

Eternal Heart 651

Chapter 651: Stone Cloud Realm

Passing through the space channel, a completely different spatial aura from the Great Yu Realm enveloped him, and his body suddenly felt heavy as he entered another space.

"Is this the 'Stone Cloud Realm'?"

Chen Yu looked around; he was in a forest area, nearby were giant trees with the thickness of a man, very quiet.

The Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi in the Stone Cloud Realm was not very dense, even worse than the Kunyun Realm. He estimated that the limit of cultivation attainable by the creatures here was most likely the mid-stage or late-stage Sky Sea Realm.

Such powerhouses would be enough to eliminate everyone participating in the assessment.

But this was also part of the assessment, hunting creatures below the Sky Sea Realm without alarming the top powerhouses of the Stone Cloud Realm and obtaining Slaughter Points.

"My target is five hundred Slaughter Points, which is somewhat difficult!"

Chen Yu didn't act rashly but started to contemplate first.

If he hunted a cultivator at the peak of the Late Guiyuan Realm, he would need to kill twenty-five of them, and for Half-step Sky Sea Realm, ten were needed to accumulate five hundred contribution points.

If he killed them one by one, Chen Yu naturally wasn't afraid, but these were not within his control, so the task still carried a certain degree of danger.

In addition to this task, Chen Yu had another goal, which was to find the "Earth Element Crystal" mentioned by the Sharp-nosed Elder Liao Sifeng.

This treasure could assist a cultivator in breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm, which was of great use to Chen Yu.

However, acquiring the Earth Element Crystal certainly wouldn't be easy.

"Anyway, I should first make a breakthrough to the late-stage peak; then I will have a greater chance,"

Chen Yu had already made a plan in his mind.

His cultivation level was already close to the late-stage peak, ready for a breakthrough at any time.

Moreover, this was just a minor realm breakthrough and didn't require a long period; the success rate was also very high.

So Chen Yu decided to break through right now, then go hunt the creatures of the Stone Cloud Realm, pass the assessment, and become an Inner Valley Disciple.

His Spiritual Sense swept through and he instantly found a shallow cave on a small hillside not far from the forest.

Swoosh!

Chen Yu swiftly flew toward it and entered the cave.

Afterward, he released the Red Flame King.

"I'm going to attempt to reach the late-stage peak. Protect me,"

Chen Yu instructed.

"What realm is this?"

The Red Flame King immediately realized that they were no longer in the Great Yu Realm.

"Stone Cloud Realm, the second test location of the Black Demon Valley's assessment,"

Chen Yu briefly explained, then proceeded to prepare.

The Red Flame King didn't ask any more questions and lay down at the entrance of the cave, seemingly dozing off.

Chen Yu trusted the Red Flame King, otherwise how could he be at ease?

Whoosh!

Chen Yu took out a bunch of Grade Essence Stones, holding two in each hand, absorbing the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi within them.

His foundation was solid, and he was long ready to attempt reaching the late-stage peak, so the difficulty wasn't significant.

Circulating the sixth layer of the Heavenly Demon Secret Pattern Record, Demon Pattern True Essence began to travel through the meridians within his body...

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The concentration of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi in the Stone Cloud Realm was lower than in the Kunyun Realm, and its area was also much smaller.

On a small hill, two individuals under assessment encountered each other.

One was a member of the Black Demon Valley, the other from the Heavenly Jade Sect.

Such encounters were bound to have one outcome.

"Die!"

The robust man from the Heavenly Jade Sect roared, wielding a giant axe as he attacked the slender woman.

His cultivation was at the peak of the Late Guiyuan Realm, while the slender woman was only in the Late Guiyuan Realm.

Boom!

The robust man swung his giant axe violently, releasing a huge, dark yellow axe shadow that swept out.

Swoosh!

The slender woman, sensing the strength of her opponent, didn't meet the attack head-on and used a movement technique, leaving behind a black afterimage.

Bang!

The axe shadow released by the robust man furiously swept past, destroying the slender woman's afterimage and even leveling the top of the small hill.

"Bad luck running into me!"

The robust man's momentum was ferocious as he coldly shouted.

But just then, the entire hill began to shake, and a rumbling sound came from underground.

"What's happening?"

The robust man suddenly felt an incredibly powerful aura emerging from below.

The slender woman felt the impending danger too, fear overwhelming her as she turned to escape.

Bang!

The hillside suddenly exploded, and from within, a heavy black shadow flew out, instantly striking the slender woman.

The slender woman's body was bashed in two, falling down.

It was then that the robust man saw what hit the slender woman: a gigantic stone.

At the same time, a massive figure stood up.

It was a giant made entirely of rock, huge and muscular, resembling a small hill, emitting an immensely powerful oppressive aura. In front of it, the robust man looked like a tiny ant.

On the rock giant's head were two faintly red crystals, its eyes, now looking down at the robust man.

"Stone race, Hill Giant!"

The robust man stared at the rock giant before him, his body trembling involuntarily, eyes filled with fear.

The Stone Cloud Realm was a realm of different races, and the inhabitants were the Stone race.

Hill Giants, one of the many species within the Stone race, were massive like hills, possessed extraordinary strength capable of splitting mountains and rivers, and could throw massive boulders as a ranged method of attack!

The Hill Giants had robust innate abilities, drawing strength from the earth to enhance their cultivation. They spent most of their lives in slumber, yet their cultivation continued to rise, granting them terrifying power.

The robust man had never expected to encounter such a powerful being from the Stone race.

Its presence felt eerily close to the Sky Sea Realm!

Roar!

The Hill Giant bellowed, seemingly in a rage.

A huge, dim whirlwind, filled with countless rocks, iron chunks, and other metals, burst forth.

Ding ding bang!

The brawny man raised his axe, conjured a True Essence Shield, and defended with all his might.

Chunks of iron and broken stones bombarded him, producing a series of noises.

Boom!

The hill suddenly reached out with its hand, a giant rocky palm, carrying a terrifying oppressive force, crashing down.

The instant the giant palm descended, the brawny man's rain shield shattered.

Boom bang!

A loud noise resounded as the Hill Giant's hand left a massive imprint on the ground, and a cloud of explosive dust scattered in all directions.

Afterward, it turned and walked away, each step accompanied by a loud boom.

As for the giant palm imprint, it was a blur of blood and flesh!

After the Hill Giant had left, a figure shot out from the nearby pile of rubble.

"Hill Giants are too terrifying," said the man in a jade crown, with a face of refined features, in exclamation.

He had heard the sound of fighting and rushed over, hiding nearby. He originally planned to wait until the brawny man and the slender woman had worn each other down before making a move.

But unexpectedly, the Hill Giant appeared and eliminated both of them with lightning-fast methods.

The jade-crowned man turned and walked away, heading in a different direction.

He was a prodigy from the Lu Family, a two-star half-clan of the Southern Domain, with a cultivation at the late peak of the Guiyuan Realm. After arriving here, he was very bold, thinking that passing the assessment would be a breeze.

But now, he had become extremely cautious.

"Eh? Such a strong fluctuation of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi!"

The jade-crowned man suddenly sensed a surge of Qi and walked over slowly.

Gradually, he saw a giant energy vortex appear above a small hill.

"Who is breaking through!" surmised the jade-crowned man.

The time of breakthrough is when disturbance from others is most taboo, because at that moment, the person breaking through could not exert strong abilities and could not easily stop the process, otherwise, they would suffer backlash.

"No matter if it's a human or a member of the Stone Clan, kill them all!" he decided in his heart.

The other party was in the middle of a breakthrough, so this battle would be very easy.

Killing the Stone Clan members would grant Slaughter Points, and killing humans would allow him to obtain their storage bags.

This was the Stone Cloud Realm. No matter who he killed, as long as no one saw and no traces were left behind, there would be no issues.

"Eh? There's also an ancient beast protector, it seems a human is breaking through!"

After getting closer, the jade-crowned man spotted the Red Flame King and made this guess.

As he approached, the jade-crowned man saw the person inside the cave clearly.

"Chen Yu!"

The jade-crowned man became incredibly excited, his eyes brimming with a killing intent.

Logically speaking, Chen Yu had only offended the Cui Clan and the You Clan, with no contact with the other clans, let alone conflict.

However, the Lu Family's prodigy had all begun targeting Chen Yu.

All because of Yan Hanshan.

When Yan Hanshan had rushed over to Ascend to Heaven's Peak and learned that Chen Yu had defeated the talents of the Cui Clan and advanced to the eighty-first step.

Initially, Yan Hanshan thought Chen Yu, having offended the Cui Clan, was as good as dead. But it was then he learned that even the Cui Clan, in the second round of assessments, could not deal with Chen Yu.

At the same time, Chen Yu's performance made Yan Hanshan somewhat worried.

So, Yan Hanshan contacted various clan families and promised that whoever killed Chen Yu, he would change his last name and join their clan.

Yan Hanshan was also a genius of the Heavenly Jade Sect, the first in the outer sect competition, and had already entered the inner sect, with limitless potential for the future.

Moreover, Yan Hanshan was also a disciple of an elder!

Thus, many clan powers were eager to bring this genius into their ranks, especially those aligned with the Heavenly Jade Sect.

The Lu Family was among them.

"What a godsent opportunity, Chen Yu actually began his breakthrough just after entering the Stone Cloud Realm, and even better, I came across him. Hahahaha!"

The man in the jade crown couldn't help but laugh inwardly, but he still restrained himself, waiting to be happy after killing Chen Yu.

He recognized the Spirit Pet guarding Chen Yu, the ancient beast Fire Qilin, but the Fire Qilin was incredibly lazy, actually lying down, fast asleep, shirking its duty.

He slowly approached, and when he had reached a certain distance, he suddenly drew a precious sword and launched a swift attack.

Swoosh!

A golden sword aura suddenly brightened, illuminating Red Flame King's face with golden light.

Suddenly, Red Flame King opened his eyes and spouted a huge pillar of flame.

Boom bang!

The pillar of fire shot straight into the sky, instantly burning the golden sword aura to nothing.

"How is this possible?"

The jade-crowned man was instantly stunned.

Red Flame King's response was too fast, almost opening his eyes the moment the jade-crowned man made his move, and effortlessly shattered the latter's attack. This was a heavy blow to the jade-crowned man who, after all, was a genius of the Lu Family, a two-star half-clan.

The jade-crowned man thought he must have underperformed just now and decided to attack again.

However, the Fire Qilin at the entrance of the cave had vanished. When he felt the presence, he immediately looked up.

Boom!

Above the sky, a fire-red, intensely hot fireball suddenly fell.

The jade-crowned man even thought there were two suns in the sky!

"Not good..."

He sensed a strong sense of crisis and cried out in alarm.

He immediately retreated and took out his Token, contacting the nearby Lu Family members.

Boom bang!

The fireball plummeted, its intensely hot waves rolling out in all directions, with one wave striking the jade-crowned man.

He was instantly enveloped in flames, becoming a human torch, with his cries of agony resounding continuously.

The nearby flames kept converging towards him.

Within ten breaths, the jade-crowned man was reduced to a pile of char.

