosh! Chen Yu dodged and then struck with another sword attack.

The burly man also stopped in his tracks, defending and charging at Chen Yu again.

He had watched the fight between Chen Yu and Princess Hongyun and still dared to challenge Chen Yu, clearly confident in his abilities.

"If he gets close, it might be easy to get interrupted," Chen Yu thought to himself.

"In that case, I'll play along nicely with you." Chen Yu chuckled, pushing his Secret Pattern Demon Body to the limit while activating the third Demon Rune and deploying the Demon Rune Battle Technique Demon Scale Armor.

Instantly, black Demon Armor materialized over his body. As the burly man charged, Chen Yu put away the Demon Flood Dragon Sword and used the Devilish Evil Frenzy Shadow, transforming into a fierce black shadow and furiously collided with him.

Ding-dong! A loud metallic sound echoed, and in the sky, one gold and one black shadow each retreated several steps.

This loud crash startled many more onlookers.

"This kid has so much strength?" The burly man was surprised looking at Chen Yu.

Just then, Chen Yu actively charged again.

The burly man could only meet him head-on, and the two collided once more with a thunderous roar.

"Hahaha, let's go again." Chen Yu laughed heartily and charged again.

With his physique enhanced by the Heavenly Demon Secret Pattern Record, his defense and recovery capabilities were surely superior to his opponent's.

Moreover, this method would also toughen Chen Yu's body, pushing him towards his upcoming breakthrough to the Middle Stage of Guiyuan Realm.

Additionally, defeating the burly man where he was most confident would surely demoralize him.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Chen Yu grew fiercer as the battle progressed, continuously colliding with the burly man, occasionally exchanging a few punches and kicks.

The opponent was indeed a true Body Cultivator with strong strength and defense, enduring over a dozen continuous clashes with Chen Yu with seemingly little trouble.

This scene amazed the onlookers who couldn't help but remark on how Body Cultivators were like monsters and shouldn't be measured by common standards.

After a while, Chen Yu's Demon Scale Armor was shattered, and the burly man's Golden Light Shield had also broken earlier.

But that counted for little as both again deployed defensive battle techniques, clashing fiercely.

"Damn it, this kid is so strong..."

The bulky man gasped for breath.

In the past, his combat style had forced many stronger opponents into submission, ultimately depleting their True Yuan and securing his victory.

But this tactic wasn't effective against Chen Yu.

"Weren't you acting all arrogant just now? What's with this behavior?"

Chen Yu taunted.

He had just realized his Secret Pattern Demon Body had improved slightly, advancing towards another level, but his opponent was already thinking of retreating.

"Seeking death."

The bulky man's body shone with a brilliant golden light, and his fists emitted a heavy, sharp aura as he struck out at Chen Yu.

Chen Yu immediately repaired his Demon Scale Armor and activated the battle technique corresponding to the second demon pattern, the Demon Scale Protection.

Boom!

Chen Yu took the bulky man's punches head-on; the Demon Scale Protection on his body shattered loudly, but the Demon Scale Armor held firm.

Instantly, Chen Yu gathered strength in his heart, activated the first demon pattern, and used the Demonic Annihilation Claw to counterattack the bulky man.

After several exchanges, just when Chen Yu's heart had burst forth in power, his body shook violently, emitting a dark glow and releasing a more domineering physical pressure.

"This kid's body has actually broken through."

The bulky man felt a slight shock.

The Secret Pattern Demon Body utilized Demon Pattern True Essence for body refinement, so typically, the True Essence would break through first.

However, Chen Yu had a mysterious heart and powerful physical talents, never lagging behind in True Essence cultivation; added to that, the bulky man's "assistance" had led to Chen Yu's physical breakthrough first.

"This is great."

Chen Yu smiled, then looked at the bulky man, "Given this, there's no need to continue fighting you."

Whoo!

Chen Yu released the Blood Crystal Flame, letting it swirl around his body.

In an instant, his dark and domineering Demon Body was encircled by blood flames.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Chen Yu's heart exploded in power, doubling his speed and strength as he charged towards the bulky man.

Boom!

With a loud crash, a burst of demonic light and flame exploded, and the bulky man was sent flying, tracing a long parabola before crashing heavily to the ground.

"Tuoba Yan is defeated!"

"Unexpectedly, with just his Body Refinement Technique, Chen Yu left Tuoba Yan helpless. We had all underestimated him."

The Heavenly Demon Secret Pattern Record was known for defense, and if Chen Yu fully defended, it was a strong tactic, but passive defense wasn't his style. He preferred offense over defense.

Through this victory, Chen Yu demonstrated another powerful aspect of himself, raising everyone's opinion of him.

After defeating the bulky man, Chen Yu quickly left.

Beside these seventy-eight caves, there was a large trading hall.

The hall had two floors: the lower was for Holy Land members' stalls, the upper was the trading area opened by the Holy Land itself.

Holy Land members traded with Primordial Stones, while the official trading area mostly used contribution points.

The Holy Land's contribution points were strictly controlled, only obtainable through completing tasks, not allowed to be traded.

Currently without any contribution points, Chen Yu traded at some stalls, purchasing a "Heart Ease Fruit" to enhance cultivation effects and a "Pure Essence Pill" to refine True Yuan.

The Heart Ease Fruit was relatively affordable, only ten thousand low-grade Primordial Stones, but the "Pure Essence Pill," being of higher quality, cost Chen Yu seventy thousand low-grade Primordial Stones, luckily he had plenty of stones.

After returning to the cave, Chen Yu began a closed-door cultivation.

He first consumed the Heart Ease Fruit, entering a state of cultivation.

Two days later, he swallowed the Pure Essence Pill, immediately activating his Cultivation Technique to absorb its efficacy.

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That day, Chen Yu opened his eyes, his aura even more restrained and profound.

"I'm still that bit away from the Middle Stage of the Guiyuan Realm."

Chen Yu felt somewhat regretful.

After three months of closed-door cultivation, he still hadn't achieved a breakthrough.

The Secret Pattern Demon Body had advanced first, giving little help to his cultivation level.

After all, the idea of this Cultivation Technique was to use True Yuan for body refinement, not to use physical strength to promote cultivation rank.

"Kid, don't think too highly of yourself. With your talent and aptitude, even with various opportunities, you couldn't have progressed this quickly."

Beside him, the Red Flame King, unconcerned, unkindly disparaged Chen Yu.

What he said was the truth, and Chen Yu couldn't refute it.

Chen Yu had only been at the Early Peak of the Guiyuan Realm for two and a half years.

Even with many opportunities, it was impossible to break through in such a short time.

And Chen Yu glanced at the Red Flame King and found that the latter wasn't cultivating anymore, seemingly ready to break through to the Middle Stage of the Guiyuan Realm at any moment.

"Probably won't be peaceful for long; someone will come to seize my cave again. Since that's the case, I'll go challenge the Tongyun Tower first, to obtain the status of a Copper Badge Holy Guard."

Chen Yu made his decision.

Passing the first challenge of the Tongyun Tower would grant him the status of a Copper Badge Holy Guard and also two "Pure Essence Pills" and a reward of a hundred thousand low-grade Primordial Stones.

Additionally, a Copper Badge Holy Guard was considered a formal member, enjoying certain resource allocations each year.

The Tongyun Tower, located midway up the mountain within the Holy Land, was majestic and extraordinary.

The tower had five levels, breaking through each one granting a higher position.

Currently, the third level of the Tongyun Tower was lit up, indicating someone was attempting the third challenge and could become a Golden Emblem Holy Guard upon success.

Outside the Tongyun Tower, only five people lingered.

Chen Yu's arrival caught their attention.

"What's an Early Peak of the Guiyuan Realm doing here?"

One of the Silver Emblem Holy Guards said disdainfully.

The first challenge of the Tongyun Tower required top-tier power at the Middle Peak level to pass smoothly.

Thus, Chen Yu's arrival amused him.

"You don't know? Recently, the Holy Land recruited a new batch of reserve members, so a lot of people have been challenging the first level lately. However, only a few succeed; the others are just playing around."

Chapter 523: Mid-Stage Advancement

"Brother Chen, what do you need? I can give you a ten percent discount, which I am still in charge of."

The handsome man, Jiang Boxiong, led Chen Yu to his stall, speaking with pride.

The trading hall was divided into temporary stalls and long-term rented ones.

Jiang Boxiong's stall was a long-term rental, which came at a high cost.

But this stall was not his alone; it was a partnership among several people, and one of the strongest partners was a Golden Emblem Holy Guard.

"Only ten percent off? Brother Jiang, we've just met, and you're only offering me a ten percent discount for patronizing your store?"

Chen Yu questioned.

In truth, he did not really care; any amount of discount was good enough for him.

"This... Brother Chen, a ten percent discount is already a good deal."

Jiang Boxiong felt that Chen Yu was too greedy but did not want to say it outright.

"Brother Jiang wouldn't be unable to make the decision, would he? Surely Brother Jiang's say isn't that insignificant?"

Chen Yu challenged again.

Jiang Boxiong's eyelid twitched; he was in partnership with several Holy Guards, and indeed, his share wasn't very significant.

He could possibly finesse the other partners or cover some of the discount himself for a ten percent discount.

But at twenty percent off, if he had to cover it, it would be a loss for him.

Yet everyone cared about face, and he had just claimed the stall as his. To now say he couldn't make the decision would be inconsistent and make Chen Yu think he was too stingy.

"Fine, twenty percent off, but no lower."

Jiang Boxiong agreed through gritted teeth.

"Refreshing."

Chen Yu laughed heartily and then said, "Give me five 'Pure Essence Pills.'"

"Five pills?"

Jiang Boxiong was taken aback.

He knew Chen Yu would take advantage of him but didn't expect him to go this far.

A relatively good Quality Pure Essence Pill cost sixty or seventy thousand lower-grade Primordial Stones.

Five pills would be more than three hundred thousand, and at twenty percent off, he would lose almost sixty or seventy thousand.

"That's right."

Chen Yu nodded. He had inferior aptitude, so naturally, the more Pure Essence Pills, the better; after all, he could still use them after his breakthrough.

"Also, I will take some Clearing God Incense, Calming Pills, and Heart Ease Fruits."

Chen Yu was asking for a lot.

In the end, Jiang Boxiong calculated that Chen Yu's total expenditure was four hundred fifty thousand Primordial Stones; at twenty percent off, it was three hundred sixty thousand, and he himself would need to cover ninety thousand.

Advancing to the later stages of the Middle Late Guiyuan Realm consumed tremendously large amounts of resources. To get ahead of others, to gain higher positions, and to acquire better resources, the cultivators had to rapidly improve their cultivation strength. Hence, most Holy Guards found their hands tight with resources, with most of their Primordial Stones being utilized.

Ninety thousand lower-grade Primordial Stones was a sum Jiang Boxiong regretted parting with, yet he had no choice but to cover it himself.

"Hopefully, this young man will rise to power in the future, making my loss today worthwhile," Jiang Boxiong sighed internally.

Upon leaving the trading hall, Chen Yu returned to his residence.

He had just gotten back when he heard that Situ Lin Yu had advanced to the Middle Stage of the Guiyuan Realm.

Back when Situ Lin Yu was at the peak of the early stage, he had defeated a powerful cultivator of the Chi Xiao Kingdom at the Middle Stage of the Guiyuan Realm, the Dugu Blade. Now that he had made a breakthrough, his strength was undoubtedly even stronger, and he was essentially secured a position in the cave dwellings without disturbance.

"No emerging from seclusion until I reach the middle stage."

Chen Yu resolved, fortunately having acquired sufficient cultivation resources this time.

Before secluded cultivation, Chen Yu took out the Moon Spirit Ore Mother.

During the first level of the Tongyun Tower, the psychic attack from that ordinary man had caused him injuries.

Splat!

Grasping the piece of Moon Spirit Ore Mother, Chen Yu immediately felt a cool, mysterious aura like spring water permeate his body, seeping into his soul and healing the wounded spirit.

Soon enough, Chen Yu's spiritual injury was healed.