"Sigh, dead is dead, but he still sent a transmission. With his dying breath, he tried to drag his clan members down with him, what a troublemaker,"

Muttered Red Flame King, smirking coldly as he returned to the cave entrance to continue sleeping.

Chapter 652: Breaking Through the Peak

Hundreds of miles away, a man from the Lu Family clad in a gray robe received a dying message from a man with a jade crown: "Chen Yu is making a breakthrough in seclusion, come quickly..."

"Chen Yu!"

The gray-robed man's gaze shimmered.

He himself was an assessor for the Heavenly Jade Sect and, coupled with the fact that killing Chen Yu would persuade the inner sect genius of the Heavenly Jade Sect, Yan Hanshan, to join the Lu Family, he would definitely make a move if he had the chance to kill Chen Yu.

Power struggles within the Great Yu Realm were complex, with innumerable two-star families and likewise, many two-and-a-half-star families like the Lu Family.

For the Lu Family to continue thriving for a long time, it must strengthen itself, develop its power, and recruit geniuses; otherwise, it might slowly decline if it cannot endure for a thousand years.

The gray-robed man immediately attempted to communicate through the Lu Family's Token to inquire about the specifics.

But his message could not be sent.

There were only two possibilities for this, either the person had left a certain range and was too far to communicate, or the Token had been destroyed.

The gray-robed man felt that if Chen Yu was truly in the midst of a breakthrough, it was impossible for him to suddenly stop and leave. Consequently, the person from the Lu Family who sent him the message would not have just departed the communication range.

Thus, the latter possibility seemed more likely.

If the Token was destroyed, then the person who had the Token was probably dead.

Chen Yu was in the middle of a breakthrough and wouldn't have made a move himself, but he must have had Spirit Pets or puppet protectors; otherwise, he wouldn't have dared to seclude himself.

So, the gray-robed man deduced that it was Chen Yu's Spirit Pet or puppet that killed the person from the Lu Family and destroyed the Token.

"Damn it, Chen Yu, dare to kill a person of the Lu Family, Lu Guang, I will definitely avenge you."

The gray-robed man's face turned vicious.

Through the communication Token, he managed to discern that the information was sent by his good friend, Lu Guang.

At this moment, the gray-robed man had forgotten that it was his friend Lu Guang who had first attempted to kill Chen Yu and ended up getting killed instead.

"It's too dangerous to go alone..."

The gray-robed man pondered.

His cultivation was the same as Lu Guang's, both at the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, so if Lu Guang was dead, it would likely be suicide for him to go.

Therefore, the gray-robed man decided to spread the news and attract more geniuses to surround and attack Chen Yu; then, Chen Yu would certainly die without a doubt.

Thinking this, the gray-robed man then tried to use the Lu Family Token to contact other members of the Lu Family, only to find that the Token had no response.

Following this, he took out another Token.

When the gray-robed man had first arrived in the Stone Cloud Realm, he had killed someone and taken their storage bag; this Token belonged to another genius.

"Chen Yu is making a breakthrough in seclusion, but he has a Spirit Pet and puppet protectors, come quickly to help me kill him."

The gray-robed man used the other Token to pass on this message.

At the same time, he also began to move.

The moment the Token received the message, one could determine the rough direction of the signal; the gray-robed man now headed northeast.

An hour later, the gray-robed man located Chen Yu's secluded location.

"Indeed, he has a Spirit Pet as a guardian, a Fire Qilin; there are signs of battle all around, it seems that Lu Guang has already been killed by this Fire Qilin."

The gray-robed man observed from afar, making secret assumptions but not taking immediate action.

After confirming Chen Yu's location, the gray-robed man immediately left to spread the news and look for allies.

Before long, he encountered two people and spread the news to them.

Suddenly, a thunderous boom sounded not far away; the gray-robed man followed the noise, preparing to spread the news and then leave.

However, by the time he got there, the battle had ended, the ground was pockmarked, and in one area, there was a pile of brown stones.

In the sky, a woman in yellow clothes floated quietly, her expression proud as she sheathed her sword.

"Who goes there?"

The woman in yellow suddenly became aware and looked towards the gray-robed man in the distance. She drew her sword again and flew towards him.

As soon as the woman in yellow confirmed the identity of the gray-robed man, she did not waste words; a fierce killing intent emanated from her being.

"Please hold!"

Feeling the Half-step Sky Sea Realm cultivation and killing intent of the woman in yellow, the gray-robed man was broken out in a cold sweat and immediately begged for mercy.

"Do you have any last words before you die?"

The woman in yellow's face remained proud and cold.

"I know Chen Yu's whereabouts!"

The gray-robed man revealed a slight grin.

He recognized the woman in yellow; she was a genius of the You Clan, You Yuli.

The You Clan had issues with Chen Yu, and he believed she would certainly be interested in this information.

"You think you can deceive me with that and live?"

The woman in yellow snorted coldly.

Everyone knew that the You Clan and Cui Clan had enmity with Chen Yu.

If everyone she encountered told her the same thing, was she supposed to let them all go?

She, You Yuli, was no fool.

"I'm telling the truth. If you don't believe me, give me two hours. If I can't find Chen Yu within two hours, you can do what you will with me!"

The gray-robed man, sensing that You Yuli's killing intent hadn't subsided, became somewhat panicked and agitated.

"Two hours? Fine, I'll give you two hours!"

You Yuli thought it over and then agreed.

Before entering the Stone Cloud Realm, You Lie had declared an order to kill Chen Yu on sight.

The You Clan had a conflict with Chen Yu, and You Lie disliked Chen Yu even more. Killing Chen Yu would not only rid them of an enemy but also potentially persuade the Heavenly Jade Sect's Yan Hanshan to join the You Clan, killing two birds with one stone.

You Yuli herself did not like Chen Yu. On the Heavenly Ascension Ladder, she reached the seventy-ninth step while Chen Yu reached the eighty-first.

But she didn't believe that she, as a You Clan genius, could be surpassed by Chen Yu, so You Yuli also wanted to fight Chen Yu to determine who was stronger.

"Follow me."

The gray-robed man led You Yuli back to Chen Yu's secluded location.

From a distance, the two of them saw two men and a woman fighting a Fire Qilin in front of a small hill.

However, the Fire Qilin had the upper hand in the battle, with the other three in a passive position.

"Thank goodness I didn't act rashly before," the man in the gray robe thought to himself.

Among these three, one man and one woman were at the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, and the third person was in the Late Guiyuan Realm.

Even so, none of them were a match for the Fire Qilin.

In the cave behind them, Chen Yu was still in retreat, breaking through his bottleneck.

"Good, you didn't lie to me. I'll spare your life," You Yuli said with a faint smile, her gaze fixed on Chen Yu, who was cultivating in seclusion in the cave.

Even if it were a Sky Sea Realm powerhouse, if they were at the critical moment of breaking through, You Yuli was confident she could kill them, not to mention Chen Yu.

Swoosh!

You Yuli suddenly charged forth, not bothering with the Fire Qilin and the other three people, but instead heading straight for Chen Yu in the cave.

"Little kiddo, aren't you taking this king too lightly, thinking you can slip by right under my nose?" the Red Flame King snorted coldly, stomping its hoof fiercely. A mass of golden flames turned into two fiery waves, hurtling towards You Yuli.

"Innate Spiritual Flame [Molten Gold Flame]?"

You Yuli's expression turned into one of surprise. She hadn't expected that a mere Spirit Pet would possess an Innate Spiritual Flame.

Whoosh!

You Yuli swung her sword, slashing out a golden arc of light from left to right and cutting horizontally forward.

Boom bang!

The sword light clashed with the fiery waves, and the ground suddenly exploded into a huge pit.

Amidst the ensuing dust storm, a mass of golden flames burst forth, pouncing towards You Yuli.

The [Molten Gold Flame] possessed intelligence and was even more agile in battle.

"Damn it!"

You Yuli's expression turned incredibly gloomy.

As a genius of the You Clan, on the verge of entering the Sky Sea Realm, she was actually at a disadvantage while fighting an ancient beast at the Peak of Guiyuan Realm. This infuriated her to no end.

Boom!

The next moment, a powerful surge of Bloodline Power erupted from You Yuli's body. Her skin displayed patterns of green flames, and her black hair also revealed a dark green tint, dancing wildly.

"The You Clan's Green Flame Bloodline!" The man in the gray robe felt a pang of envy upon seeing this.

The You Clan's Green Flame Bloodline could increase burst strength and amplify the power of True Yuan.

You Yuli attacked with her sword once more, and the golden light around the blade was intertwined with swirling green flames. Her aura was intimidating as the sword's power spread in all directions.

"With this, the outcome is set. Chen Yu is as good as dead."

The man in the gray robe laughed to himself. Even though Chen Yu's head wouldn't be his, he was at peace, having avenged his good friend Lu Guang.

However, the next moment, the man in the gray robe froze.

He saw the Red Flame King spew out three types of flames. The first was the Innate Spiritual Flame [Molten Gold Flame], the second was the Postnatal True Fire [Golden Phoenix Flame], and the third was the [Kirin Flame].

Moreover, the Red Flame King had full control over the three types of flames, integrating them into a combined attack.

Rumbling!

A tumultuous sphere of fiery light rolled forth, emitting astonishing heat. Where it passed, it left scorched earth.

"The hell..."

You Yuli's expression turned to shock, and she uttered two words in a panic.

Boom bang!

The fiery sphere crushed everything in its path, smashing You Yuli's sword light to pieces and continuing onwards.

Swoosh!

With cold sweat on her forehead, You Yuli immediately retreated, narrowly dodging the attack.

"Miss You, I'll help you. Let's join forces and kill this ancient beast!"

The man in the gray robe charged forward from afar, shouting loudly.

Suddenly, the five of them joined forces to take on the Red Flame King.

"What use is it for you to join forces? I suggest you leave quickly, otherwise, you may find yourself unable to escape later," the Red Flame King snorted coldly.

"Old beast, still acting tough at death's door? Can the five of us joined together really not kill you?" a dark-skinned man shouted, frustration welling up inside him as he had been previously suppressed by the Red Flame King.

But now they were five, one of them the You Clan genius You Yuli!

Just then...

Rumbling!

The elemental vortex in the sky quickly contracted, and a massive surge of energy flowed into the True Essence Lake of Chen Yu, who was inside the cave.

After a short while, the breakthrough phenomenon around them dissipated.

And Chen Yu also opened his eyes, having successfully broken through to the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, with both quality and quantity of his True Yuan significantly improved!

"Not good, Chen Yu has broken through!" The man in the gray robe's face revealed an uncomfortable expression.

They all knew Chen Yu's strength. He had defeated the Cui Clan's genius, Cui Ming, on the Heavenly Ascension Ladder!

A single ancient beast was already difficult to contend with. Now, with Chen Yu breaking through and emerging, the situation had instantly reversed.

The same dark-skinned man who had cursed earlier also grew stiff-faced, regretting his decisions.

They had dared to strike at Chen Yu because he was in the midst of a breakthrough. But now, Chen Yu had successfully overcome the bottleneck.

Chen Yu slowly walked out of the cave, his gaze sweeping over You Yuli, the man in the gray robe, and the others.

During his retreat, he had also allocated a small part of his Spiritual Sense to observe the situation outside, so he knew the entire cause of the conflict.

"Chen Yu, this block of charcoal is mine, the rest are yours to do with as you please," the Red Flame King said, pointing at the dark-skinned man and speaking coldly.

Chapter 653: The Return of the Hill Giant

On top of a mountain cliff, a Hill Giant suddenly appeared, its towering and imposing figure instilling fear in those who saw it.

Perched on the shoulders of the Hill Giant were two small black Stone Balls, each topped with a single horn-like protrusion. These belonged to the "Little Stone Clan," the most common among the Stone Clans.

"Shi Mian, how is the situation with those humans over there?"

The Hill Giant's mouth emitted a buzzing sound.

Following that, the entire cliff slightly trembled, and the stones on the surface of the cliff surged, slowly forming an enormous face.

This face resembled a human face but had only one vertical eye and no nose.

"The Stone Face Clan," another branch of the Stone Clans.

"For now, there are seven life energy fluctuations; they are engaged in battle."

Shi Mian spoke with a deep voice.

Among the Stone Clans, the perceptive abilities of the Stone Face Clan were exceptionally outstanding. Chen Yu, You Yuli, and the others were a hundred miles away from here, but Shi Mian was still roughly able to perceive them.

"Boss, why are there humans appearing in the Stone Cloud Realm?"

"Boss, how did these humans reach the Stone Cloud Realm?"

The two Stone Balls on the shoulders of the Hill Giant inquired.

"I'm not sure myself. In the past, humans occasionally appeared in the Stone Cloud Realm, but they were usually lost and couldn't leave, only to be killed by our Stone Clan. But this time, too many humans have appeared."

The expression of the Hill Giant darkened slightly.

"We could just go and kill all these humans; their blood must taste delicious."

"Let us go kill these humans and drink their blood!"

The Stone Ball brothers spoke, one after the other.

"Can the two of you stop repeating the same sentence?"

Despite being a face of stone, the Hill Giant now wore an expression that clearly conveyed his exasperation.

"Do not underestimate these humans. The 'Thousand Stone Venerable' once said that the Human Race is even stronger than our Stone Clan. With so many humans suddenly appearing in the Stone Cloud Realm, we must not take this lightly!"

The Hill Giant responded to the Stone Balls, then added, "Shi Mian, keep a constant watch on their situation!"

"I think these humans are certainly weak; you could easily deal with them."

Shi Mian spoke gravely.

"Shi Mian, you just want to sleep, coming up with such an irresponsible statement."

"Shi Mian, you make such irresponsible remarks because you want to sleep."

The Stone Balls spoke.

With his intentions seen through, Shi Mian chose to remain silent.

"You are not allowed to sleep in my presence!"

The Hill Giant boomed, an oppressive force emanating from him.

"Because I, too, want to sleep..." the Hill Giant added.

A notable trait of the Stone Clan beings was their laziness; they enjoyed sleeping, spending most of their life asleep.

"One life fluctuation has decreased!"

Suddenly, Shi Mian spoke up.

"Another has decreased!"

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"Chen Yu, this black-skinned man is mine; do with the others as you wish."

Red Flame King pointed at the dark-skinned man and said coldly.

Previously, the dark-skinned man had infuriated the Red Flame King by calling him an old beast.

"Okay."

Chen Yu nodded, his expression cold.

These were the people who came to kill him, so he would not be lenient.

Moreover, Chen Yu wanted to know why, in addition to the You Clan, other clan geniuses also harbored hostility towards him.

"Hang on... Young Master Chen, please wait. We were just passing by, unaware that you were in seclusion and training; we apologize for the intrusion!"

A woman in white spoke up.

On the Heavenly Ascension Ladder, Chen Yu had defeated Cui Ming and many other talents from the Cui Clan.

Even though Chen Yu had the upper hand on the Heavenly Ascension Ladder, where the bloodline power of the Cui Clan talents was ineffective, he proved that his strength was undoubtedly not weak.

Especially since the Fire Qilin, with its tremendously powerful combat abilities, had previously proven to be too much for the talented You Yuli of the You Clan.

Together, this man and beast, despite there being five of them, were not their match.

The woman in white was participating in the Black Demon Valley examination, and with Chen Yu having climbed the eighty-first step and needing only to reach five hundred Slaughter Points in the second trial, he could leap to the Inner Valley.

She didn't want to offend Chen Yu, lest it made her life difficult later on.

"Yes, we were merely passing by, and now we'll leave; please, Brother Chen, pay us no heed." Another person chimed in.

"A bunch of cowards!"

You Yuli scoffed.

She wasn't afraid of Chen Yu and wanted to compete with him again.

"Do you think me blind?"

Chen Yu scoffed back.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Realizing their situation, the three immediately retreated!

Boom!

Suddenly, True Yuan burst forth from within Chen Yu, his body transforming into a black shadow that dashed forward, leaving behind a trail of black wind akin to a dark dragon's tail.

He rapidly closed in on a Late Stage Guiyuan Realm cultivator, throwing a punch.

Bang! Crack!

Chen Yu's fist smashed the man's chest bones, burying his fist into the man's body.

A great force and True Yuan burst from the man's back, sending him flying high before he fell motionlessly to the ground, dead beyond doubt.

Having broken through to the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, Chen Yu's physical strength was comparable to a Half-step Sky Sea Realm; how could a mere Late Stage Guiyuan Realm withstand him?

After killing one, Chen Yu immediately moved to kill the other two.

"This black man is mine."

Red Flame King suddenly appeared beside Chen Yu, exclaiming loudly.

Chen Yu nodded and rushed towards the woman in white, while Red Flame King lunged at the dark-skinned man.

"No, Young Master Chen, please spare my life; I am willing to stay by your side, serving you!"

The woman in white, her face now a ghastly pale, pleaded desperately, displaying a pitiful expression.

Just now, Chen Yu used a thunderous move, killing a Late Guiyuan Realm with a single punch, completely intimidating her.

That Late Guiyuan Realm had almost no resistance, being killed instantly by Chen Yu like an ant!

"You don't qualify!"

Chen Yu's words were cold and certain.

Seeing that Chen Yu wouldn't compromise, the woman in white slashed out with her silver sword, a cold and piercing sword light fell, surrounding trees immediately formed a layer of ice, and the temperature dropped suddenly.

Boom!

Chen Yu still threw out a punch, but this one was stronger than the last one, it was his full-powered punch.

Peng!

When this sword light met Chen Yu's fist, it exploded instantly, and ice shards scattered all around.

"Is this still human?"

The woman in white shuddered, fear spreading through her.

"Ice Sealing Sword Technique!"

The woman in white lifted her sword and swung, hundreds of sword lights intertwined together, forming a wall of swords.

An astonishing cold air piled up, like a wall of ice crystals, standing between heaven and earth.

After executing this move, the woman in white turned and fled.

Devil's Extinguishing Claw!

The first Devil Claw Secret Pattern surged on Chen Yu's right hand, covering his arm.

Boom!

He swung a claw, a dark and primitive demonic claw carrying a terrifying demonic presence, collided with the ice wall, tearing a hole in it.

The Devil's Extinguishing Claw continued forward, striking the woman in white, ripping a large chunk of flesh from her abdomen, exposing some of her internal organs.

The woman in white persisted desperately and continued to flee.

However, just at this moment, a blood-red sword light pierced through, puncturing her body and leaving a smooth cavity, blood gushed out from inside.

She lost her balance and her body fell down.

"Chen Yu, you were slow this time," the Red Flame King shouted.

It seemed that he had already killed the dark-skinned man.

"I let you have it," Chen Yu said, thick-faced.

"You..."

The Red Flame King breathed out flames from his nostrils.

"There are two more."

Chen Yu looked towards the man in the grey robe and You Yuli.

At this moment, You Yuli's eyebrows were tightly furrowed, her previously fearless and domineering self had vanished.

She didn't expect that after Chen Yu's breakthrough to the Peak of Late Guiyuan Realm, his strength would be so formidable!

The Peak of Late Guiyuan Realm, in Chen Yu's hands, wouldn't last more than a few moves.

If it were her, it might be slightly better, but the outcome would still be a failure.

"If you kindly answer me one question, I might spare your life."

At this time, Chen Yu looked towards the man in the grey robe.

"Brother Chen, please ask, I will answer everything I know," the man in the grey robe said submissively.

"I have no quarrels with you, why do you want to kill me so badly?" Chen Yu asked coldly.

Other than the You Clan, the man in the grey robe, and the three people who had just died, Chen Yu didn't know them, and they weren't with the You Clan, yet they came to go after Chen Yu.

"It's because of Yan Hanshan..."

The man in the grey robe explained, as it was no secret, and Chen Yu would have found out anyway if he inquired.

"Yan Hanshan, huh?" A cold glint shone in Chen Yu's eyes, if there was a chance, he would definitely eliminate this man.

"Can I go now?" The man in the grey robe showed a hint of joy, stepping back slowly.

But just then, from the distant forest came a massive noise, the entire ground trembled slightly.

Immediately afterward, everyone saw a huge figure suddenly leap up, fall down, then leap again, approaching everyone at high speed.

"Hill Giant!" The man in the grey robe's heart skipped a beat.

The one who arrived was none other than the previously powerful Hill Giant who could instantly kill human prodigies!

Escape!

Not waiting for Chen Yu's response, the man in the grey robe immediately fled.

You Yuli's expression lightened slightly, the Hill Giant's sudden appearance disrupted the situation, and she could take advantage of this to escape.

Once she regrouped with the other members of the You Clan, they would find Chen Yu again for trouble.

But suddenly, the ground beneath everyone trembled, the soil and rocks on the surface started shifting.

The next moment, a massive face, nearly thirty feet in length and breadth, rose from the ground.

Whoosh!

Shi Mian opened his mouth wide, sucking in a mighty whirlwind formed in the atmosphere, its strong pull dragging both You Yuli and the man in the grey robe down.

Just then, a massive shadow appeared over everyone's heads, a sense of imminent danger filling their hearts.

"Quick, scatter!" the Red Flame King shouted.

Chen Yu immediately dodged to the side.

The next moment.

Bang!

The Hill Giant fell from the sky, a storm of dust swept all around.

Chen Yu and the Red Flame King dodged out of the way, unharmed.

On the other side, You Yuli was also unharmed, but the man in the grey robe was too close to where the Hill Giant landed and was injured by the force and the resulting storm.

In addition, there was one more who did not dodge.

Not far away, a large rock rose up, transforming into a stone face, but with two large dents on its face.

Shi Mian glared at the Hill Giant with one eye, seemingly displeased, saying, "You stepped on my face."

Chapter 654: Crushing the Stone Race

The Hill Giant ignored Shi Mian's displeased gaze, his pale red crystal-like eyes sweeping over the three human figures and one ancient beast present as he bellowed, "How did you come to the Stone Cloud Realm?"

The voice of the Hill Giant was loud and clear, forming a storm that swept in all directions.

Everyone's ears buzzed, and their bodies couldn't help but tremble. Chen Yu, however, fared better, being a Body Cultivator with a strong physique.