Lighting a stick of Clearing God Incense, Chen Yu took a deep breath and instantly felt light and comfortable all over.

Sitting cross-legged, he commenced circulating the True Essence Heart Method from the "Heavenly Demon Secret Pattern Record" and began his secluded cultivation.

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Time passed.

Chen Yu had been in seclusion for half a year.

However, since he had obtained the Copper Emblem Holy Guard Token, he went undisturbed by challenges.

During this half-year, more people successively became Copper Badge Holy Guards, including Situ Lin Yu, Yunhai Zhen, Jiang Chen, and the burly man Tuoba Yan, among others.

At the same time, Fu Sanguang challenged Li Xiaoyun.

Both were cultivators of Ancient top ten Cultivation Techniques, and the battle drew much attention, but ultimately, Fu Sanguang was defeated by Li Xiaoyun.

A few days later, Li Xiaoyun challenged that short, plump man, defeated him, and took possession of the eighth cave dwelling.

However, wins and losses were but temporary; this place was a Holy Land with the best cultivation conditions.

After his defeat, Fu Sanguang entered seclusion, determined to beat Li Xiaoyun next time.

Meanwhile, those behind were also catching up, striving to climb higher.

But.

Becoming a Copper Badge Holy Guard came with its responsibilities.

The Kunyun Sacred Land ruled the entire Kunyun Realm, and it wasn't entirely free from trouble—there were always some nuisances.

Moreover, as a sacred place of cultivation in the Kunyun Realm that recruited and cultivated members at such a high cost, where did its resources come from?

Offerings! Explorations! Subjugation!

Offerings referred to those provided by the three ancient kingdoms; given the enormity of such ancient kingdoms, the offerings they extended were naturally substantial.

Explorations involved members of the holy grounds venturing into dangerous forbidden lands, extreme environments, and ruins, etc., to excavate treasures.

As for subjugation missions, they were exceedingly rare.

Subjugation meant conquering some of the lower realms and enslaving them.

On this day, an elder arrived, choosing eight Copper Badge Holy Guards to participate in a forbidden land exploration mission.

Half a year later, only six Copper Badge Holy Guards returned. It must be noted that among the team leaders was a Golden Emblem Holy Guard, and yet, two Copper Badge Holy Guards still fell.

In Beiyuan, the fall of a cultivator at the peak of the Middle Stage of Guiyuan Realm would be enough to shake the Nine Divisions and the Three Kingdoms.

Within the residence of the Silver Emblem Holy Guards.

Qian Guang, Jiang Boxiong, and one Copper Badge and one Silver Emblem Holy Guards were gathered in a cave abode.

"Brother Qian, what is the occasion for calling me here?"

Jiang Boxiong asked.

"Of course, it's a good opportunity, otherwise I wouldn't have called just you few," Qian Guang said in a low voice. "But before that, I need you to take a heart and soul blood oath, swearing not to divulge this matter."

"Agreed."

The Copper Badge Holy Guard was the first to consent.

Being merely a Copper Badge Holy Guard himself, Qian Guang had little to gain from harming him.

Then, Jiang Boxiong and the other Silver Emblem Holy Guard also took the heart and soul blood oath.

"This is the situation: while carrying out an exploration mission in the forbidden lands, I learned from the newly promoted batch of Copper Badge Holy Guards that one of them possesses an Innate Spiritual FlameBlood Crystal Flame."

Seeing that everyone had taken the blood oath, Qian Guang spoke with conviction.

"'Blood Crystal Flame'? That's ranked within the top hundred on the True Fire Spirit Flame List and is an Innate Spiritual Flame of the Blood Path!" The Copper Badge Holy Guard exclaimed in surprise.

The other two Silver Emblem Holy Guards were equally astonished, but more composed than the Copper Badge Holy Guard.

After all, they were neither practitioners of the Blood Dao nor the Fire Dao.

Probably this was the real reason Qian Guang had sought out these few individuals.

"You all know that my strength has reached the level of a Golden Emblem Holy Guard, but passing the third challenge is still difficult. Yet, once I acquire the 'Blood Crystal Flame,' that third challenge is guaranteed to be overcome," Qian Guang stated with some excitement.

The 'Blood Crystal Flame' would not only allow him to become a Golden Emblem Holy Guard but would also let him progress further in the Blood Path.

After pondering for a moment, Jiang Boxiong said, "Brother Qian, this news will likely spread fast. Soon more eyes will covet the 'Blood Crystal Flame,' making it difficult for you to acquire it."

"At least for now, not many know of this information, and I've already instructed those Copper Badge Holy Guards not to casually spread this matter," Qian Guang continued.

Seeing the others still unmoved, he added, "If we manage to get it in the end, I only want the 'Blood Crystal Flame'; all other treasures on him will be yours. I heard he possesses a powerful mid-grade Spiritual Artifact with explosive attributes. Moreover, this person has a distinguished background and is rich in treasures."

Upon these words, everyone in attendance began to show interest.

After all, with Qian Guang obtaining the 'Blood Crystal Flame' to become a Golden Emblem Holy Guard, the others could only bask in his light without reaping any tangible benefits.

"A mid-grade Spiritual Artifact with explosive properties is quite valuable indeed."

"Since he possesses the 'Blood Crystal Flame,' as well as such a mid-grade Spiritual Artifact, other treasures can hardly be lacking. Brother Qian, just tell us—what do we need to do?"

The Copper Badge Holy Guard was prepared to risk it all.

Jiang Boxiong and the other Silver Emblem Holy Guard nodded, signaling their agreement.

Eliminating a Copper Badge Holy Guard might allow Qian Guang to become a Golden Emblem Holy Guard—later, if they sought Qian Guang's help, he would hardly be able to refuse.

Beyond that, they could also take advantage of other benefits, which seemed quite profitable.

Moreover, with Qian Guang taking the lead, he certainly had a strategy in mind to secretly eliminate this Copper Badge Holy Guard.

"Here's the plan: only elders are entitled to assign missions, and I just happen to know one. But getting his help won't be easy..." Qian Guang spoke eloquently.

Everyone understood upon hearing this: to reap the rewards, one must pay the price. They needed this elder's help to assign Chen Yu a dangerous mission.

The death rate for some of the sacred land's dangerous missions was very high. If a Copper Badge Holy Guard didn't return from one, the holy ground would at most conduct a brief investigation; if nothing suspicious arose, they would let it be.

In fact, such occurrences weren't uncommon in the sacred land.

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One day, Chen Yu, who was meditating in seclusion, suddenly felt his True Yuan boil up within. The True Essence Lake inside him began to spin and slowly expand.

The energy within the cave abode surged into Chen Yu's body like a tide, entering the Qi Sea.

After a while, the vortex of energy dissipated.

Now compared to before, the True Essence Lake within Chen Yu's body had expanded further, appearing even more profound.

"I've broken through," Chen Yu exhaled turbid breath and opened his eyes.

After advancing to the Middle Stage, there weren't any significant changes in other aspects, but the Demon Pattern True Essence became even more refined—a bit stronger than an average cultivator at the Peak of Middle Stage Guiyuan Realm.

Furthermore, during this year and a half of seclusion, Chen Yu also used the Heavenly Heart Refining to condense his mental strength, with the help of Moon Spirit Ore Mother, elevate his spiritual power to the peak of the Middle Stage of Guiyuan Realm.

"I used four Pure Essence Pills," Chen Yu said, placing the remaining pill inside the "Smoke-spitting Pearl."

After the breakthrough, Chen Yu left his cave dwelling and looked around.

In the year and a half of his seclusion, of the fifty-eight people who had initially entered the holy ground, eighteen had become Copper Badge Holy Guards, including Chen Yu's senior brother, Yuan Chen.

There had also been significant changes to the arrangement of cavern abodes; Li Xiaoyun had even defeated the veteran Copper Badge Holy Guards in succession, taking over the fifth cave abode.

The day after Chen Yu's breakthrough.

An elder with a long beard arrived, floating in, and cleared his throat to announce: "All Copper Badge and Silver Emblem Holy Guards come forth, the holy ground has a new mission."

Chapter 524: Summoning Flame Realm

"Copper Badge Holy Guards and Silver Emblem Holy Guards, come out. The Holy Land has a new mission."

A resonant, time-worn voice echoed, clearly audible to all whose cave abodes hadn't activated their Array Barriers.

Moments later, from seventy-eight cave abodes, except for those deeply engaged in closed-door cultivation, nearly everyone came out.

Among them, only the first three abodes housed Silver Emblem Holy Guards; the rest were all Copper Badge.

"What is the mission this time?"

The three Silver Emblem Holy Guards were somewhat anxious.

In the Holy Land, neither Copper Badge nor Silver Emblem Holy Guards could decline a mission. If selected, they must go!

Having stayed in the Holy Land for many years and survived several missions, they were already quite fortunate to be alive.

Among the newly appointed Copper Badge Holy Guards of the Three Kingdoms, a few had participated in a mission once and held some fears in their hearts.

But only by completing the Holy Land's missions could they earn contribution points to exchange for various Spiritual Artifacts, treasures, Cultivation Techniques, Spirit Pets, and more.

For example, becoming a Copper Badge Holy Guard entitled one to a day of cultivation in the relics of the Sky Sea Realm each month—only twelve days in a year. However, with sufficient contribution points, one could cultivate for much longer if they wished.

Thus, a mission from the Holy Land represented danger but also opportunity and resources.

"You, you, and you."

Elder Long-bearded's gaze indifferently swept below and began to point people out.

The first one he pointed to was the portly man, the second was Li Xiaoyun, and the third was Yunhai Zhen.

"You."

Elder Long-bearded suddenly pointed at Chen Yu.

In fact, this had been his real intention, but to not make it too obvious, he had casually chosen a few others first.

Then, he pointed to two more Copper Badge Holy Guards and concluded.

"Come with me."

Elder Long-bearded did not care whether these individuals had any questions or disagreed and turned to fly upwards.

Li Xiaoyun, Chen Yu, and others followed behind.

"It seems this mission is not an easy one."

Li Xiaoyun's eyes flickered.

At this moment, they had already crossed the midpoint of the Holy Land and were nearing the upper end.

Elder Long-bearded showed no signs of stopping, and soon, they arrived at the top of the Holy Land!

Under normal circumstances, Copper Badge Holy Guards were not permitted to come to the top of the Holy Land on their own!

They passed through palaces and pavilions, and the crowd arrived at an underground palace that was heavily guarded. At the entrance stood a Golden Emblem Holy Guard and two Silver Emblem Holy Guards.

The palace was surrounded by a powerful Array Barrier that isolated it, vibrating with heart-palpating spatial energies.

"Transmitting forbidden land, could this be a punitive mission?"

The stout man's chubby cheeks quivered slightly, and a hint of panic flashed through his pupils.

Exploration missions were dangerous, but the mortality rate was nothing compared to punitive missions.

"Elder Chang."

The three Holy Guards saluted and opened the Array.

Soon, Elder Long-bearded led the six Copper Badge Holy Guards inside.

The interior of the palace was dim and vast, filled with Array Barriers, each containing a massive Ancient Transmission Array.

At the sixth barrier on the right, three Silver Emblem Holy Guards were already waiting.

"There they are!"

Chen Yu glanced at the three, feeling very familiar with them. One of them was Jiang Boxiong.

The other two Silver Emblem Holy Guards were also personnel from outside the Tongyun Tower, one of whom had failed the attempt to advance to Golden Emblem Holy Guard and had previously admonished Chen Yu.

Jiang Boxiong also spotted Chen Yu and was puzzled. Had Elder Chang casually chosen Chen Yu?

"This time, you six will follow these three Silver Emblem Holy Guards to the 'Summoning Flame Realm,' assisting the Holy Land's powerhouses there in attacking the realm."

Elder Long-bearded finally clarified the mission.

A punitive mission!

"Don't be afraid, everyone. There are two Golden Emblem Holy Guards inside the Summoning Flame Realm, and with us three Silver Emblem leading the way, there won't be any problems!"

Qian Guang stepped forward, his face calm, smiling as he spoke.

"Brother Chen, you've advanced to the Mid Stage, congratulations. Was it thanks to the Pure Essence Pills you bought from me?"

Jiang Boxiong greeted Chen Yu with a smile.

Beside them, Qian Guang was stunned to see Jiang Boxiong treating Chen Yu so politely.

Chen Yu was their target for this mission, why was Jiang Boxiong being so polite to him?

Right, Qian Guang suddenly remembered. To prevent leaking information, he hadn't told the others who the target was.

Realizing this, Qian Guang's mood stabilized, he looked at Jiang Boxiong and transmitted coldly, "Brother Jiang, you aren't very close to this person, are you..."

Jiang Boxiong was taken aback and felt odd; his eyes shifted slightly, and after a moment of thought, he sensed a deeper meaning in Qian Guang's words.

Could it be that when Chen Yu was at the Tongyun Tower, he had embarrassed Qian Guang and he still harbored resentment?

"Not very familiar," responded Jiang Boxiong vaguely.

"That's good. He is our target for this mission."

Qian Guang sneered.

Hearing this, Jiang Boxiong's mind reeled.

"What? Brother Qian, your target is Chen Yu?"

Jiang Boxiong hadn't expected this.

"Brother Jiang, since you know him, it's even better. You can easily gain the trust of this lad..."

Qian Guang continued transmitting.

Jiang Boxiong fell silent.

A year and a half ago, he had decided to befriend Chen Yu, a promising Holy Guard, and for this reason, had given Chen Yu an eighty percent discount on the purchase of cultivation materials, personally covering the cost of ninety thousand low-grade Essence Stones.

He had not expected that the person Qian Guang wanted to kill was Chen Yu!

Now, Jiang Boxiong was faced with two choices.

The first option: To tell Chen Yu everything which essentially meant saving his life. If Chen Yu achieved something significant in the future, he certainly would not forget the favor of saving his life.

The second option: To deceive Chen Yu, exploit their relationship to gain his trust, and thus increase the success rate of killing him.

But once Chen Yu was dead, his potential was gone, and all his previous efforts would be wasted.

"I'll choose the second option."

Jiang Boxiong made his decision quickly.

First off, by killing Chen Yu, his gains would surely exceed those ninety thousand low-grade Essence Stones.

Moreover, he would have exerted more effort and might even obtain that middle-grade Spiritual Artifact with explosive properties.

Additionally, if he leaked this information to Chen Yu, causing Qian Guang's plan to fail, Qian Guang would certainly not let him off. This punitive mission would be dangerous for him.

"Don't worry, leave this matter to me."

Jiang Boxiong sent a message to Qian Guang.

Qian Guang sneered a few times, inwardly sighing that Jiang Boxiong had made the right decision.

"The transmission channel is about to open."

Elder Chang reminded everyone.

"Summoning Flame Realm was discovered by the Holy Land thirty years ago. It's a small realm very far from Kunyun Realm. The cross-realm grand array is not yet fully established, but the range of your transmission will not be too far from the Holy Land's base, and it's safe."

Elder Chang began to explain matters concerning the Summoning Flame Realm.

"This mission is an occupation task. Killing an aboriginal of Summoning Flame Realm in the Early Guiyuan Realm counts for ten contribution points, killing one at the Peak of Early Guiyuan Realm accounts for thirty contribution points..."

"Additionally, there is a major treasure within Summoning Flame Realm—the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal. Obtaining this crystal and handing it over to the Holy Land, one kilogram is worth one hundred contribution points."

"One hundred contribution points!"

The six Copper Badge Holy Guards in attendance flashed looks of excitement.

Especially those who had executed missions before felt the rewards in contribution points were indeed quite bountiful.

For instance, killing someone in the Middle Stage of Guiyuan Realm would also garner one hundred contribution points.

However, handing over one kilogram of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal would also yield one hundred contribution points.

"If the complete takeover of Summoning Flame Realm is successful, all of you will also gain a substantial amount of contribution points."

"Alright, the transmission is starting."

Following Elder Chang's words, a spatial vortex formed above the Ancient Transmission Array, slowly twisting and gradually tearing open a dark and deep space passage.

Then, the nine individuals entered it one by one.

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Boom!

Suddenly, a spatial disturbance appeared in mid-air, creating a twisted silver-gray halo, from which a figure suddenly fell.

Chen Yu operated his True Yuan to stabilize his body, floating mid-air.

"So this is the Summoning Flame Realm."

Chen Yu sensed the unfamiliar world around him.

The temperature here was higher than in Kunyun Realm. The concentration of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi was only slightly higher than in Beiyuan, and it was no match for Yun Zhao Country.

"In such an environment, it should be very difficult for a practitioner of the Sky Sea Realm to emerge."

Based on the concentration of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi in a world, one could generally determine the upper limit of cultivation for creatures in that world.

Of course, it's hard to estimate the era when this world was birthed. It might even be older than Kunyun Realm and had nurtured many unique treasures of heaven and earth, such as the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal.

From what Elder Chang had mentioned, the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal was extremely precious, one kilogram being worth one hundred contribution points.

And as far as Chen Yu knew, one hundred contribution points could allow him to cultivate in the relics of the Sky Sea Realm for twenty days.

"I wonder what this crystal is used for."

Chen Yu pondered to himself.

He took out a map that Elder Chang had distributed; it only had some simple and vague lines.

In a short while, Chen Yu had figured out his location. He was still some distance from the Holy Land base marked on the map.

After traveling for a while, Chen Yu encountered a person, one of the six Copper Badge Holy Guards from his trip, the short, plump man.

Elder Chang had mentioned that their transport would drop them near the base, so it was normal to meet a Holy Land member so soon.

Being fellow Holy Land members, Chen Yu rushed over, planning to head to the Holy Land base with him.

"Hold on, are you really planning to go to the base?"

The short, plump man asked with a smile.

"What do you mean by that?" Chen Yu looked puzzled.

"Once we enter the Holy Land base, us Copper Badge Holy Guards will be incorporated into the Silver Emblem Holy Guard's team, subject to their dispatch. Even if we obtain treasures, they'll get more of the split, and we'll be the ones facing dangers on the frontline."

The short, plump man explained.

"So what should we do?" Chen Yu followed up.

"Actually, in these non-fixed point punitive missions, most of the Holy Guards do this. Only those newbies who don't know better rush to the Holy Land base."

"Explore on our own. Killing an aboriginal at the Peak of Early Guiyuan Realm alone nets thirty contribution points, enough for six days of comprehension in the relics of Sky Sea Realm."

"And if we get the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal that Elder Chang mentioned, one kilogram is one hundred contribution points!"

The short, plump man's expression grew excited as he spoke.

Although the punitive mission was dangerous, the freedom of movement afforded by non-fixed point transmission was critical.

Most importantly, during this punitive mission, collecting certain heavenly and earthly treasures could earn substantial contribution points.

This was the best punitive mission the short, plump man had encountered so far.

Chapter 525: Evil Fire Ancestor

"Your Excellency speaks so much, you want to team up with me for the exploration, right?"

Chen Yu asked with a smile.

"Exactly, exploring alone is far more dangerous, but with two people, it's much safer."

The short and stout man also smiled, which was exactly his intention; otherwise, he would not have told Chen Yu so much.

"Your Excellency made sense with what you just said, so please take good care of me during this journey to the Summoning Flame Realm."

Chen Yu accepted the short and stout man's invitation.

The other party had spent decades in the Holy Land, his experience was surely richer than Chen Yu, a newcomer.

Moreover, teaming up with this short and stout man, Chen Yu didn't have to worry about anything.

"Easy to say, easy to say."

The short and stout man laughed heartily, looking up.

He had another reason for picking Chen Yu as a teammate: Chen Yu had just become a Copper Badge Holy Guard, his strength was surely inferior to his own, which meant he would have the dominant position in the team.

If he were to team up with a Silver Emblem Holy Guard, although the team's strength would be stronger, he would have to listen to the others.

Besides, Silver Emblem Holy Guards were too strong; if a dispute over treasures occurred, the short and stout man would feel less secure.

"We should head east from the Holy Land base; according to some information on the map, we can infer that the base's main attack direction is also to the east. In that case, we should go south, west, or north."

"However, the map information for the north is very rich, which proves it's the most explored by the Holy Land, so we can't go there either."

The short and stout man proved his decades of experience in the Holy Land with his analysis.

Finally, they decided to head south.

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After flying for most of the day, the two arrived at a forest.

The ancient trees, towering nearly a hundred meters high, were unusual in that they were dark red all over, with red fruits that had many small holes, which slowly emitted a dark red mist.

The mist was poisonous, too weak for humans or Demon Beasts to dare enter this place.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Chen Yu and the short and stout man, "Feng Tianhao," flew slowly, with Feng Tianhao even sustaining a True Essence Shield.

"Brother Feng, this doesn't seem to be a very good place," Chen Yu asked with a hint of skepticism.

This was clearly a dangerous forbidden land, complete with a forest full of poisonous fog. Being in Body Cultivation, Chen Yu had strong resistance to poison, but Feng Tianhao would not last long.

"Cough cough... Since it's a forbidden land, it must be unexplored; perhaps there are unexpected treasures."

Feng Tianhao explained with a few dry coughs.

"There's a smell of blood."

Chen Yu's nose twitched.

Roar!

Suddenly, from within the forest, came a roar that shook the heavens and the earth.

Flames and fog roiled as a Fiery Flame Lion suddenly burst forth. It was enormous, at five meters tall, its fur like flames, exuding great majesty.

Clearly, Chen Yu and the short and stout man had unintentionally invaded the territory of this ancient beast. The Fiery Flame Lion, with its cultivation in the Guiyuan Realm, was the undisputed overlord of this region.

It was in the middle of a meal and enraged beyond measure by the disturbance from the humans, launching an attack.

Boom!

A sonic attack, mingled with scorching waves of heat, swept towards Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao.

"Beast, seeking death."

Feng Tianhao channeled his True Yuan and struck out with a blue palm light.

He was practicing a water-based Cultivation Technique; where the azure palm light went, flames extinguished, and billows of smoke arose.

Bang!

The remaining force of his palm strike hit the Fiery Flame Lion, sending it flying back a dozen meters and eliciting a pained howl.

As an ancient beast, it had a tough constitution. If a normal Demon Beast in the Guiyuan Realm had to withstand Feng Tianhao's palm strike, it would not be killed, but it would certainly be seriously injured.

After a few howls of pain, fear was visible in the eyes of the Fiery Flame Lion, which turned and darted into the forest, disappearing from view.

"Chase."

Feng Tianhao uttered a low shout and followed.

"Brother Feng, why are we pursuing it? There are no contribution points for killing Demon Beasts."

"Moreover, our main goal on this trip is the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal; the Holy Land is willing to exchange one hundred contribution points for one jin of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal, which must be very precious."

Chen Yu shouted.

"This Fiery Flame Lion is of ancient beast lineage; if we can catch it and bring it back, we can sell it for a good price, and even if it doesn't submit, we shouldn't waste such good material."

Feng Tianhao's words stunned Chen Yu for a moment.

He was beginning to realize just how fierce the competition among the Holy Guards was; this Feng Tianhao really didn't waste any resources.

Chen Yu immediately followed.

After chasing for some distance, the Fiery Flame Lion was on its last legs.

"Beast, still won't submit to me?"

Feng Tianhao asked coldly, emanating a strong pressure of the Peak of the Middle Stage of Guiyuan Realm.

Roar!

The Fiery Flame Lion roared defiantly, its eyes bloodshot.

"Then die."

Feng Tianhao was not insistent; he slashed with a palm, cutting open the Fiery Flame Lion's belly, and blood splattered out.

He then set about harvesting the materials.

But just then, three figures flew from afar, all in yellow robes.

"Who dares to trespass here?"

One of the men, with a mole at the corner of his mouth, shouted.

"Big brother, it's the Fiery Flame Lion."

Another man, thinner in build, noticing the dead Fiery Flame Lion on the ground, immediately spoke.