Nevertheless, from this question alone, it was clear that the Hill Giant possessed extraordinary strength.

Among them, the man in the gray robe had even witnessed the Hill Giant slaughtering human prodigies before and was extremely fearful of him.

In his view, the threat of the Hill Giant might even be greater than that posed by You Yuli and Chen Yu.

"Speak, how did you come to the Stone Cloud Realm?"

"Speak quickly, how did you enter the Stone Cloud Realm?"

The Stone Ball brothers also spoke up.

The Hill Giant frowned slightly; he felt that the intimidating presence he had built up was completely ruined by the Stone Ball brothers.

Not only did the Stone Ball brothers repeat the same question, but they had repeated the exact question he had asked.

"Why should we tell you?" You Yuli responded disdainfully.

In her eyes, other races were enemies, and the Stone Race was an inferior species beneath humans.

She, You Yuli, was of the Human Race, and moreover, a prodigy of the You Clan!

"If you won't speak, then die here!" the Hill Giant roared.

The Stone Cloud Realm was the domain of the Stone Race, and the cunning human race must have some devious plots; they simply couldn't be allowed to live.

"You think you clumsy stones can kill me?" You Yuli sneered, invoking her Bloodline Power as she immediately fled.

While the defensive power and strength of the Stone Race were incredibly formidable, they generally shared one obvious weakness: slow speed.

Whoosh!

A burst of blue light and fierce flames erupted from beneath You Yuli's feet, her speed abruptly increased, and she transformed into a blue streak, flying away.

"Stay!"

Chen Yu had been watching You Yuli closely; seeing her fleeing now, he extended his right hand's index finger and used Yangming Sword Point.

He had conflicts with the You Clan already, and if not for Red Flame King's intervention, You Yuli might have already killed Chen Yu during his closed-door cultivation.

Had the Stone Race not interfered, Chen Yu would have certainly taken You Yuli's life.

Now, so many powerful Stone Race members had suddenly appeared, Chen Yu felt it was an opportunity to deal with You Yuli using the Stone Race's help.

In any case, Chen Yu would not easily let You Yuli go.

Swish!

The Yangming Sword Point, swift as a red arrow, shot out towards You Yuli's lower leg at high speed.

You Yuli was only on guard against the Hill Giant and didn't expect Chen Yu to make a move. She hastily dodged, but the side of her lower leg was still pierced by the Yangming Sword Point.

"Damn it, Chen Yu, you actually ambushed me!" You Yuli cursed through her teeth.

At that moment, the Hill Giant launched an attack on You Yuli.

His powerful arm grabbed a black Stone Ball and hurled it with force.

Boom!

The sound of the air tearing rapidly neared You Yuli, the stone horns on top of the Stone Ball aiming for her as it violently thrust forward.

"Human, watch as I pierce through your chest!" the black Stone Ball cackled.

"Big brother, pierce through her chest," its brother cheered.

Clang!

You Yuli placed her sword horizontally in front of her, blocking the Stone Ball thrown by the Hill Giant, the collision of the two causing a crisp resounding boom.

Immediately, You Yuli's precious sword was bent inward, pressing towards her chest, a surge of force impacting her body and blasting her over twenty meters away.

"Such powerful strength!" You Yuli coughed out a mouthful of blood.

She was busy fending off the Hill Giant's attack and had neglected Chen Yu, thus her formation was disrupted by him, and she was subsequently struck by the Hill Giant's attack, leading to such a plight.

Suddenly, a massive dark shadow loomed over her, and You Yuli felt an immense pressure and crisis. She rolled her body and tumbled five meters to the right.

Boom!

A gigantic figure landed, the spot where You Yuli had just been lying was now a huge crater.

One could imagine that if You Yuli hadn't reacted quickly and dodged in time, she may have already been crushed into a pulp by the Hill Giant.

"The others are yours to deal with; this Half-step Sky Sea Realm human is mine," the Hill Giant roared.

In his eyes, among these people, You Yuli was the highest in cultivation and surely the strongest.

While the other two and one ancient beast were all at the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, they could be temporarily left to Shi Mian and the others.

"Brother, let's handle this person."

"Fine, we'll handle this one, big brother!"

The Stone Ball brothers, both flying towards Chen Yu.

And Shi Mian headed towards the man in the gray robe.

"My God!"

The man in the gray robe felt his hairs stand on end as he saw a gigantic Stone Face nearly thirty feet tall close in on him.

"Where do you think you're going!"

Shi Mian roared, opening his mouth to inhale fiercely, creating a massive whirlwind with a terrifying suction force. The soil and rocks on the ground lifted into the air, sucked into Shi Mian's mouth.

The man in the gray robe's movements were also affected, slowing down.

At that moment, Shi Mian suddenly spat out countless hard fragments of stone, sharp as swords, all flying towards the man in the gray robe.

On the other side, the Stone Ball brothers faced off against Chen Yu.

"Brother, it seems we've chosen the wrong opponent; this Spirit Pet belongs to that human."

"We thought we could take on two against one, but it turned out to be two against two; we selected the wrong opponent," the Stone Ball brothers vented their frustration.

"It doesn't matter; we have the boss with us!"

"Right, with the boss here!"

The Stone Ball brothers consoled each other.

"Chen Yu, quickly take care of these two small Stone Race beings."

The Red Flame King frowned, as he found the communication method between the two Stone Balls exceedingly bizarre.

"Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, equivalent to twenty Slaughter Points."

Chen Yu chuckled lightly and immediately struck out.

So far, he remained at zero Slaughter Points, but taking out these two Stone Balls would earn him forty points.

Moreover, these two Stone Balls appeared feeble, seemingly easy to handle.

As Chen Yu attacked, the two Stone Balls shook violently, their stone horns on top slicing through the air with earthen-colored blades.

"Break!"

Chen Yu's fists swung out at once, forcefully confronting the Little Stone Clan's attack.

Boom bang!

With a punch, the earthen blades were shattered by Chen Yu.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Chen Yu's fists bombarded repeatedly, smashing the earthen blades to bits and closing in on one Stone Ball.

This Stone Ball showed no fear, its stone horns on top aiming straight at Chen Yu, fiercely stabbing forward.

Boom bang!

Chen Yu extended his palms, striking the Stone Ball from above, blocking its offensive.

"What immense strength!"

The Stone Ball was slightly shocked; it had always heard that humans were weak, and the Stone Clan, if up close, could crush them.

But Chen Yu's arms, like two iron pillars, held off its assault, impervious to penetration.

Boom bang!

Chen Yu's arms suddenly exerted force, as Demon Pattern True Essence surged out, sending the Stone Ball flying a dozen yards away, crashing to the ground.

However, the Stone Ball quickly took flight again—though some rock fell from its body, it seemed unharmed.

Chen Yu was somewhat surprised; the defensive power of the Stone Clan was indeed formidable.

Elsewhere, the Red Flame King had another Stone Ball on the run, which would have long since met a fiery death under its claws if not for the Stone Clan's strong resistance to fire.

"Brother, this human is very strong."

"Brother, this Spirit Pet is also very powerful!"

The two brothers confided in each other, experiencing a feeling of shared adversity.

"Let's burrow underground."

"Yes, let's use Earth Escape!"

The two brothers suddenly came up with a plan.

Thump! Thump!

The Stone Ball brothers angled their stone horns towards the ground and then dived sharply downwards, drilling into the earth and disappearing without a trace.

"Don't delay any longer, quickly deal with these two annoying fellows."

The Red Flame King seemed to detest the Stone Balls brothers' method of communication.

"Okay!"

Chen Yu nodded; he had no intention of dragging things out either.

Suddenly, a tremor came from below; the ground directly underneath Chen Yu exploded, and a black Stone Ball shot out, its sharp stone horns on top lunging at Chen Yu.

The surrounding rock and soil, under the Stone Ball's control, transformed into three massive stone pillars, crashing towards Chen Yu.

"Demon Annihilation Claw!"

Chen Yu activated the first demon pattern, and his right arm was immediately enveloped in demon runes.

With a swing of his arm, a dark and ferocious ancient demon claw burst forth, carrying a terrifying demonic intent as it collided with the Stone Ball.

Boom bang!

Demon Annihilation Claw struck the Stone Ball, snapping off one of its stone horns, with many pieces of broken rock peeling from its body.

Boom!

Chen Yu's True Yuan erupted within him, casting Demon Dragon Shadow Control, whipping up a fierce gale.

He swung his arms, pulverizing all three stout stone pillars, quickly approaching the Stone Ball.

Pop!

Chen Yu took a deep breath, charging his heart, amplifying his strength, and pounded a fist onto the Stone Ball, unleashing a terrible force.

Instantly, stone from the Stone Ball's surface fell away.

"I'm done for; this human is too strong, I'm going to die."

The Stone Ball cried out.

It never expected that, being from the Stone Clan, it would be killed by a human fist—one far more powerful than itself, a Stone Clan member of the same rank!

Subsequently, all the rocks from its body peeled away, leaving behind only a black, crystalline heart.

Every member of the Stone Clan bore within them a "Stone Crystal Heart," and this method also applied to the calculation of Slaughter Points.

"Brother, I'm dying too."

On the other side, another black Stone Ball was trapped and incessantly battered beneath the Red Flame King's foot, barely clinging to life.

Pop!

The Red Flame King's claw slammed down forcefully, the strength mixed with the power of flames smashing the dark sphere to reveal the "Stone Crystal Heart" inside.

"No..."

A mighty roar echoed from behind—it was Shi Mian's voice.

It turned out Shi Mian had already slain the man in the gray robe; remnants of red blood lingered at the corner of his mouth.

"Slaughter of the Stone Clan, you deserve to die!"

Shi Mian roared angrily, his face contorted with immense rage, emanating an oppressive force.

Shi Mian, a Half-step Sky Sea warrior, belonged to a relatively mighty branch of the Stone Face Clan, unlike the Little Stone Clan, which was just the most common of the Stone beings.

Boom!

Shi Mian charged above Chen Yu, descending from the sky as if to crush Chen Yu into a pulp. A loud "pop" resounded as Shi Mian landed, and a gust of dust-laden wind blasted outwards.

However, the expected scene did not happen.

Chen Yu, clad in demon armor and raising his arms, was astonishingly withstanding Shi Mian's weight, even slowly lifting it!

Having broken through to the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm Peak, Chen Yu's physique had grown even more formidable, engaging in close combat with a Half-step Sky Sea being with sheer bodily might alone.

The Stone Clan was known for strength, but Chen Yu's current power matched theirs, and even slightly surpassed it.

Pop!

Chen Yu freed one hand and formed a fist, smashing it fiercely.

Immediately, fractures spread from the point of impact of Chen Yu's fist, with chunks of broken stone falling.

Then came the second punch, the third, the fourth—incessant strikes bombarded Shi Mian's colossal face, shattering stones falling one after another, prompting Shi Mian to cry out, "My face!"

Chapter 655: Extracting You Clan Bloodline

Shi Mian was hit repeatedly by Chen Yu and immediately flew away, creating distance between them.

In such a short period of time, Chen Yu had killed a peer from the Little Stone Clan, proving his strength was not to be underestimated. Shi Mian had acted too impulsively before, but now he decided to face Chen Yu with all his might.

Shi Mian opened his large mouth, spewing many rocks and metal ores.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Rock after rock fell like cannonballs.

These seemingly small rocks each weighed tens of thousands of pounds and were extremely powerful.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

However, Chen Yu was unafraid, continuously swinging his fists to meet the falling rocks, sending them flying and shattering them.

But at that moment, Shi Mian blew a gust of wind from his mouth. All the rocks and metal stirred up, forming an immensely chaotic storm.

Within the storm, countless heavy rocks and metals kept swirling, capable of instantly crushing a human into mincemeat.

Bang bang!

In such conditions, Chen Yu also struggled to cope; rocks smacked into his body, but fortunately, he was wearing Demon Scale Armor and was not seriously harmed.

Shi Mian's strength was far superior to that of the earlier Little Stone Clan member.

Moreover, the Stone Face Clan had endless powerful methods while on the earth.

The ground trembled and a pillar engraved with ancient and strange human faces suddenly shot out, carrying a strong force, charging at Chen Yu.

"Don't underestimate the Stone Face Clan's Half-step Sky Sea Realm!"

Chen Yu thought to himself.

He had just broken through previously and his confidence surged, confronting enemies without even using weapons.

But the Half-step Sky Sea Realm Shi Mian was extraordinary.

Boom!

Chen Yu took out the "Demon Flood Dragon Sword," sweeping out a black demon sword wave, tearing a gap through the chaotic storm in front of him.

He then lunged forward, dodging the pillar's collision.

But that was not the end; the ground's tremors did not stop, and a second pillar shot up.

"Eighteen Human Face Columns!"

Shi Mian shouted loudly, and the third, fourth... up to the eighteenth pillar surged out.

Far in the distance, the Hill Giant, who was battling You Yuli, heard the loud voice of Shi Mian and thought to himself, "The Eighteen Human Face Columns, the secret technique of the Stone Face Clan. He's deployed it so quickly; it seems the enemy over there is also strong."

Boom—

Eighteen human-faced pillars sprang from the ground and under Shi Mian's control, all bombarded Chen Yu in the sky.

Faced with the attack of eighteen pillars, Chen Yu could not dodge. He could only withstand or confront them directly.

He activated Demon Dragon Shadow Control, rapidly retreating backward, while swinging the "Demon Flood Dragon Sword" to strike at the stone pillars.

The human-faced stone pillars, through some unknown means, barely suffered any damage from Chen Yu's Sword Dao attacks, showing only a shallow trace.

But soon, Chen Yu's Demon Wind Sword Domain converged.

Whoosh whoosh!

Centered around Chen Yu, a dark Sword Qi storm gathered.

Within the Demon Wind Sword Domain, Chen Yu's attack power greatly increased, with waves of intensely dark and domineering Sword Qi sweeping out.

Opposite him, the eighteen human-faced stone pillars, under Shi Mian's control, crashed violently toward him.

Boom bang pong!

The sword qi collided fiercely with the stone pillars, the explosive sounds shocking the heavens and the earth.

Initially, the eighteen stone pillars were powerful and numerous, holding the advantage.

But Chen Yu's enduring strength was formidable and aggressive, quickly turning the situation around.

"How is this possible, he can actually withstand the Eighteen Human Face Columns head-on!"

Shi Mian was taken aback.

He had used the ace technique of the Stone Face Clan both for revenge and to speedily end the fight so he could go to sleep.

Unexpectedly, Chen Yu could actually hold his own!

"Capture the ringleader first to defeat the followers!"

Realizing it was difficult to resolve the situation with the eighteen human-faced pillars quickly, Chen Yu activated Demon Dragon Shadow Control, soared into the sky, and approached Shi Mian.

"Scram!"

Knowing Chen Yu's prowess, Shi Mian wouldn't let him get close and fiercely shouted from his mouth.

A sonic attack carrying a powerful storm blasted out.

Chen Yu, as a Body Cultivation practitioner with robust physical quality, was not afraid of the sonic attack.

Swoosh!

He dodged the storm and quickly closed in on Shi Mian, slashing down with his sword.

Shi Mian's surface rapidly gathered a layer of rock defense, but under Chen Yu's Sword Dao attack, the layer was instantly cleaved open, and Shi Mian's face was slashed, causing him to cry out again.

"Damn it, my face is ruined again!"

Shi Mian roared angrily, controlling the eighteen stone pillars to bombard Chen Yu.

Chen Yu seized the moment, plunged the "Demon Flood Dragon Sword" fiercely into Shi Mian's face, then rolled to the side.

Boom bang!

The human-faced stone pillars struck, hitting the "Demon Flood Dragon Sword," driving it further into Shi Mian's facial area.

Shi Mian screamed in pain, his control over the eighteen stone pillars significantly weakened.

Seizing this opportunity, Chen Yu grabbed the "Demon Flood Dragon Sword" with one hand, his True Yuan wildly surging into it, activating its explosive characteristic.

Boom bang!

A blast sounded inside Shi Mian, and the rocks around the sword body all fell off.

Demon Destruction Claw!

Chen Yu activated the first demon pattern, targeting the wound on Shi Mian's face, and launched his attack!

Boom bang!

A dark and fierce demon claw burst forth, its immense destructive power directly penetrating Shi Mian's face, tearing open a huge hole.

Shi Mian further crumbled, half of his huge face now turning into scattering rocks.

"You ruined my face."

Shi Mian roared furiously, but it sounded weak.

Boom! Boom!

Chen Yu slashed out two more swords, hitting precisely at Shi Mian's wounds.

Shi Mian was already extremely weak, and after Chen Yu's two strikes, his body further disintegrated, ultimately dying, his heart crystal taken by Chen Yu.

A Half-step Sky Sea Stone Face Clan member is worth fifty Slaughter Points.

From then on, Chen Yu had accumulated ninety Slaughter Points, just a step away from passing the test, but still a long way from five hundred Slaughter Points.

On the other hand, You Yuli, having been injured by Chen Yu's Yangming Sword Point and the Hill Giant's throwing attack, was naturally no match for the Hill Giant.

Moreover, among the Stone Face Clan, the Hill Giant is an extremely powerful breed, with combat strength far exceeding that of the most ordinary Little Stone Clan and the Stone Face Clan.

After a short battle, You Yuli realized she had no chance of winning and decided to flee.

Thus, her battlefield with the Hill Giant was pulled far away from where Chen Yu was.

However, You Yuli's legs were injured, and the Hill Giant, who excelled at throwing attacks, constrained her tightly, preventing her escape from the Hill Giant's pursuit.

"The combat strength of the Hill Giant is so formidable!"

You Yuli was secretly shocked, realizing that even in her prime, she might not be the Hill Giant's match.

However, most of the Stone Face Clan had one flaw—slow speed. You Yuli was confident she could escape successfully this time.

Additionally, she had been trying to communicate with the You Clan using her Token, hoping to possibly encounter them by chance and perhaps even turn the tables on the Hill Giant, gaining fifty Slaughter Points.

Suddenly, You Yuli sensed an imminent danger and immediately dodged.

Whoosh!

A blood-red Sword Qi streaked past her right arm, leaving a blood mark.

"Chen Yu?"

You Yuli knew this was Chen Yu's attack.

That means, has he already defeated the other Stone Face powerhouses?

You Yuli panicked immediately. She was already being pursued by the Hill Giant; if Chen Yu joined in, did she have any chance of surviving?

Just then, Chen Yu appeared on the right side and quickly charged over, seemingly intent on intercepting You Yuli.

The Hill Giant, seeing Chen Yu, thought he had escaped from Shi Mian, given that Shi Mian's cultivation was higher than Chen Yu's.

Little did he know, Shi Mian had already died by Chen Yu's hand.

At this moment, seeing Chen Yu blocking You Yuli, the Hill Giant thought to himself, "These humans are still killing each other at this time, how foolish."

The Hill Giant decided to let Chen Yu kill You Yuli first.

Then he would kill Chen Yu!

"Chen Yu, you dare to kill me?"

You Yuli stared at Chen Yu in panic.

"If you dare to kill me, why wouldn't I dare to kill you?"

Chen Yu sneered.

"I am a member of the You Clan!"

You Yuli shouted, swinging her sword, with golden Sword Qi carrying a bluish flame, slashing down.

Chen Yu ignored her, his reason for killing You Yuli was simply because she had once tried to kill him.

Boom!

A Sword Qi enveloped in dark demonic patterns collided and shattered the golden, bluish-flamed Sword Qi.

"I have already contacted a powerful member of the You Clan; You Lie will soon be here. I advise you to leave early to avoid having no place for your corpse!"

You Yuli, having no way of dealing with Chen Yu, resorted to lying to intimidate him.

"Heh!"

Chen Yu chuckled lightly. What did it matter if You Lie came?

Not everyone was afraid of You Lie!

Chen Yu swung several swords again, sealing off all of You Yuli's escape routes.

Just then—

Boom!

A massive boulder fell from the sky; it was the Hill Giant's attack. You Yuli was too slow to dodge and swung her sword.

However, the rock was incredibly hard and its destructive power was astounding, smashing You Yuli's Sword Dao attack to pieces.

Boom Bang!

You Yuli's True Yuan protection was also broken, and her body was blown away, crashing harshly to the ground as she spewed out a large mouthful of fresh blood.

Suddenly, a black dot appeared in You Yuli's eyes.

The dot gradually enlarged, turning into a sword!

Pfft!

The [Demon Flood Dragon Sword] descended from above, stabbing into You Yuli's forehead, killing her!

Chen Yu arrived beside You Yuli's body and pulled out the [Demon Flood Dragon Sword].

Just then, his heart started beating, emitting a familiar attraction.

Chen Yu knew, the Mysterious Heart wanted to extract the "Bluish Flame" Bloodline Power from You Yuli's body.

Thud! Thud thud! Thud thud thud!

With the beating of the heart, You Yuli's blood flowed out from her wound, turning into a deep, dark red stream entering Chen Yu's body.

"What is this human doing?"

The Hill Giant arrived and saw Chen Yu appearing to extract the blood of the dead woman.

"Whatever you're doing, go to your death!"

The Hill Giant, not bothering to think further, decided to kill Chen Yu and be done with it.

The rock in his hand suddenly transformed, turning into a giant stone hammer falling from the sky!

"Demon Scale Shield!"

Chen Yu was extracting the Bloodline Power, and if he moved away now, You Yuli's body might be smashed.

Thus, he activated the second demonic rune, forming a Demon Scale Shield around him to protect himself.

Boom Bang!

The Hill Giant's hammer fell on the Demon Scale Shield.

A moment later, a "crack" sound came from the top of the shield, and the Demon Scale Shield was shattered by the Hill Giant's strike.

Chen Yu immediately raised his hands, catching the Hill Giant's hammer.

Boom Bang!

The ground dented downwards, and a dust storm swept around.

The Hill Giant's strike, although weakened by the Demon Scale Shield, was still not something a human could withstand.