"How dare you, to break into the domain of 'Evil Fire Ancestor'? Stop what you are doing and leave at once; we will not pursue the matter further."

The man with the mole immediately shouted.

Feng Tianhao glanced at them and ignored them, continuing to harvest materials.

In secret, Feng Tianhao sent a message to Chen Yu: "Brother Chen, among these three, two are at the Early Guiyuan Realm Peak and one at the Early Guiyuan Realm, making a total of seventy contribution points. Let's strike like lightning and don't let them escape."

"Didn't you hear me tell you to stop?"

The man with the black mole glared.

On their own turf, this fatty dared to be so arrogant, which displeased him greatly.

He immediately threw a punch, a fiery red fist shadow howling out, abruptly taking on the phantom silhouette of a ferocious beast.

"Seeking death."

Feng Tianhao suddenly looked up, charged forward furiously, and attacked the man with the black mole.

Boom!

He quickly slapped out a palm, shattering the fire fist attack of the man with the black mole.

"Not good..."

The man with the black mole showed a look of fear, as he hadn't expected this fatty to be so strong.

Bang!

He hastily erected a True Essence Shield, but it didn't last even half a breath before shattering; the man with the black mole was sent flying over a dozen yards by Feng Tianhao and finally coughed up two mouthfuls of blood.

Far away, the other two were instantly dumbfounded, their faces as white as death.

The man with the black mole was the strongest among the three of them, yet he didn't block even a single strike when facing the short, plump man.

How strong was this short, plump man exactly?

And furthermore, this short, plump man had an accomplice.

"You can't kill me; this place is the cultivation site of 'Evil Fire Ancestor', and we two are his disciples."

The man with the black mole hastily spoke.

He felt a murderous intent from Feng Tianhao and thus pulled out his background.

Swoosh!

Feng Tianhao arrived in front of the man with the black mole, stepping on his chest.

As a Copper Badge Holy Guard from the Holy Land, his combat strength reached the Peak of Middle Stage Guiyuan Realm, one strike was enough to defeat this man with the black mole.

"Evil Fire Ancestor? How strong is his cultivation?"

Feng Tianhao asked coldly.

"Evil Fire Ancestor is a top powerhouse in this area; if you dare to harm me, he will not let you off."

The man with the black mole shouted back.

Evil Fire Ancestor had a great reputation in this area; even the nearby super sects would give him face.

He believed that Evil Fire Ancestor would surely deter the person before him.

Moreover, he was used to being arrogant based on Evil Fire Ancestor's fame, and now, faced with Feng Tianhao's questioning, he still spoke with a strong tone.

"Heh heh."

Feng Tianhao let out two cold laughs and pressed down hard on the True Yuan.

Boom!

The man with the black mole's chest caved in, blood spurting out.

Feng Tianhao waved his hand, took the man's head, and stored it in a storage bag.

Seeing the man with the black mole killed, the other two trembled continuously.

"Attack him!"

Feng Tianhao commanded, then attacked one of them.

"Run!"

"Master, save us!"

The two of them turned to flee.

But their speed was no match for Feng Tianhao and Chen Yu.

Just as Feng Tianhao made his move, from the depths of the fire fog forest, came an angry low roar that caused the surrounding poison fog to tremble and dissipate.

Swoosh!

A red figure streaked across and turned into an old man in a red robe, holding a twisted staff, adorned with a translucent red crystal, flickering with a faint red glow.

"Master!"

Upon seeing the old man in the red robe, the two showed looks of joy and immediately bowed respectfully.

"How dare you kill my disciples!"

The red-robed old man stared at Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao, his weathered face full of rage.

"Peak of Middle Stage Guiyuan Realm!"

Feng Tianhao gauged the opponent's cultivation level.

Merely a Late Guiyuan Realm cultivator was not enough to make him back down.

Both he and Chen Yu were Copper Badge Holy Guards, possessing the strength of the Peak of Middle Stage Guiyuan Realm. Together, they had a good chance of killing Evil Fire Ancestor.

"Hmph, invading my territory, killing my disciples, you'd better give me a reasonable explanation, or don't even think about leaving this place."

Evil Fire Ancestor snorted coldly.

In fact, he was ready to kill at first, but noticing that these two were not weak, he contained his fury.

"It should be you giving us an explanation, your three disciples attempted to rob us of our spoils of war. This one was weak and got slain by me; he has no one else to blame."

"Hand over the lives of your other two disciples to us, and I'll let this matter go."

Feng Tianhao spoke assertively.

As geniuses of the Holy Land and Copper Badge Holy Guards, they were also very proud, especially in this lower realm!

"If only this Evil Fire Ancestor had arrived a bit later, we could have killed his disciples first and then him."

Feng Tianhao said to Chen Yu through a voice transmission, smiling.

Evil Fire Ancestor raised his eyebrows, not expecting this fatty to be so insolent.

"Young man, you are too presumptuous."

Evil Fire Ancestor's expression darkened.

This short, plump man not only killed his disciple but now demanded the lives of his other two disciples. If he really complied, how could he hold his head up in the future?

"Flame Snake Technique!"

Unable to stomach Feng Tianhao's attitude any longer, Evil Fire Ancestor made the first move.

He swung his staff, and the red crystal at the top glinted with brilliant, translucent red light, channeling the fiery power of heaven and earth to form a vicious ten-yard-long fire serpent.

"Amazing!"

Feng Tianhao was somewhat surprised.

He had thought the opponent's strength to be ordinary, but with this one strike from Evil Fire Ancestor, his power surpassed that of a cultivator at the Peak of Middle Guiyuan Realm, comparable to an attack from the Late Guiyuan Realm.

At the same time, Evil Fire Ancestor other two disciples also launched attacks on them.

Chapter 526: Xuanhuo Turtle

The strength displayed by the Evil Fire Ancestor startled Feng Tianhao internally.

Having always relied on his identity as a Copper Badge Holy Guard of the Holy Land, he had never taken cultivators outside the Holy Land seriously, and was especially arrogant and haughty towards those from the minor realms.

Unexpectedly, the person before him far surpassed his expectations.

"Bihai's Fury."

Feng Tianhao's expression turned serious, his arms swinging, unleashing immense True Essence power.

As he waved his arms, layers of azure waves surged forth, piling up, rising to a height of five to six zhang.

Whoosh!

The vicious fire serpent, which had encircled Feng Tianhao, suddenly launched an attack from behind.

Feng Tianhao noticed it and shot out, while also stimulating the bloodline within his body, his body's surface gleaming with a sea-blue light akin to ocean water.

After deploying his bloodline power, he retreated backward, diving into the waves and piercing through them.

In doing so, the vicious fire serpent could not stop its attack in time and struck the surging waves instead.

Boom!

The fire serpent collided with the waves. Water and fire crazily intertwined, a vast expanse of white and green smoke billowing upwards.

"Who would have thought that the Summoning Flame Realm would produce such a formidable Water Path practitioner; I've never heard of him before."

The Evil Fire Ancestor muttered to himself as he fixated on Feng Tianhao.

In the Summoning Flame Realm, most were Fire Dao practitioners, with very few practicing other schools, and Water Practitioners were the rarest of all. It was common for people to not see a Water Path practitioner even once in over a decade.

Now, an extraordinary Water Practitioner appeared before the Evil Fire Ancestor, someone who, despite only being at the middle stage of the Guiyuan Realm, could contend with him.

Roar!

The Evil Fire Ancestor swung his staff, its red crystal top radiating resplendent red flames, manipulating the Fire Dao power of the surrounding area, gathering into a turbulent, burning gigantic fireball.

From afar, Chen Yu could feel the scorching heat coming from the other side.

"Feng Tianhao should be fine. I'll deal with these two first, then go support him."

Chen Yu glanced towards the two men in yellow robes.

When those men looked at Chen Yu, fear flashed through their eyes, but with their Master present, they felt braver and attacked Chen Yu together.

The skinny man at the peak of the early Guiyuan Realm, pulled out an iron staff, casting a dull yet fiercely hot shadow of his staff.

The other man at the early Guiyuan Realm used all his tricks, delivering a tyrannical and scorching Flame Fierce Fist.

"Don't worry, junior brother. We just need to hold this person off for a moment. Once Master takes care of that short and fat one, this one will undoubtedly die as well."

The skinny man chuckled lightly.

Boom!

Their attacks hit Chen Yu, creating a tremendous noise, fire filling the sky.

Suddenly, a black shadow burst from the flames; it was Chen Yu, who had activated his Secret Pattern Demon Body. Unharmed and exuding a domineering and intimidating demon aura.

The two men's eyes widened as they saw Chen Yu rushing towards them, their hearts trembling, retreating repeatedly.

Boom!

Chen Yu threw a punch. His dark and domineering fist pressure bore down on them.

"Block it quickly."

The skinny man cried out in alarm, frantically gathering True Essence, and ferociously smashed a massive dark red staff shadow towards Chen Yu.

The other man at the early Guiyuan Realm also gave it his all.

Boom!

Chen Yu's fist pressure crushed their attacks to smithereens, striking at the two men.

Their True Essence shields shattered instantly, and they were thrown back, violently crashing into the fire mist forest below, their life and death uncertain.

"Damn you, stop!"

Just at that moment, the Evil Fire Ancestor roared, waving his staff; the sky full of fierce flames turned into a fire serpent, swiftly charging at Chen Yu.

Chen Yu immediately threw a punch, shattering the Evil Fire Ancestor's attack.

"These two youngsters..."

The Evil Fire Ancestor's malevolent gaze stayed on Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao, feeling infuriated and suffocated inside.

He hadn't intended to fight these two, but they were too arrogant and presumptuous, prompting the Evil Fire Ancestor to make a move.

He had thought, by launching a surprise attack, he could quickly take down one of them and then kill the other.

Yet, both their strengths were incredibly formidable; the Evil Fire Ancestor, who had roamed freely for so many years, had never suffered like this before.

"Fire Dragon Skill!"

The Evil Fire Ancestor spread his arms, releasing a tremendous amount of Fire Dao True Essence power into his staff.

Suddenly, the air became unbearably dry and hot, and flames continuously gathered, quickly forming a fire dragon over ten zhang long, its Spiritual Fire roaring and clawing.

"Die."

With a fierce roar, the Evil Fire Ancestor commanded the fire dragon, charging at Chen Yu.

He thought that the short and plump man was stronger and also a Water Practitioner, inherently incompatible with fire. Consequently, he struck at Chen Yu.

This was his peak strike; once he killed one of them, the game would be broken.

"Brother Chen, be careful!"

Feng Tianhao shouted.

Even he was profoundly moved by the Evil Fire Ancestor's strike, not daring to meet it head-on.

Chen Yu had just become a Copper Badge Holy Guard—could he withstand it?

"Secret Scales Protect."

Chen Yu stimulated the second demon pattern, channeling his True Yuan, a layer of demonic scale black light emerging and forming a protective shield.

Just then, the raging fire dragon smashed into it with a "bang," turning into a whirl of scorching flames that engulfed Chen Yu.

"Burn him to death!"

The Evil Fire Ancestor waved his staff, releasing a Fire Dao True Essence fluctuation.

The endless flames around Chen Yu eroded and burned fiercely, and before long, Chen Yu's Secret Scales Protect was incinerated.

Chen Yu couldn't help but be amazed; the Evil Fire Ancestor's mastery of the Fire Dao was extraordinary.

"Blood Crystal Flame!"

Brother Chen waved his hand, and a blood-red flame burst out, swirling around him, intertwining with the fierce, roaring flames.

The Blood Crystal Flame, ranked within the top hundred on the True Fire Spirit Flame List, was many times more powerful than ordinary flames.

The crimson flame formed a net of fire, spreading outwards, forcing the other flames to retreat.

"This is the legendary Blood Dao Spiritual Flame, the Blood Crystal Flame."

The Evil Fire Ancestor was shocked, his eyes bulging out as he stared at the flame in Chen Yu's hand, trembling uncontrollably.

The density of the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi in the Summoning Flame Realm was low, increasing the difficulty of birthing Innate Spiritual Flames; even if one could be birthed, it could not be too powerful.