Just then—

A surge of Bloodline Power erupted from within Chen Yu, and faint bluish flames appeared on his body. His black hair gradually turned dark bluish, wildly dancing like flames.

Chapter 656: Earth Elemental Crystal

"Green Flame Bloodline? I guess I'll make do with it."

Chen Yu chuckled lightly.

The Green Flame Bloodline of the You Clan could enhance the instantaneous burst power and also strengthen the True Yuan, thus elevating the combat capabilities to a certain extent.

However, for Chen Yu, who possessed the Golden Winged Phoenix Bloodline, the Green Flame Bloodline seemed quite ordinary. To say it was "make-do" was indeed no mistake.

"Is this... the bloodline power of that woman just now?"

"You've just drawn her Bloodline Power and made it your own; are you an offspring of the Blood-sucking Clan?"

The Hill Giant's face turned to shock upon witnessing this scene.

Although he had never seen a true descendant of the Blood-sucking Clan, he had heard some of the formidable Stone Race talk about this race, described as extremely powerful in their words.

Even if the Blood-sucking Clan did not have much restraint against the Stone Race, the sheer power of this race still caused the Stone Race to feel apprehension and dread.

"Descendant of the Blood-sucking Clan, what are your intentions coming to the Stone Cloud Realm?"

The Hill Giant looked at Chen Yu very seriously, his voice trembling with emotion.

"It seems that the Stone Race beings of the Stone Cloud Realm don't know that the entire realm has been taken under control by the major sect forces of the Great Yu Realm."

Chen Yu thought to himself.

This was the fate of the weak, manipulated by the strong, yet completely unaware, even pitiable.

Chen Yu made up his mind to control his own destiny!

"If you don't talk, I'll kill you and be done with it!"

Out of fear of the Blood-sucking Clan offspring, the Hill Giant resolved it would be best to kill his opponent as quickly as possible.

He roared loudly, lifting the giant hammer in his hand, and struck down once more.

The Hill Giant's strength was a formidable presence even among the Stone Race, and Chen Yu dared not meet it head-on.

Boom!

Chen Yu's True Yuan burst forth, retreating a distance before sweeping across with his sword.

The black sword light etched with demonic patterns, surrounded by green flames, clashed against the Hill Giant's hammer.

At this moment, Chen Yu's sword attack far surpassed the Half-step Sky Sea Realm, nearing the level of the Sky Sea Realm.

But the Hill Giant was also extremely strong, his cultivation nearing the Sky Sea Realm, and his bodily defensive power was outstanding.

Peng!

The giant hammer in the Hill Giant's hand cracked, he stepped back to stabilize his figure.

He showed no fear; leaping up, his massive body seemed to turn into a small hill, plummeting from the sky.

Whoosh!

Chen Yu performed the Demon Dragon Shadow Control, retreating swiftly.

The Hill Giant's speed was a major weakness, and Chen Yu could deal with it effortlessly.

Boom!

After evading, Chen Yu unleashed the Demonic Qi Slash, the black-green sword light forming a crescent dozens of feet long, slicing forth.

Ding chi!

The Hill Giant swung his arms to block, the sword light chopping down, creating a five-inch deep cut.

For the massive Hill Giant, a five-inch deep wound was insignificant.

Roar!

The Hill Giant roared in anger, striking the ground forcefully with both arms, causing the earth to rupture.

He dug deep into the ground with his arms, using his natural talent to gather a rock block nearly a hundred feet in length and smash it down towards Chen Yu.

Such divine power would likely deter even Cui Ming and You Lie, both at the Half-step Sky Sea Realm, prompting them to momentarily dodge.

Chen Yu was undaunted, activating the fourth demonic pattern and launching the Swallowing Cloud Demon Fist.

Amplified by the Green Flame Bloodline, a giant black fist wrapped in archaic green flames collided with the hundred-foot-long hard rock block.

Booming Peng!

Demon clouds blasted out, engulfing everything, with debris falling continuously.

"Mountain God Fist!"

The Hill Giant brought his palms together, releasing a burst of dark yellow True Essence Power.

The massive True Essence Power was unleashed, the ground thundering, countless soil and stones rising, coalescing into an enormous arm.

The Mountain God Fist, one of the secret techniques of the Hill Giant, was very costly.

That giant arm, like a pillar supporting the sky, with the fist at the front massive and solid, encompassing a vast range as if it could destroy everything.

Before the Mountain God Fist even struck, a heavy force enveloped Chen Yu, making it difficult for him to dodge.

Fighting against the Hill Giant was mostly a matter of avoiding strengths and exploiting weaknesses, victorious through speed.

But Chen Yu was different; both defense and strength were his advantages.

Faced with the Hill Giant's punch, Chen Yu did not shrink back; instead, he was full of fighting spirit.

Thud thud! Thud thud thud!

Chen Yu's heart erupted, the power of his physique doubling as he swept out with his sword at full force, creating a vast swath of dark sword illumination.

Enhanced by the Green Flame Bloodline, the might of this sword burst even greater, the dark, domineering sword waves entwined with green flames, slicing away.

Bang!

The raging sword sweep struck, hitting squarely on the Mountain God Fist.

After a standoff for just a moment, a "crack" was heard, and cracks appeared on the large solid Mountain God Fist.

Those cracks gradually widened, spreading across half of the fist.

Then, the giant sword light imbued with black and green suddenly exploded, sweeping across, shearing off half of the Mountain God Fist!

"How is this possible?"

The Hill Giant stood petrified, dumbfounded.

His pride, his invariably successful Mountain God Fist, was actually shattered head-on by Chen Yu!

Boom!

A swath of black-green sword light cleaved down, striking the Hill Giant, leaving a few inches deep wound.

The Hill Giant's body swayed slightly, retreating half a step.

Then, Chen Yu launched a series of attacks!

At this moment, the Hill Giant had completely lost the will to fight.

He thought Chen Yu was a descendant of the Blood-sucking Clan and already harbored a certain fear in his heart. Moreover, since Chen Yu had just shattered his strongest blow head-on, he felt even more that Chen Yu was mysteriously powerful and irresistible.

"I must report this matter to the other people of the Stone Race!"

After enduring another sword strike from Chen Yu, the Hill Giant turned and leaped away.

The Hill Giant, known for its bravery and toughness, was now fleeing!

Chen Yu naturally wouldn't let the Hill Giant escape easily, as it was worth fifty Slaughter Points.

However, the Hill Giant was enormous and had astonishing defensive power. Even for Chen Yu, it wasn't easy to kill it swiftly.

Luckily, Chen Yu's speed was superior to that of the Hill Giant, so he wasn't worried about his foe getting away.

The two of them, one chasing and the other fleeing, continued for half an hour.

During this time, Chen Yu never stopped attacking the Hill Giant.

"Am I going to die? Curse this descendant of the Blood-sucking Clan!"

The Hill Giant roared with rage and unwillingness.

At this moment, its body was full of pits and dents, having shrunk to half its original size.

Thump!

After taking another sword strike from behind, the Hill Giant fell to one knee, its arms supporting its body.

Boom!

Chen Yu descended from the sky, his sword striking down on the neck of the Hill Giant, severing its massive stone head.

But the Hill Giant did not die from this, and continued to struggle.

The life force of the Stone Race was tenacious, and without clear vital points, even beheading them didn't result in immediate death.

Chen Yu immediately struck several more times before he finally killed it.

Afterward, he extracted the Hill Giant's crystal heart.

By this point, Chen Yu had acquired one hundred and forty Slaughter Points, passing the second assessment. However, there was still some distance to the requirement of five hundred Slaughter Points to become an Inner Valley Disciple.

"Right, I wonder if those people had killed any Stone Race beings before."

Chen Yu immediately took out several storage bags, all of which belonged to the five deceased individuals.

The black-skinned man, the woman in white, and the other three people's storage bags contained a total of three crystal hearts; one was from a Peak of Middle Stage Guiyuan Realm being, and two were from the Late Guiyuan Realm. The three hearts were worth a total of twenty-two Slaughter Points.

The crystal hearts in the storage bags of the man in the gray robe and You Yuli together were worth fifty-four Slaughter Points.

"With this, I now have two hundred and sixteen Slaughter Points."

Chen Yu couldn't help but smile.

At this rate, it was quite astonishing—as long as nothing unexpected occurred, reaching five hundred Slaughter Points wouldn't be a problem.

After sorting through the spoils, Chen Yu prepared to continue his search for prey.

However, it was hard for Chen Yu to detect the Stone Race while they were sleeping.

"Right, the Hill Giant seemed to be returning to some place just now; there must be many other Stone Race beings there."

Chen Yu suddenly remembered something.

But now that the Hill Giant was dead, with no one to lead the way, he had to explore on his own.

After flying a short distance, Chen Yu did not find any Stone Race, but he did come across humans.

Underneath one hillside, more than twenty human prodigies were gathered, including members of the Cui Clan and the You Clan.

Chen Yu did not approach rashly because, with Yan Hanshan around, many clans had their eyes on him.

Moreover, with members of the You Clan and Cui Clan present, if Chen Yu were to run over directly, he might be attacked by those twenty-plus prodigies!

"So many people gathered here must have a reason for it."

Chen Yu wanted even more to understand this.

The You Clan and Cui Clan had conflicts, but now their members were coexisting without starting a war—it was indeed strange.

However, Chen Yu couldn't just walk up and ask.

After thinking it over, Chen Yu thought of a plan.

He quickly left the hillside and after traveling a dozen miles or so, he used You Yuli's Token to contact the nearby members of the You Clan.

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Amidst the hillside, two members of the You Clan suddenly received a message.

"There are other members of the You Clan nearby."

The two exchanged glances.

"Big brother Cui Ming, it seems that more people from the You Clan have come."

A woman reported the situation of the You Clan people in a low voice.

"As long as it's not You Lie, what's there to fear?"

Cui Ming stroked his forehead hair, exuding confidence as he spoke.

"Brother, where are you? Hurry over here, we have important matters to discuss!"

A black-clad man from the You Clan immediately sent out this message.

Of the twenty-two prodigies here, the You Clan only had two members, but the Cui Clan had three, including the Cui Clan genius Cui Ming.

Cui Ming's strength was only second to Cui Yan'er and was even more formidable than You Yuli of the You Clan.

The two of them felt considerable pressure being here, so when they heard that more of the You Clan were nearby, they were somewhat impatient.

But Chen Yu certainly couldn't come over, so he began to inquire what was happening and why there was such urgency.

Finally, the man in the black robe communicated: "We have found a Stone Race force here, with many Stone Race beings inside, and there might even be 'Earth Origin Crystals' hidden!"

"Earth Origin Crystals?"

On the other side, Chen Yu's eyes suddenly lit up.

This thing was a treasure that could assist Cultivators in breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm!

If that was the case, Chen Yu definitely couldn't miss out!

Chapter 657: Thousand Stone Mountain

In the Stone Cloud Realm, there was an immense peak named Thousand Stone Mountain.

At the same time, it was also a settled point of power for the Stone Tribe.

The entire Thousand Stone Mountain, reaching a thousand meters tall, was built by the Stone Tribe beings using their special Divine Skills.

One could say that the entire mountain was composed of massive stone halls, both incredibly sturdy and impregnable.