Therefore, the moment the Blood Crystal Flame appeared, it excited the other party to such a degree.

Feng Tianhao was also slightly surprised, staring at the Blood Crystal Flame in Chen Yu's hand with some covetousness.

"Go!"

Chen Yu manipulated a portion of the Spiritual Flame, condensing a blood-colored flower and throwing it out.

On the other side, Feng Tianhao launched an attack, slapping out two majestic blue palm lights.

The Evil Fire Ancestor swung his staff, and a sea of flames formed around him, rapidly condensing into a fiery shield to protect him.

However, Chen Yu's Blood Crystal Flame had a restraining effect on ordinary flames, and Feng Tianhao, a Water Practitioner, had water that restrained fire even more.

Boom!

The combined attack of the two collided with the fiery shield, bursting open and sweeping a storm across all directions.

"Brother Chen, let's kill this old fossil."

Feng Tianhao was a bit excited.

Killing a native of the Late Guiyuan Realm was worth quite a few contribution points.

"Alright!"

Chen Yu nodded and charged into the midst of the explosion.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Suddenly, thousands of flaming arrows shot out from within, densely packed, causing Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao to pause in their steps.

"Break!"

Feng Tianhao swung both palms, shattering the incoming light arrows.

As for Chen Yu, there was no need to worry; with his body's defensive power, these light arrows, which were not particularly damaging, could not cause him any significant injuries.

Swoosh!

A dark red shadow streaked from another side, skimming into the misty forest of fire.

"Don't let him escape."

Feng Tianhao immediately shouted.

At this moment, the two held the upper hand and naturally could not just let the Evil Fire Ancestor escape; regardless of his wealth, bringing back his head would yield them a large number of contribution points.

Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao darted into the misty forest of fire.

Not far below the forest, there was an entrance to an underground cave.

Both were cautiously alert as they entered.

As soon as they entered, the cave trembled slightly, activating an Array's power, and the entrance suddenly sealed shut.

"Powerless to resist, such a protective Array, how could it stop us."

Feng Tianhao scoffed, then they began breaking the Array.

On the other side, the Evil Fire Ancestor headed deeper into the cave, through dark and winding corridors leading to the underground.

In a short while, the Evil Fire Ancestor arrived at an underground cave.

The place was exceedingly hot, with a sea of magma beneath the cave.

The moment the Evil Fire Ancestor arrived, the magma surged and exploded, from which burst forth a colossal creature.

Upon closer inspection, it was a Xuanhuo Turtle, entirely red with flame patterns on its shell and several fiery-red spikes on its back; it looked very fierce, and molten lava slowly fell from its body.

It emanated a fearsome and terrible ancient beast aura, making the entire cave extremely oppressive, with the temperature skyrocketing.

"Human, you dare to come back, prepare to die."

The Xuanhuo Turtle bellowed angrily, and opened its mouth to emit a column of fire.

Swoosh!

The Evil Fire Ancestor leaped into the air, and the column of fire blasted onto the ground, melting it to form a large pit.

"Xuanhuo Turtle, wait, I've come to discuss something with you this time."

The Evil Fire Ancestor quickly spoke up.

"Discuss something? You want to snatch the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal from me again, you cunning human."

The Xuanhuo Turtle's gaze was fiery red, its anger unabated as it continued its assault.

"No, you've misunderstood, this is about another important matter."

The Evil Fire Ancestor chuckled bitterly.

"Don't try to deceive me."

The Xuanhuo Turtle did not believe the Evil Fire Ancestor and continued its fierce attacks.

The Evil Fire Ancestor fled in all directions, not daring to clash head-on with the Xuanhuo Turtle.

"I'm not lying to you. Outsiders have broken in here and seem to have discovered this place's secret. I've used an Array to temporarily hold them off, but it won't last long; in a little while, they will be here."

The Evil Fire Ancestor spoke while fleeing.

"Damn, did you reveal the information?"

The Xuanhuo Turtle became even more furious but gradually stopped its attack.

Five years ago, the Evil Fire Ancestor had arrived and accidentally discovered the underground Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal.

Unable to kill the Evil Fire Ancestor, the Xuanhuo Turtle reluctantly allowed the Evil Fire Ancestor to take a certain amount of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal and leave. As promised, the Ancestor would not disclose the location.

Unexpectedly, two years later, the Evil Fire Ancestor returned here.

The Xuanhuo Turtle, with its limited intelligence, began to realize the cunning nature of humans...

"Hehe, I didn't reveal it; they came here on their own. There are only two of them, and I'm not their match, but combined, we should more than suffice to deal with them."

"If I help you get out of this crisis, you give me another ten pounds of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal, and I'll leave for good, never to disclose this information. How about that?"

The Evil Fire Ancestor wore a shamelessly smiling face.

Chapter 527: Incitement

"...If you give me another ten jin of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal, I will leave and never reveal this information, how about that?" Evil Fire Ancestor said with a shameless smile.

"Absolutely not."

Xuanhuo Turtle glared at him angrily.

"Since that's the case, I'll leave first and let them come in to snatch the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal, huh? Then you'll have to face two humans alone while watching out for my attack from the shadows, hehe." Evil Fire Ancestor made his threat crystal clear to Xuanhuo Turtle, including his scheming.

"You... you're actually threatening me."

Xuanhuo Turtle's body trembled slightly, and the fiery aura around it surged.

"Fine, after we kill those two humans together, I'll give you five jin of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal. Then you can get as far away as possible, or I'll never let you go." Xuanhuo Turtle eventually compromised, angrily declaring, causing Evil Fire Ancestor in the volcanic cave to feel a chill.

Just then, the two sensed two other presences approaching.

The next moment, Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao appeared at the mouth of the cave.

"There's even an ancient beast from the Late Guiyuan Realm!"

Feng Tianhao observed Xuanhuo Turtle with a slightly shocked expression, which soon turned solemn. While Evil Fire Ancestor's strength was nearly at the Late Guiyuan Realm, this ancient beast was truly at that level, and its combat power was certainly extraordinary.

"Are these the two humans?" Xuanhuo Turtle's angry and icy gaze also sized up Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao.

"Tell us, how did you discover the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal here?" Xuanhuo Turtle coldly demanded.

On the side, Evil Fire Ancestor was momentarily stunned, his mouth twitching a few times as he realized what it meant to have a teammate like a pig. He had merely pretended that the intruders had discovered the secret of the crystals to deflect responsibility and rush Xuanhuo Turtle.

Unfortunately, Xuanhuo Turtle took it for real and believed these two had actually found the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals here.

On the other hand, Feng Tianhao, seeing the powerful enemies, initially wanted to retreat. But upon hearing Xuanhuo Turtle's words, he stopped.

"There are Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals here?" Feng Tianhao's heart pounded. There were two ways to earn contribution points for the mission: first, by killing indigenous beings of Guiyuan Realm; second, by handing in Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals.

One jin of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals was worth a hundred contribution points. Killing a native from the Middle Stage of Guiyuan Realm also earned only a hundred points, but the problem was, there weren't enough Middle Stage natives just lining up to be killed.

Besides, Feng Tianhao didn't believe there was only one jin of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal here.

"If we succeed in taking the crystals here, it would be an enormous gain. Then we could just hide somewhere and wait for the mission period to end before going back."

"Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals." Chen Yu was likewise extremely eager for such a treasure. The preciousness of this item was undeniable, but Elder Chang initially hadn't specified the use of the treasure, which made Chen Yu very curious.

"Brother Chen, we can't just leave like this. We must get a share of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals. If they do not agree, we'll make a big deal out of this. I believe they wouldn't want such a thing to

happen," Feng Tianhao secretly communicated with Chen Yu. Although he desired the treasure, weighing both sides' strengths, he felt that they had no chance of winning.

"Okay." Chen Yu agreed.

"Hurry up and attack." Evil Fire Ancestor made a low shout. He and Xuanhuo Turtle together were much stronger than their opponents; there was no need for idle talk.

"Wait a moment, both of you. We entered here unintentionally. If we can get some Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals, we will leave this place and not spread the word," Feng Tianhao took the initiative to negotiate.

Upon hearing this, Xuanhuo Turtle immediately looked at Evil Fire Ancestor: "You actually deceived me; they did not know about the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals here, Evil Fire Ancestor. Is this your trick to lure these two here..."

This time Evil Fire Ancestor was truly wronged. Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao had come to the vicinity while chasing an ancient beast, and thus encountered each other, leading to this conflict.

He had escaped here wanting to ally with Xuanhuo Turtle to kill the two men, but who knew Xuanhuo Turtle, because of being tricked by him last time, doubted Evil Fire Ancestor and was somewhat foolish, thus exposing the treasure here.

"There seems to be a conflict between the man and the beast!" Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao looked at each other, thoughtful.

The situation was now quite complex, as both were considering how to take advantage of the circumstances for greater gain.

A moment later, Feng Tianhao spoke: "We did not know there were Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals here before. It is kind of Evil Fire Ancestor to bring us here."

Feng Tianhao chuckled softly, looking at the Evil Fire Ancestor with a look of gratitude.

"You..." Evil Fire Ancestor was so angry he didn't know what to say: "Don't listen to their nonsense."

Xuanhuo Turtle trusted Evil Fire Ancestor even less now, even showing some hostility.

"Attack!" Feng Tianhao suddenly transmitted.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Both men made a lightning-fast move, striking towards Evil Fire Ancestor. If they could kill him first, Xuanhuo Turtle's side would weaken, making negotiation possible, and there would be one less person to share the spoils with.

While Evil Fire Ancestor was busy explaining to Xuanhuo Turtle, he suddenly noticed the enemies attacking him, causing his heart to skip a beat.

"Sea Covering Palm." Feng Tianhao immediately activated his bloodline power and then unleashed a powerful killing move. He slowly pushed out a palm, which seemed extremely strenuous. Behind the massive palm light, gigantic waves seemed to be pulling, ready to drown everything.

Madness Demon Slash! Chen Yu drew out the "Demon Flood Dragon Sword" and executed a sword technique, slashing out a curved arc of black wind and demon light sword waves.

"Damn, quick, save me..."

Evil Fire Ancestor had no time for more words, raising his staff and pointing forward, releasing a surge of fiery power that transformed into a wall of fire blocking the front.

Then, he held his staff horizontally in front, forming a dark red Fire Pattern Light Shield.

"Xuanhuo Turtle, we have a feud with Evil Fire Ancestor, and I hope you won't interfere in our matters."

Feng Tianhao took the opportunity to distract Xuanhuo Turtle.

Boom!

When their attacks arrived, the fire wall was instantly destroyed.

Fire Dao power excelled in offense, not defense.

Crack!

Immediately after, the protective shield around Evil Fire Ancestor was also shattered, sending his body smashing backward into the stone wall, creating a human-shaped indent as he spat out three mouthfuls of fresh blood.

"You stupid turtle, if I die, they will definitely seize your Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal."

Evil Fire Ancestor, overwhelmed with frustration and anger, cursed aloud.

Seeing Evil Fire Ancestor in such a sorry state, Xuanhuo Turtle thought this could not be his scheme—who would harm themselves?

"You humans are too cunning."

Xuanhuo Turtle, extremely annoyed, suddenly charged at Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao.

The authority of the ancient beast unfolded, a wave of scorching fire rushing toward them, making Feng Tianhao's skin burn and his body excessively hot inside.

This Xuanhuo Turtle, an ancient beast, was stronger than anticipated.

"Brother Chen, you restrain the Xuanhuo Turtle first; I'll deal with Evil Fire Ancestor."

Feng Tianhao dodged and left Chen Yu to cope with the formidable Xuanhuo Turtle.

Unable to react in time, Chen Yu saw the Xuanhuo Turtle charging headfirst.

Not only did it have spikes on its shell, but there was also one on its head.

Chen Yu positioned his sword horizontally in front.

Boom!

The head of the Xuanhuo Turtle collided, creating a giant noise.

The powerful force of the ancient beast in the Late Guiyuan Realm forced Chen Yu to retreat wildly.

Chen Yu energized his heart, the power amplifying, slowing his backward momentum until he finally steadied himself, blocking the charge of the Xuanhuo Turtle.

"Eh? You human have such great strength?"

The Xuanhuo Turtle was taken aback.

Humans never fought ancient beasts in close combat, as ancient beasts' bodies were full of lethal weapons, capable of easily slicing through humans' True Essence protection and killing them.

Boom!

Just then, the Demon Flood Dragon Sword with True Yuan surged, emitting a series of explosive sounds characteristic of its explosive attribute.

Even the flesh of the Xuanhuo Turtle couldn't withstand the explosions.

Boom!

The Xuanhuo Turtle stepped back several paces, rearing its head and spewing out a terrifying column of flame.

Swish!

Chen Yu dodged, avoiding a direct clash.

This Xuanhuo Turtle likely possessed a very high lineage among ancient beasts, having considerable strength.

"Red Flame King, it's your turn."

Chen Yu patted his pet bag and released the Red Flame King.

"I was sleeping; this is so annoying."

The Red Flame King glanced at Chen Yu with impatience but still confronted the Xuanhuo Turtle.

"Remember, don't reveal the Holy Beast Bloodline."

Chen Yu sent a telepathic warning.

With Feng Tianhao here, if others knew Chen Yu possessed a Holy Beast Spirit Pet, it would only attract more trouble.

"It's just a little turtle; it doesn't deserve my full effort."

The Red Flame King scoffed.

"Little turtle!"

When the Xuanhuo Turtle approached the Red Flame King, its body was three times the size of the Red Flame King's.

Additionally, having cultivated for hundreds of years, the Xuanhuo Turtle was being called a little turtle for the first time.

As a proud ancient beast, it couldn't tolerate such an insult and revealed a ferocious cold smile before attacking the Red Flame King.

"The Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal should be right below this magma."

Chen Yu glanced around, spotted nothing, and his eyes fell to the magma below.

Spurt!

Chen Yu raised his True Essence Shield and dove into the magma.

On the other side, Feng Tianhao, surprised by the scene, felt somewhat envious.

"This kid actually has another ancient beast spirit pet." He thought.

Besides, Feng Tianhao had planned to kill Evil Yin Ancestor first, then retrieve the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal himself, potentially keeping some.

Unexpectedly, Chen Yu had released a spirit pet to hold back the Xuanhuo Turtle and was the first to go retrieve the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal.

"Die!"

Feng Tianhao immediately went all out, launching a fierce attack on Evil Yin Ancestor.

Originally ambushed and heavily injured by the two, Evil Yin Ancestor, now soaked in blood-stained robes, was at his last gasp; he ultimately couldn't withstand Feng Tianhao's brutal assault and was killed with a palm strike.

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Arriving in the magma, Chen Yu instantly felt a strong wave of fire elemental power.

Following these fluctuations, he swam forward and soon discovered a small cluster of shiny, translucent crystals on the bedrock above.

Without question, this was the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal.

Around the crystal, the magma continuously churned, possessing extraordinary destructive power. As Chen Yu approached, the power of his True Essence Shield rapidly depleted, almost dispersing.

Chapter 528: The Uses of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal

"This must be the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal," Chen Yu thought with a hint of excitement.

The ferocious guardianship of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal by the Xuanhuo Turtle was enough to prove that this item was also extremely precious to the people of the Summoning Flame Realm and to the demon beasts.

"There must be dozens of pounds at least."

Chen Yu was somewhat tempted.

It seemed that teaming up with the old man, Feng Tianhao, was a wise choice. After spending decades in the Holy Land, he knew how to exploit the loopholes in the rules of the Holy Land to secure the greatest benefit for himself.

As the True Essence Shield was about to dissipate, Chen Yu channeled True Yuan to stabilize it, approached the subterranean rock mine, took out the Demon Flood Dragon Sword, and slashed fiercely around him.

Meanwhile, once Feng Tianhao saw Chen Yu dive into the magma, he immediately went all out to kill the Evil Fire Ancestor.

Right after that, he plunged into the magma too.

Suddenly, hearing a loud boom, he swiftly swam over.

He saw that in a certain area underground, the magma was churning violently, and mixed within it was a surge of Demonic True Essence power.

"Brother Chen, have you found the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal?"

Feng Tianhao immediately asked as he hurriedly entered.

"I have," said Chen Yu with a smile.

Chunks of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal had been excavated on the underground floor by his earlier sword strike and were scattered about.

"Great, let's dig out the rest below as well."

Feng Tianhao's eyes gleamed with excitement as he spoke.

At the same time, he secretly felt fortunate that he had arrived early because had he come later, Chen Yu might have already hidden some of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals.

"Alright."

Chen Yu smiled.

He hadn't expected Feng Tianhao to have killed the Evil Fire Ancestor so quickly. Luckily, just a moment ago Chen Yu had thought to hide some of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals within the mysterious heart's Light Silver Crystal Space, unbeknownst to Feng Tianhao.

The two might have teamed up to explore, but Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao had barely ever met in the Holy Land, let alone spoken a word to each other. They had no real connection; it was benefit that tied them together.

Just now, Feng Tianhao had left the stronger Xuanhuo Turtle for Chen Yu to deal with while he dealt with the Evil Fire Ancestor.

If Chen Yu hadn't had other means to cope with the Xuanhuo Turtle, certainly Feng Tianhao would have killed the Evil Fire Ancestor first, dived underground to extract the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal, and would have definitely hidden some for himself.

As the two were preparing to dig up the remaining Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals, the underground magma suddenly began to boil.

"You despicable humans dare to snatch my treasure."

The furious voice of the Xuanhuo Turtle reverberated, causing the ground to shake and rocks to fall.

Boom!

Undeterred by the Red Flame King, the Xuanhuo Turtle charged into the magma, hot lava splashing around the cavern and hissing.

In the magma, the Xuanhuo Turtle was in its element; its combat power there was exceptionally strong.

Rumbling followed as the Xuanhuo Turtle rushed towards them with incredible speed, the underground magma tumultuously surging, engulfing the two men as if caught in a tsunami.

Knowing the location of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal, the Xuanhuo Turtle struck with the force of a massive cannonball.

In such a situation, even Chen Yu didn't dare to confront it directly and could only dodge.

Before evading, Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao stashed all the excavated Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals into their storage bags.

Boom!

Under the impact of the Xuanhuo Turtle, the remaining Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals in the earth's crust were dug up by it and hidden inside its shell.

The Xuanhuo Turtle had discovered the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals long before and taken up residence here because these crystals could continuously regenerate, albeit at a very slow pace.

But ancient beasts have long lives and can afford to wait.

Therefore, it only occasionally took some, leaving most of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals untouched.

If it had known things were going to turn out this way, the Xuanhuo Turtle would have taken all of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals from the beginning and its haul would have been even greater.

Roar!

The Xuanhuo Turtle howled in rage, inhaled the magma, and then violently spewed it out.

Whoosh!

A stream of fiery red flame burst forth from its mouth, terrifyingly powerful, enough to evaporate the magma itself.

"Retreat quickly."

Feng Tianhao's face was filled with fear as he hastily retreated.

The late Guiyuan Realm ancient beast was already formidable, not to mention the Xuanhuo Turtle was now furiously enraged and in an advantageous environment, with its combat power at its peak.

"Red Flame King, why did you let it come down here?" Chen Yu transmitted a message.

"That fellow is tough and was determined to escape; I couldn't stop it," the Red Flame King explained calmly.

He was at the Middle Stage of the Guiyuan Realm; if he employed the full strength of his Holy Beast Bloodline, stopping the Xuanhuo Turtle wouldn't be a problem.

"Let's get out of here," Chen Yu called out gruffly, surging upwards.

Pfft! Pfft!

Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao emerged from the surface of the magma, closely followed by the Xuanhuo Turtle that burst forth in pursuit.

"Get out of underground and draw it outside," said Chen Yu, flying towards the cave entrance.

Feng Tianhao didn't dare to linger either and ran out quickly.

Boom!

The cave entrance exploded as Chen Yu, Feng Tianhao, and the Red Flame King made their exit, followed by the massive Xuanhuo Turtle, furious and unforgiving.

"Hand over the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal."

The Xuanhuo Turtle roared angrily, its blood-red eyes fixed on Feng Tianhao and Chen Yu.

"Now that we're outside, you still dare to be so arrogant. Together, the three of us are not in the least afraid of you," Feng Tianhao said sternly.

He had noticed earlier that Chen Yu's Ancient Beast Spirit Pet had an extraordinary bloodline and tremendous power. Along with the two of them, who were Copper Badge Holy Guards, they need not fear the Xuanhuo Turtle.

"Die."

Still furious and unable to think rationally, the Xuanhuo Turtle opened its mouth and blasted out a massive pillar of fire.

Boom!

A sweeping pillar of fire incinerated everything in its path.

"Attack."

The two of them and their beast simultaneously struck, surrounding the Xuanhuo Turtle and attacking from three directions.

Chen Yu slashed out with a powerful tide of Sword Qi, striking the head of the Xuanhuo Turtle and blasting it open.

Feng Tianhao was on the left side of the Xuanhuo Turtle, continuously pounding with his palms, and waves of Water Path Power kept surging toward it.

And the Red Flame King moved behind the Xuanhuo Turtle.

Hoo!

It opened its mouth and spat out a surging fireball, accurately targeting the tail of the Xuanhuo Turtle.

Bang boom!

The fireball exploded right behind the Xuanhuo Turtle's rear, causing its body to tremble, and in a mix of shame and anger, it turned around to face the Red Flame King.

"Press the attack."

Feng Tianhao bellowed.

The Xuanhuo Turtle had the advantage of the terrain within the lava, but now that they were in the sky, it was different, and the three of them had the advantage in numbers, attacking the Xuanhuo Turtle from three sides.

Boom!

They kept hitting the Xuanhuo Turtle.

If it wasn't for its tough shell and astonishing defensive power, it might already have fallen at the hands of Chen Yu and the others.

On the other hand, while the Xuanhuo Turtle's defensive power was strong, its speed was a weakness, hence it was out of options against Chen Yu, Feng Tianhao, and the Red Flame King.

"You damn humans just wait..."

The Xuanhuo Turtle roared and fled with its tail between its legs.

Chen Yu and the others didn't chase after it.

Ancient beasts were naturally hardy, especially turtles with their extraordinary defense—it was too difficult to chase and kill.

"Haha, we've made a huge profit this time."

Feng Tianhao laughed out loud, then looked at Chen Yu, "Brother Chen, let's split the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal equally."

In the rush before, they both collected the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal they had dug up, but Chen Yu had taken slightly more.

"Alright."

Chen Yu agreed.

They floated down to where the Evil Fire Ancestor's cave dwelling was, but now the place was a ruin, thoroughly in shambles.

"Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal? I didn't expect it to be this treasure."

The Red Flame King remarked upon seeing the crystal stones brought out by Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao.

"You know what this is?"

Feng Tianhao immediately asked.

"Of course."

The Red Flame King replied haughtily.

"Then tell us what it's for."

"Why should I tell you?"

Feng Tianhao was rendered speechless, holding back his anger as he communicated with Chen Yu via voice transmission: "Brother Chen, this Ancient Beast Spirit Pet of yours is really snarky."

Feng Tianhao was quite proud and ill-tempered himself. If he hadn't needed something from the Red Flame King, he wouldn't even bother conversing with it.

Of course, since the Red Flame King's master was here, he had to give Chen Yu some face.

"Don't be smug, tell us."

Chen Yu glared at the Red Flame King.

He too was eager to know the use of this crystal.

"Alright, alright, since you're asking so earnestly, I'll be benevolent and tell you."

"The Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal has many uses, but the most extraordinary one is that it can help you cultivate a 'Fire Element Body'."

The Red Flame King said simply.

"Fire Element Body?"

Feng Tianhao savored these three words, and then his eyes lit up with a sharp glint, excitedly saying, "Could it be the legendary special physique that increases the likelihood of breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm?"

"That's right."

The Red Flame King nodded.

"Does it really have such miraculous effects?"