At this moment, on the peak of Thousand Stone Mountain, within an exceptionally vast hall, seven powerful beings of the Stone Tribe had gathered.

"What exactly happened? Why have so many humans invaded the Stone Cloud Realm?"

One Stone-man Clan being spoke with a gravely serious face.

The Stone-man Clan, being human in shape but two to three times taller than humans, this Stone-man Clan being had skin like black iron, with eyes like two red crystals.

"Black Iron, what we should care about now isn't this, but that these humans are lurking near Thousand Stone Mountain; they are surely plotting against us. What should be our course of action?"

A high-ranking member of the Stone Face Clan spoke.

"They are not many in number; why don't we take the initiative to attack and kill them all?"

A Hill Giant remarked, his entire body radiating a copper hue from the rock, exuding immense oppressive force with every move.

"That's not appropriate. The Human Race is too cunning. Without knowing the specifics, it's best not to rashly attack."

Another Stone Tribe high-ranking member spoke.

Immediately following, a chorus of debate erupted within the hall.

Suddenly, a heavy pressure spread from above, filling the entire hall with a layer of yellow sand, blurring everyone's vision, and a formidable presence enveloped the hall.

The hall instantly fell silent, as all Stone Tribe high-ranking members turned their gaze upward to the Venerable of Thousand Stone Mountain.

The leader of Thousand Stone Mountain was also a Hill Giant, his body towering and his rough, dark yellow skin looking as if it had endured countless years.

The Hill Giant was surrounded by swirling yellow sand, obscuring his true visage.

He was the strongest in Thousand Stone Mountain, the only Sky Sea Realm Venerable—Thousand Stone Venerable.

"These humans are entrenched near Thousand Stone Mountain, clearly with malicious intent, but one of our Stone Tribe's major disadvantages is our slow speed. Taking the initiative to attack will not yield significant results!"

"I suggest we, the Stone Tribe, act as if we're oblivious to everything, lure the Human Race into attacking, and then capture them all at once!"

Thousand Stone Venerable stated in a deep voice.

"What the Venerable says makes sense."

"Indeed, we'll pretend we haven't noticed them, covertly make arrangements, and capture them all in one fell swoop!"

The rest of the Stone Tribe high-ranking members expressed their agreement.

The Stone Tribe beings were not only lazy in body but somewhat in thought as well. Since a powerful figure had laid out a plan, they couldn't be bothered to ponder it further and simply complied.

"What about Grey Stone? Call him back."

Thousand Stone Venerable spoke again.

Grey Stone was the Hill Giant that Chen Yu had killed, a member of Thousand Stone Venerable's lineage. Thousand Stone Venerable had high hopes for Grey Stone, who might well have been the next leader of Thousand Stone Mountain.

"We haven't found 'Grey Stone' yet. He must have gone off to slack somewhere and fallen asleep, forgetting his duties."

The Stone-man Clan Elder "Black Iron" shook his head.

"Find him and bring him back as quickly as possible."

Thousand Stone Venerable's words carried a hint of helplessness.

For some reason, he felt an uneasiness within.

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Elsewhere, Chen Yu obtained related information from other members of the You Clan, using the Token given by You Yuli.

Afterward, he completely destroyed You Yuli's Token.

The royal clan, the You Clan, was extremely powerful. Since no one had discovered Chen Yu's killing of You Yuli, naturally he intended to keep this matter concealed.

As for the "Green Flame Bloodline" that Chen Yu had absorbed, he had no plans to continue using it. If exposed, no explanation would suffice.

So, Chen Yu decided to use the Green Flame Bloodline as nourishment, to be absorbed by his Golden Winged Phoenix bloodline.

Chen Yu's consciousness entered the space within his heart, where he controlled the Golden Winged Phoenix floating there, flying it over another mass of green-flamed blood energy.

The Golden Winged Phoenix slowly descended, and the energy from the Green Flame Bloodline immediately curled up into a ball and began to merge into the body of the Golden Winged Phoenix.

Moments later, the Green Flame Bloodline vanished without a trace.

And the flames on the body of the Golden Winged Phoenix burned even more intensely!

"Success!"

Chen Yu exclaimed with delight.

The last time the Golden Winged Phoenix bloodline had devoured the Red-eyed Jiao bloodline, it had happened on its own, beyond Chen Yu's control.

But this time, Chen Yu was actively controlling the Golden Winged Phoenix bloodline to absorb the Green Flame Bloodline, and he could feel that the Golden Winged Phoenix bloodline had grown somewhat stronger.

This was enough to prove that bloodlines of the same element could devour one another and strengthen themselves.

From now on, Chen Yu no longer had to worry about his Golden Winged Phoenix bloodline being quickly depleted. As long as he could extract bloodlines of the same type as nourishment, he could increase the frequency of use of his Golden Winged Phoenix bloodline.

After devouring the Green Flame Bloodline, Chen Yu ended his cultivation practice, went for a walk to survey the situation.

The force that the human prodigies were eyeing was known as Thousand Stone Mountain, rumored to be under the watch of a Sky Sea Realm Stone Tribe powerful being.

This was precisely why the human prodigies hadn't made any rash moves and were still gathering forces!

Chen Yu wasn't in a hurry either. He lay hidden nearby, waiting patiently.

When the time came and these forces clashed with the Stone Tribe of Thousand Stone Mountain, he would fish in troubled waters.

Gaining the "Earth Essence Crystal" would be ideal, but even if he couldn't, he still aimed to earn some Slaughter Points.

However, that very night, two prodigies from the You Clan, leading nearly a dozen people, began to search the surroundings.

"Damn it, someone must have killed members of the You Clan and wheedled information out of us!"

A man in black from the You Clan said with a dark expression.

During the day, they had made contact with a member of their clan, but he never turned up and later couldn't be contacted by any means.

There was only one possibility: someone had gotten hold of a You Clan Token, obtained intelligence, and then destroyed the Token.

"Let me find out who it was; I will shred them to pieces!"

The man in black's expression was fiercely cold.

The people of the You Clan had been murdered, and the audacity to extract information from them infuriated him beyond measure.

The man in black was convinced that the other party, having received the message, would certainly want to get a slice of the pie, so he led his men to search the surrounding area.

Chen Yu was unaware of this until, in the early hours of the morning, a gray-haired squirrel accidentally stumbled upon him.

Boom!

At the same time, Chen Yu spotted the squirrel five hundred zhang away and immediately threw a punch. Black light from his fist knocked down towering ancient trees as it descended upon its target.

The gray-haired squirrel, sensing the imminent danger, bristled all over, becoming like a hedgehog, and took off running, narrowly escaping disaster.

Following that, Chen Yu sensed several powerful auras closing in from different directions.

"Not good, I've been discovered."

Chen Yu immediately got up and left the area.

With his speed, there were few in the Sky Sea Realm who could catch up to him.

Soon after, three figures arrived at Chen Yu's former hiding spot, one of them a person from the You Clan.

"Dammit, Chen Yu was actually hiding nearby, and I can even sense the You Clan bloodline on him!"

The expression on the You Clan man in black was extremely grim.

All the subtle clues pointed to the possibility that Chen Yu had killed people from the You Clan, and that he was the very same person who had previously extracted information from him.

"Search for me. Once Chen Yu is found, obliterate him!"

The man in black shouted, then instructed further, "Inform the Cui Clan about this; I believe they will also put forth an effort to deal with Chen Yu!"

Elsewhere, after flying some distance, Chen Yu stopped atop an ancient tree.

"It seems I've underestimated these people!"

Chen Yu murmured to himself.

In the following three days, Chen Yu became more vigilant, aware that his pursuers were still on his trail.

Moreover, during these three days, their numbers had grown significantly, now totaling thirty-four.

Chen Yu wasn't afraid of these people, but he was worried that if he severely injured this group, he might later be unable to confront the Stone Clan's forces on Thousand Stone Mountain.

"Since you have so much free time to deal with me, I'll keep you busy!"

Chen Yu suddenly thought of a strategy and chuckled mischievously.

Whoosh!

He darted upward, taking a wide circuit before entering the territory of Thousand Stone Mountain.

Afterward, Chen Yu sneaked into the periphery of Thousand Stone Mountain, killed more than a dozen Stone Clan beings, and immediately fled.

Rumble!

Inside Thousand Stone Mountain, a series of astonishing auras and pressures suddenly erupted.

"Crafty humans, to actually launch a sneak attack on the Stone Clan!"

"Dammit, we've lost over a dozen comrades!"

"We must have revenge, exterminate the humans!"

The Stone Clan inside Thousand Stone Mountain was seething with fury.

Even four Stone Clan beings were now tracking down Chen Yu, following his trail.

"Hui Shi hasn't returned yet, it's very likely that he's been killed by these humans!"

The Thousand Stone Venerable's expression was severe and his eyes were filled with malevolence.

"Kill!"

After a moment of silence, the Thousand Stone Venerable suddenly gave the command.

Humans were too cunning, stationed nearby, not attacking rashly, but opting for sneak attacks.

If this continued, it would only become more disadvantageous for Thousand Stone Mountain!

"Charge out, exterminate the humans!"

A series of roaring sounds erupted from inside Thousand Stone Mountain.

Then, various Stone Clan beings were seen rushing out en masse.

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Down the hillside, there were only twelve geniuses from various clans left, the others had all gone to hunt for Chen Yu.

"Heh heh, this Chen Yu is really pitiful, having offended the You Clan and Cui Clan, and even attracted the attention of many other families!"

A woman in white spoke of Chen Yu as if he were a topic of conversation.

"But he really is bold, having killed a person from the You Clan and extracted information from them, and even came nearby, wanting a piece of the action."

Another chubby-faced man expressed some admiration for Chen Yu.

"Usually, those who are bold die young."

The group began to chat leisurely.

But just then, the ground suddenly began to tremble, and everyone sensed that something was amiss and took off flying into the air.

Instantly, they saw a huge Stone Clan army rolling in from a distance, and the twelve showed looks of shock, stupor, and panic.

"The Stone Clan has actually launched an offensive!"

"Retreat quickly, and inform the others!"

The twelve were in utter panic.

The main force had gone to search for Chen Yu, and nobody expected the Stone Clan to attack at this time.

Just twelve of them, how could they possibly withstand such a massive Stone Clan force?

Immediately, the twelve fled.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

In the sky, hundreds of giant stones rained down like meteor showers, smashing the hillside into smithereens in an instant.

Elsewhere, Chen Yu had already shaken off the pursuit of the Stone Clan and returned to Thousand Stone Mountain.

Seven-tenths of the Stone Clan living there had launched an attack.

"Now is when defense on Thousand Stone Mountain is at its weakest!"

A bright light flickered in Chen Yu's eyes.

Chapter 658: Occupying the Mountain to Search for Treasures

The Stone-men Clan of Thousand Stone Mountain had not all rushed out to battle; about thirty percent remained to guard the area.

Suddenly, a black shadow soared into the sky, penetrating the territory of Thousand Stone Mountain and rushing towards its peak.

"Enemy attack!"

"An attack by a human powerhouse!"