Chen Yu was somewhat incredulous.

Although he knew the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal was precious, its purported use was remarkably astonishing. If it were true, that would mean the Summoning Flame Realm possibly had the Sky Sea Realm.

"This is wonderful; such a treasure it is! No wonder the Holy Land offers such high contribution points to purchase it." Feng Tianhao laughed excitedly.

"Don't get too excited yet. Is a Fire Element Body that easy to cultivate?"

The Red Flame King looked disdainfully at the stout man.

"Moreover, fatso, you, being a Water Practitioner, simply cannot cultivate a Fire Element Body."

"If you try to absorb it but fail to assimilate, it could backfire, potentially damaging your foundation, inflicting you with fire poison, and in severe cases, even affecting your mind, leading to madness or hysteria."

The Red Flame King spoke with contempt.

Once upon a time, it too had cultivated a Fire Element Body to increase the chance of breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm, so it was very clear about certain things.

"Impossible? Can't be cultivated?"

Feng Tianhao snorted. He didn't like the Red Flame King's tone or attitude and chose to ignore the grave consequences the Red Flame King had mentioned.

Soon, the division of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal was completed, with both Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao getting twenty-five pounds each.

Had they handed over these twenty-five pounds of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal to the Holy Land, it would have been worth two thousand five hundred contribution points, enough to drive a Silver Emblem Holy Guard mad.

Of course, now that they were aware of the uses of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal, Chen Yu and Feng Tianhao had no intention of doing so.

"Let's rest here for a while."

Feng Tianhao suggested.

This was a forbidden place, sparsely populated, where they wouldn't be disturbed.

Feng Tianhao planned to try and refine and absorb the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal first.

Chapter 529: Enhance Blood Crystal Flame

Summoning Flame Realm, the Kunyun Sacred Land stronghold.

Qian Guang, Jiang Boxiong, and another with a Silver Emblem, along with another with a Copper Emblem, gathered in a dimly lit room.

"There's no news of Chen Yu!"

The Copper Emblem Holy Guard shook his head.

"I haven't heard anything either,"

Said Jiang Boxiong.

"Could it be that the kid knows we're after him and he went into hiding beforehand?"

Qian Guang's face was gloomy with doubt as he glanced at Jiang Boxiong.

Jiang Boxiong had a good relationship with Chen Yu before, so there was the possibility of him having tipped off Chen Yu.

"It's impossible, I feel that Chen Yu must be acting freely on his own, hunting natives alone, searching for the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal,"

Jiang Boxiong guessed what Qian Guang was thinking and immediately spoke up.

In fact, other than someone tipping off Chen Yu or Chen Yu being killed by the natives, there was only this possibility left.

"Mm, this possibility is also very high."

Qian Guang nodded in agreement, not too suspicious of Jiang Boxiong.

"If I were Chen Yu and exploring freely, I'd likely choose the southern or western regions, with the south being the most probable, since in case of danger, there's a chance of encountering members of the Sacred Land..."

Qian Guang took out a map, eyes fixed upon it, and spoke slowly.

"We should split up into two teams to search for traces of Chen Yu, and transmit a message immediately upon discovery."

Qian Guang made a decision.

"Okay!"

The others agreed as well.

In the end, Qian Guang went with the Copper Emblem Holy Guard, and Jiang Boxiong with the Silver Emblem Holy Guard.

Transported from Kunyun Sacred Land to the Summoning Flame Realm, the transmission point wouldn't be too far from the Sacred Land, so searching wasn't too difficult.

In addition, the Holy Land Token had a special function, which was to sense the position of other Holy Guards.

However, only a high-level Holy Guard Token could sense lower-level Holy Guard Tokens. For example, a Silver Emblem Holy Guard Token could detect a Copper Emblem Holy Guard Token, while a Golden Emblem Holy Guard Token could detect both Silver and Copper... This also reflected the absolute authority of positions within the Sacred Land, with the subordinates always obeying their superiors.

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Fire Fog Forest.

Feng Tianhao took out a piece of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal and began to absorb and refine it.

He had only heard that if one could cultivate a special physique, the Fire Element Body, it could increase the chances of breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm, but he knew nothing of the specific details.

He didn't believe that Water Practitioners couldn't cultivate the Fire Element Body, especially considering that the Red Flame King was just a beast-type Spirit Pet.

Feng Tianhao also felt that reaching the Sky Sea Realm was a rather elusive goal for himself, and he did not want to miss this opportunity.

"You're being stubborn. Besides Fire Cultivators, who have a great likelihood of cultivating the Fire Element Body, it's extremely difficult for others, and it's utterly impossible for Water Practitioners."

The Red Flame King huffed coldly.

"Is that true?"

Chen Yu sent a telepathic message.

If Chen Yu also couldn't cultivate the Fire Element Body, then the Red Flame King, a Fire Dao Practitioner, would naturally lay claim to the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal.

"Of course, it's true. Would this king bother deceiving you?" The Red Flame King was clearly displeased.

"The primary function of this crystal stone is that it contains pure fire elemental Qi power, which can communicate with Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi."

"Actually breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm is a process of connecting to Heaven and Earth to strengthen oneself. Hence, cultivating a Fire Element Body can make this process smoother."

"Imagine what would happen to a Water Practitioner whose body continuously draws in the fire elemental Qi from the surroundings?"

The Red Flame King laid out the essence of both the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal and the Fire Element Body.

It was clear that the Red Flame King knew a great deal about this subject.

"Besides the Fire Element Body, what other uses does this crystal stone have?"

Chen Yu inquired.

"Then it has a wide range of uses. For example, your 'Blood Crystal Flame' can devour this crystal stone to enhance its quality. Similarly, it can also be integrated into Spiritual Artifacts, giving Fire Dao Spiritual Artifacts a certain chance of acquiring a 'devouring' characteristic, among other things..."

The Red Flame King suddenly shared numerous uses.

In contrast, all of these required a substantial quantity of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals to be effective, or else the result wouldn't be significant.

In fact, the same applied to the Fire Element Body. At least one hundred jin of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals needed to be refined to have a chance of cultivating the Fire Element Body.

"How about it? I've told you so much; should you not share some of that Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal with me?"

Towards the end, the Red Flame King finally showed his true intentions.

Although he was now re-cultivating and had the Holy Beast Bloodline, making his chances of breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm fairly high, there was never a guarantee of one hundred percent success, nor would anyone complain about too great a chance of breaking through the Sky Sea Realm.

Moreover, the Fire Element Body could not only increase the probability of breaking through but also boost a Fire Cultivator's own cultivation and strength.

"I'll give you five jin,"

Chen Yu offered only five jin of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal.

Then, he also started to use the crystal stone himself.

Firstly, he used it to enhance the quality of his "Blood Crystal Flame."

"Blood Crystal Flame" ranked within the top one hundred on the True Fire Spirit Flame List, its rarity within the Summoning Flame Realm was akin to that of a legendary item, and even in the Kunyun Realm, it was considered an exceptional Spirit Flame.

However, the power it exerted in Chen Yu's hands was not strong because its intrinsic quality was too low.

Even some True Fire Spirit Flames ranked lower than "Blood Crystal Flame," if of high enough quality, could actually suppress "Blood Crystal Flame" in battle.

Back in Beiyuan, during the Three Kingdoms Auction, Chen Yu bid for a Blood Sun Stone to nourish the "Blood Crystal Flame," and now the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal served a similar purpose.

Chen Yu first activated the power of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal.

Instantly, the crystal stone surged with firelight, emitting faint red glowing specks all around.

The fire elemental Qi from the surroundings rapidly gathered.

Now, Chen Yu understood why the Evil Fire Ancestor was so powerful. As a Fire Cultivator, using weapons refined from this crystal stone could amplify the power of combat techniques. That's why, at the peak of the mid-stage, he could exert strength comparable to a late Guiyuan Realm cultivator.

Roaring whoosh!

The area gathered with dense fire elemental Qi, and the space all around seemed as if it was on fire.

Swish!

The Red Flame King rose and moved several tens of zhang away.

Certainly, when three people use the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal at the same place, its effects are greatly diminished.

Seeing Red Flame King like this, Chen Yu couldn't help but walk farther away.

When the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal in Chen Yu's hand had absorbed and gathered enough fire attribute primordial qi,

Whoosh!

Chen Yu's palm opened, and within it, a lump of glassy blood flame danced.

He directed the Blood Crystal Flame to rush toward the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal, and at the same time, strands of blood-colored flame spread around, absorbing the rich fire attribute primordial qi nearby.

Before long, the primordial qi in the surroundings was completely devoured, and the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal turned into an ordinary red crystal, dull and without luster.

"The quality has indeed improved."

Chen Yu felt the power of the Blood Crystal Flame and said with joy.

Although the improvement was not substantial, he still had fourteen jin of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals, plus the ten jin stored in the Light Silver Crystal Space. If it all was absorbed by the Blood Crystal Flame in this way, the effect would be very significant.

At that moment, not far away, Feng Tianhao suddenly let out a loud cry, his body emitting steamy azure smoke.

He suddenly fell down, rolled on the ground a few times, struggled for a moment, and then calmed down somewhat.

"Failed."

Feng Tianhao murmured with his head down.

He had only absorbed three jin of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal, and his body was already showing abnormalities. Continuing to absorb forcibly would only lead to more severe consequences.

"It's earlier than expected, oh, that's right, he also has water lineage bloodlines, which add more resistance."

Red Flame King laughed after seeing this scene from a distance.

Feng Tianhao suddenly got up and looked toward Red Flame King, "This ancient beast's experiences are not ordinary; it knows things even I do not know."

At this point, Feng Tianhao had full confidence in Red Flame King.

Feng Tianhao walked over slowly, a hint of a smile on his face, "Fire Scale Beast, if Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals can only be absorbed by Fire Cultivators for cultivating the Fire Element Body, then is there also a Water Element Body?"

"Of course," affirmed Red Flame King.

Originally, Feng Tianhao was just guessing in his heart, making a wild guess; Red Flame King's answer excited him instantly.

"Really?"

"Don't believe it then," Red Flame King replied, indifferent.

"I do, I do, but I just don't know, how does one cultivate this Water Element Body?"

Feng Tianhao bent over, a fawning smile on his face.

But Red Flame King didn't give him the time of day.

Somewhat helplessly, Feng Tianhao took out three jin of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal from his storage bag and handed it over.

"You're too stingy."

Red Flame King received the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal and still complained.

"There's a treasure called 'Azure Water Glass', the excellent rare gem for cultivating the Water Element Body. However, this treasure is so rare it's almost impossible to find..."

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The night still remained scorching within the Forest of Fire Mist.

Within the hollow of an ancient tree five li away, two figures appeared indistinctly.

"Elder brother, what should we do? Should we go back and have a look?"

A disciple in the early stages of the Guiyuan Realm asked.

"Let's wait a few more days. Those two people are strong, even our Master couldn't match them; perhaps they are already dead by their hands."

Another thin man replied calmly.

These two were the disciples of the Evil Fire Ancestor.

When the Evil Fire Ancestor suddenly attacked Chen Yu, whilst they managed to escape in the chaos, they didn't flee too far away.

"Should we take revenge for our Master?"

The Guiyuan Realm disciple asked.

"Revenge?"

The thin man shook his head slightly and chuckled.

Right at that moment, he sensed something.

Soon after, a formidable pressure descended, making the area within a hundred zhang oppressively silent, with all sounds ceasing.

"Who's there?"

The Guiyuan Realm disciple asked in alarmed whispers, his face pale with fear.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

Four figures arrived at the scene, each emanating the aura of the Guiyuan Realm. Among them was a white-haired old man whose terrible aura made others dare not approach.

"Welcome Sect Leader Song!"

The thin disciple immediately showed a smile and bowed slightly.

Seeing his senior brother recognizing this person, the other disciple heaved a sigh of relief.

"Let's go, it's time to collect your Master's dog life."

The white-haired elder's voice was hoarse and cold, carrying an unmistakable tone of authority.

"Sect Leader Song, something unexpected happened."

The thin disciple said.

"Unexpected?"

The white-haired elder's eyes bulged slightly, staring intently, making the thin disciple's heart pound with fear.

"Sect Leader Song, hear me out, two outsiders suddenly intruded here and started a fierce battle with that old man, the outcome is uncertain..."

The thin disciple quickly explained.

Originally, he had made a deal with the Fire Lion Sect to take action against the Evil Fire Ancestor in the next few days, but something like this had happened unexpectedly.

"Oh?"

The white-haired elder and the others appeared contemplative.

"Elder brother... why did you betray Master?"

Hearing this conversation, the Guiyuan Realm disciple was shaken, staring incredulously at his senior brother, who had betrayed their Master.

"Little brother, you're still so naive. Did you truly believe our Master came here just for quiet cultivation? Let me tell you, he was hiding Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals underneath his residence. That was his real goal; we were all fooled by him!"

The thin disciple chuckled.

Chapter 530: Formidable Enemy Attacks

"Alas, it seems that I can only hand over this Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal to the Holy Land or trade it with others," Feng Tianhao sighed. With such a treasure yet unusable by himself and having never heard of the Azure Water Glass mentioned by the Red Flame King, he felt quite disappointed at the moment.

"This ancient beast is quite clever to know so much," Feng Tianhao observed the Red Flame King. The Red Flame King, like a human, held the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal, channeling the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi and absorbing its energy, seemingly aiming to cultivate a Fire Element Body.

On the other hand, Chen Yu was using the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal to enhance the precious Innate Spiritual Flame, the Blood Crystal Flame, which made Feng Tianhao extremely envious.

Just then, Feng Tianhao's brow moved slightly, his eyes deepening as he sensed someone approaching! The Red Flame King and Chen Yu, engrossed in their cultivation, had yet to notice.

Feng Tianhao stood up and slowly retreated backward, choosing not to alert Chen Yu and the Red Flame King.

Suddenly, two figures appeared in the night. "Master, are you here?" a thin man called out. His shout naturally alerted Chen Yu and the Red Flame King.

"Hahaha, it's you guys, foolishly coming back for more," Feng Tianhao remembered these two as disciples of the Evil Fire Ancestor. He hadn't expected them to come back; this was indeed a chance to score some points.

Whoosh! Feng Tianhao's figure soared forth, rushing toward the thin man and his companion. Seeing Feng Tianhao approach, the thin man and his junior brother showed a trace of panic.

But shortly after, they regained their composure, and the thin man said, "It seems the Evil Fire Ancestor has been killed by you all."

"Heh, I'll be sending you down to join him very soon...". Feng Tianhao let out a cold laugh, but the next moment he felt a powerful presence and his words came to a halt.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Suddenly, four more figures flew out from behind. Among them, an old man with white hair burst into sparks and crackles, giving Feng Tianhao a sense of danger.

This man was the fastest, flying ahead of the other three, rapidly closing in on Feng Tianhao.

Boom! The white-haired elder struck with a palm, and infinite fiery explosions formed a fiery lion that roared as it pounced on Feng Tianhao.

Bang! Feng Tianhao hurriedly struck back with a palm. The collision of the two palms created a violent explosion.

A figure was seen swiftly retreating backward, landing on the ground with enough force to leave a deep pit – it was Feng Tianhao.

That white-haired elder was at the Late Guiyuan Realm and had struck unexpectedly, catching Feng Tianhao off-guard and forcing him to retreat after just one exchange.

Then the attacks from the other four people came crashing down, overwhelming him. These four were at the Peak of Middle Stage Guiyuan Realm, Early Guiyuan Realm Peak, and two others at the Early Guiyuan Realm Peak.

Bang! Their combined assault rained down, resulting in a thunderous explosion.

"Brother Feng," Chen Yu called out involuntarily. He hadn't anticipated that they would encounter an attack here.

The enemies were six in total, with the leader at the Late Guiyuan Realm. In such a situation, Chen Yu and the Red Flame King would only stand a chance if they both went all out, but that was assuming Brother Feng wasn't killed first.

"What is that blood-colored flame?" asked one at the Peak of Middle Stage Guiyuan Realm, eyeing Chen Yu. He had just seen Chen Yu holding a flame that felt extraordinary, but couldn't recall what it was right away.

"Just hand over the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystal obediently, and I might leave your corpses intact," the white-haired elder's voice rose coldly and hoarsely. His cold, inscrutable gaze swept across the area, lingering on the Red Flame King, "There's actually a fire-attributed ancient beast too, and its bloodline seems rather exceptional." He resolved that he must try his best to subdue this ancient beast!

Whoosh! From the midst of the explosion, a disheveled figure shot out. Feng Tianhao, using some secret technique to accelerate with remarkable speed, left behind only a faint blue afterimage in his wake.

With such powerful enemies numbering six Guiyuan Realm cultivators, the leader of which was at the Late Guiyuan Realm, Feng Tianhao, along with Chen Yu and the Red Flame King, had no chance of winning. So Feng Tianhao opted to flee decisively.

"Trying to escape?" The one at the Peak of Middle Stage Guiyuan Realm pointed out, his fingertip instantly gathering a ball of firelight that shot forth. This brilliant red light pierced the night, striking Feng Tianhao and passing through his arm.

Feng Tianhao screamed in pain but continued his escape without hesitation.

"Stay for this old man," the white-haired elder leaped into the air, his palm conjuring a ball of firelight that crackled with explosive sounds.

"Damn it!" Feeling the immense pressure from behind, Feng Tianhao cursed. Being targeted by someone at Late Guiyuan Realm was nothing good.

"Chen Yu, run! You have a lot of Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals in your hand, they won't let you go!" Feng Tianhao suddenly shouted. While it seemed like he was alerting and caring for Chen Yu, his true intention was to draw the white-haired elder's attention to Chen Yu.

Sure enough, upon hearing this, the white-haired elder briefly slowed, glancing over at Chen Yu. But he didn't completely believe Feng Tianhao's words.

Whoosh! Seizing the moment, Feng Tianhao pushed his speed to the limit, fleeing into the distance.

On the other side, seeing Feng Tianhao withdrawing, Chen Yu also prepared to escape but was interfered with by several Guiyuan Realm cultivators.

"Die." The Peak of Middle Stage Guiyuan Realm cultivator's fingers shot out two beams of fiery light, scorching the air as they raced forth.

Ding-dang!

Chen Yu swung the Demon Flood Dragon Sword to block two sharp finger strikes, sparking a shower of sparks.

But at the same time, several other Guiyuan Realm practitioners' colossal Fire Dao attacks came crashing down like a deluge.

Chen Yu mobilized the Blood Crystal Flame, wafting his hand to unleash a wave of crimson flames that engulfed and incinerated the others' assaults.

Excess power from the Blood Crystal Flame surged toward the two Early Guiyuan Realm practitioners.

The moment the flames touched them, they felt a flesh-corroding, searing pain.

"What is this?"

The two of them cried out in panic, circulating True Yuan in an attempt to dispel it.

"The might of the Blood Crystal Flame has increased quite a bit."

Chen Yu muttered to himself and then retreated with the Red Flame King.

"That flame, it's the Blood Crystal Flame."

The man at the Peak of the Middle Guiyuan Realm stood frozen for a moment before abruptly realizing, his mind reeling in shock.

"Elder He, you go after the fat one who just ran. Leave this boy to me."

The white-haired elder had also witnessed the scene and suddenly spoke up, issuing an order.

As soon as he finished speaking, the white-haired elder took the initiative to strike, pursuing Chen Yu.

If the Evil Fire Ancestor's hiding place contained fewer Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals than expected, the value of the Blood Crystal Flame far exceeded that of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals.

Moreover, compared to the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals, the rarity of the Blood Crystal Flame was even higher.

"This old bastard..."

Elder He cursed the white-haired elder internally, but since the other was the Sect Leader, he had no choice but to obey and go after Feng Tianhao.

"All others, follow me to pursue this man."

Song Sect Master called out once more.

Previously, he did not believe Feng Tianhao's words, but now that he knew Chen Yu had the Blood Crystal Flame, it didn't matter whether what Feng Tianhao said was true or false.

Moreover, he had also deduced that the ancient beast belonged to Chen Yu.

An ancient beast of the Fire element, the Blood Crystal Flame, Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals!

Killing Chen Yu could potentially secure all three treasures.

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Elsewhere, after Feng Tianhao had fled a significant distance, he noticed that only one person was pursuing him.

He couldn't help but sigh internally, thinking he had really doomed Chen Yu this time.

But as long as he was alive, that was enough; since Chen Yu was bound to die, there was no possibility of them meeting again, so it wasn't worth dwelling on.

Although only one person was pursuing Feng Tianhao, he had been badly injured by a combined attack from the white-haired elder and other Guiyuan Realm practitioners. Wounded and out of sorts, he couldn't afford a direct confrontation with the Peak Middle Guiyuan Realm pursuer.

Not far from there, two individuals were flying swiftly.

One of them, with a handsome face, was holding a silver Token; this person was Jiang Boxiong.

Suddenly, the silver Token in his hand emitted a flickering silver light.

"There's a Copper Badge Holy Guard nearby!"

Jiang Boxiong and the other Copper Emblem individual were startled.

He immediately used the Token's induction to whisk himself over.

Not long after, he caught sight of a fat man in flight.

"Brother Jiang, save me!"

Feng Tianhao had not expected to encounter Jiang Boxiong here and was extremely excited, immediately pleading for help.

Seeing the fat man's reinforcements, the Peak Middle Guiyuan Realm pursuer immediately turned to flee.

"Thinking of running?"

Feng Tianhao turned to attack, blocking the man's path.

Having nearly lost his life, he had no intention of just letting the man go.

"Spare me, and I'll give up on the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals. Otherwise, the Fire Lion Sect will never forgive you."

The Middle Guiyuan Realm peak man shouted.

"Die!"

Feng Tianhao's killing intent was icy.

Behind them, Jiang Boxiong and another were drawn by the mention of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals and quickly joined Feng Tianhao, taking the man on together.

As a Silver Emblem Holy Guard, Jiang Boxiong possessed the formidable combat power of the Late Guiyuan Realm.

With three Holy Guards combining their strength, it didn't take long for the native of the Summoning Flame Realm to be slain.

"How are you here all alone?"

Jiang Boxiong asked coldly.

"We were teleported far from the base, and I couldn't find the way back," Feng Tianhao offered an excuse.

"But, I encountered Chen Yu along the way. We were attacked and had to split up to escape. We might still be in time to save him,"

Feng Tianhao said again.

He felt somewhat uneasy about having wronged Chen Yu.

If they could save Chen Yu this time, he would certainly be grateful, and it would also mean they could eliminate those Guiyuan Realm practitioners, earning Contribution Points.

"Oh? Chen Yu?"

A glint fleetingly passed through the eyes of Jiang Boxiong and the other Copper Badge Holy Guard.

"Brother Jiang, even if we know about Chen Yu, if we want to kill him, this fat man might become an obstacle,"

The Copper Badge Holy Guard communicated telepathically. "Besides, this guy seems to have Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals on him."

Moreover, even if Feng Tianhao sided with them, the spoils would be divided among more people, diminishing their gain.

"If there's an obstacle, then we'll just eliminate it."

Jiang Boxiong smiled as he communicated, his gaze turning chilly.

Killing Feng Tianhao would get rid of a hindrance and net them the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals he carried.

"Let's go save him."

Jiang Boxiong said to Feng Tianhao, showing great concern.

"Alright!"

Feng Tianhao took to the air.

However, suddenly, Jiang Boxiong and the other Copper Badge Holy Guard, who were trailing him, launched a sudden attack.

Boom-bang!

An explosion sounded, and Feng Tianhao plunged downward, crashing into the mists of the Fire Fog Forest.

"Why... don't kill me... I'll share some of the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals with you!"

Feng Tianhao was deathly pale, covered in blood, and desperate.

"No, no, no, wouldn't it be better if Brother Jiang and I split the Primordial Spirit Flame Crystals between us?"

The Copper Badge Holy Guard revealed a sinister smile.