Once again, Thousand Stone Mountain trembled as the remaining Stone-men Clan powerhouses readied themselves for combat.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

One by one, they hurled massive boulders towards Chen Yu in the sky.

Ordinary rocks, enhanced by the Stone-men's abilities, became extremely heavy and hard, packed with destructive power!

But the attacks of the ordinary Guiyuan Realm Stone-men couldn't harm Chen Yu in the slightest!

Chen Yu was enveloped in a swirl of Demon Pattern True Essence, like winding, coiling demon dragons.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

As the rocks collided, they shattered against the Demon Pattern True Essence, unable to get close to Chen Yu.

However, at that moment, from the upper levels of Thousand Stone Mountain, two members of the Stone-men Clan emerged, radiating the aura of Half-step Sky Sea Realm.

"The Human Race is indeed cunning, but fortunately, Thousand Stone Venerable was cautious and had us stay behind to guard Thousand Stone Mountain!"

The Stone-man being "Black Iron" glared coldly at Chen Yu.

"It was this human who launched a sneak attack on our Stone-men Clan; let's kill him!"

Another Little Stone Clan being appeared, his body as large as a barrel and with three stone horns atop his head.

He too was at the Half-step Sky Sea Realm, staring harshly at Chen Yu, his body exuding a terrifying murderous intent.

"Besides these two Half-step Sky Sea Realm Stone-men, the others are no threat!"

Chen Yu sized up the remaining Stone-men Clan force at Thousand Stone Mountain.

Frankly, Chen Yu could stand still and remain unharmed by any Stone-man below the Half-step Sky Sea Realm.

So, as long as he killed these two Half-step Sky Sea Realm Stone-men, victory would be his.

Chen Yu didn't waste words with these two Stone-men. He summoned the Red Flame King, drew the Demon Flood Dragon Sword, and instantly unleashed a slash of dark sword surge filled with demonic intent.

"Daring to come alone, you truly court death!"

Black Iron stretched out his lanky arm, his palm pulsing with True Yuan that merged with the black iron ore of his body, transforming swiftly into a pitch-black spear!

Whoosh!

With a fierce swing of his arm, Black Iron shot a streak of black light through the void, which, carrying a heavy and shrill sound of tearing through the air, struck Chen Yu's Sword Dao attack.

To everyone's surprise, it was the spear thrown by Black Iron that gained the upper hand.

Black Iron's attack, fused with a special metal ore and combined with the immense strength of the Stone-men and the spear's piercing force, led to an expected outcome.

Boom!

The black spear pierced through the dark sword surge, continuing forth towards Chen Yu.

And it wasn't over; Black Iron's other hand swiftly conjured another black spear and threw it.

Swoosh!

Chen Yu executed the Demon Dragon Shadow Control, his body swiftly rising to evade both incoming spears.

He once held the title of "Demon Hunting Spear," clearly understanding the characteristics of such weapons.

Though the spear was powerful, in head-on combat, as long as one maintained distance and dodged carefully, it was unlikely to hit the target.

However, Chen Yu's goal was to breach Thousand Stone Mountain to seize the "Earth Elemental Crystal" within, necessitating the elimination of these two Stone-men beings.

Stone-men beings were strong in defense and survival; only through close combat could Chen Yu quickly exterminate them.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Chen Yu drew the Golden Phoenix Wing, channeling True Yuan within, and as the wings beat, they dispatched a swath of golden fiery mist.

His figure seemed to transform into a black golden phoenix, swiftly crossing the skies.

So fast!

Chen Yu felt the increase himself—without activating the Golden Winged Phoenix bloodline, the Golden Phoenix Wing alone had boosted his speed by more than sixty percent.

With the activation of the Golden Winged Phoenix bloodline, the combined speed would increase even more.

"What incredible speed!"

The Stone-men were inherently slow; Chen Yu's demonstrated speed made Black Iron envious.

Maintaining such velocity, Black Iron's spear could not hope to hit Chen Yu.

Suddenly, Chen Yu closed in on Black Iron, slashing with his sword.

Ting clang!

Black Iron, wielding his spear, swung back, clashing with Chen Yu's Demon Flood Dragon Sword.

"You think because I excel at long-range attacks, you can dominate me up close? How naive, human. Every Stone-man being is proficient in close combat!"

Black Iron laughed loudly.

But the next moment, his smile froze.

Boom!

A tremendous force struck Black Iron's arm; he watched as his spear split into two under Chen Yu's sword strike.

Ting sizzle!

The Demon Flood Dragon Sword followed through, as Black Iron hastily dodged, but still sustained a three-inch deep and one-foot long gash on his chest!

"Such a powerful strike, such formidable strength!"

Black Iron's expression grew grave, realizing he had underestimated Chen Yu.

With the force of Chen Yu's last sword strike and his astonishing speed, Black Iron had virtually no chance of winning.

On the other side, the Hill Giant from the Little Stone Clan, at Half-step Sky Sea Realm, was clashing with the Red Flame King.

Black Iron believed his companion would have no trouble handling an ancient beast, but surprisingly, the situation was even grimmer than his own.

Stone-men did not fear fire, but the Red Flame King's mastery over flames was so immense; it was the first time the three-horned little Stone-man had found fire so terrifying.

The storm of battle spread in all directions, preventing ordinary Stone-men beings from approaching.

"This won't do!"

Black Iron, somber, suddenly performed a spell.

A palace gate atop Thousand Stone Mountain abruptly swung open.

Swoosh!

Black Iron darted in that direction.

Chen Yu wasn't sure what Black Iron was planning, but it was doubtlessly something unfavorable to him.

Demon Light Sword Vortex!

Chen Yu brandished the Demon Flood Dragon Sword continuously, and over a dozen black Demon Sword Qi strands formed into a massive vortex that tore through the air.

Black Iron swung both arms, conjuring a black-patterned barrier in front of him, akin to a high wall, blocking his path.

Boom sizzle!

The Demon Light Sword spiraled and struck, continuously grinding away, and in less than two breaths of time, it penetrated the black patterned barrier, blasting against the black iron body.

Boom!

The black iron body plummeted onto Thousand Stone Mountain, a spiral-shaped dent wound appearing on its back.

But the black iron actually revealed a trace of a smile. With a swing of his arm, a swath of dark, shiny ore suddenly flew out from the open palace nearby.

The creatures of the Stone-man Clan could harness particular minerals and metals to unleash more powerful attacks.

"Black Xuan Gold!"

Chen Yu recognized these ores, precious materials for refining top medium-grade Spiritual Artifacts, and even king-level medium-grade Spiritual Artifacts.

He hadn't expected there to be so much Black Xuan Gold on Thousand Stone Mountain, and now black iron was using these as a method of attack.

"Black Gold Thousand Sword Kill!"

Black iron circulated his immense True Yuan, enveloping all the Black Xuan Gold ores. With a sweeping gesture of his arm directed towards Chen Yu,

Suddenly, the vast expanse of dark ore surged toward Chen Yu.

During its path, every piece of dark ore rapidly transformed into a simply designed but extremely sharp black short sword!

In an instant, the swath of dark ore turned into an enormous black rain of swords, densely piercing towards Chen Yu.

Chen Yu remained calm, deciding to defend with all his strength.

The second and third Demon Patterns operated simultaneously, a suit of Demon Scale Armor appearing on his body, and a layer of Demon Scale Shield enveloping him.

Ssss! Boom!

Hundreds of black short swords continued to strike in succession, and in a short time, the Demon Scale Shield was shattered.

The remaining short swords all slammed into the Demon Scale Armor.

Two breaths later, the Demon Scale Armor was also severely damaged, Chen Yu's clothes were in tatters, revealing the High Grade Defense Inner Armor inside.

In the end, Chen Yu withstood black iron's killer attack!

"Impossible!"

Black iron's mouth gaped wide, and he roared in astonishment.

The defensive power of this human was so formidable, even stronger than the Hill Giants of the Stoneman Clan at the Half-step Sky Sea Realm!

His killer attack couldn't even harm Chen Yu.

And at this moment, black iron was greatly depleted of energy, appearing somewhat exhausted.

"Now it's my turn to attack."

Chen Yu's calm face bore a fierce expression as he launched an assault on black iron.

Sword lights cleaved down one after another, and in no time, the Demon Wind Sword Domain had formed. Within the domain, Chen Yu's attack power increased once more.

At this point, black iron, being closely assaulted by Chen Yu, was overwhelmed with no power to counter, accumulating more and more wounds.

As a member of the Stone-man Clan, black iron's defensive power was inferior to that of a Hill Giant.

After a short while, Chen Yu inflicted heavy damage on him!

"Human, the Thousand Stone Venerable will never let you off!"

The Thousand Stone Venerable lay on the ground, on his last breath. His body was maimed, missing an arm and a leg.

Boom!

Chen Yu paid no heed, a sword thrust into his chest, ending the life of black iron and extracting the crystalline heart.

Meanwhile, the Red Flame King had already killed a Little Stone Clan creature with three stone horns before Chen Yu, and even slew many Stone-men who had attempted to provide support.

Now, with the two great Half-step Sky Sea beings dead, the Stone-man Clan creatures at the scene were panicked and in disarray!

Seizing the opportunity, Chen Yu then killed three Late Guiyuan Realm Stone-men, earning himself sixty Slaughter Points.

By this time, the remaining Stone-man Clan creatures had all fled.

Without their top combatants, staying here meant waiting for death.

Thus, the entire Thousand Stone Mountain became an empty mountain.

Swoosh!

Chen Yu swiftly flew in to search for treasures.

Thousand Stone Mountain was enormously vast, reaching as high as a thousand zhang, and searching for the Elemental Crystal was not an easy task.

But Chen Yu soon discovered that the lower areas of Thousand Stone Mountain were the dwellings of the lowest-ranking Stone-men, and the higher he went, the more lavish the palaces' arrangements and the stored resources and treasures became.

"The Elemental Crystal, such a treasure, must be at the very top."

Chen Yu's wings fluttered behind him, a burst of golden light sprayed forth, and he transformed into a Black Golden Phoenix. Shooting up into the sky, he reached the summit of Thousand Stone Mountain.

After searching, Chen Yu arrived in front of a sealed secret chamber.

The walls of the chamber were a dark yellow hue, carved with ancient Stone-man Clan patterns that Chen Yu couldn't understand at all.

Boom!

Chen Yu punched out, the stone wall merely trembling slightly without even a crack forming.

It should be noted that Chen Yu, relying solely on physical strength, could contend with a Half-step Sky Sea Realm, yet this stone wall withstood his full-force punch.

"It seems this is a measure set by the Thousand Stone Venerable!"

Chen Yu inwardly rejoiced, anything personally arranged by the Thousand Stone Venerable was certain to contain precious items.

Thump! Thump! Thump!

Chen Yu's heart beat rapidly, entering an explosive state, his power surging.

Bang—

With the Demon Pattern True Essence in motion, Chen Yu's fists blasted continuously, a series of heavy muffled sounds echoing.

In the span of two breaths, Chen Yu's fists struck a hundred times!

Crack!

A dent appeared on the stone wall, and cracks spread out like a spider's web.

"Break!"

Chen Yu circulated the first Demon Pattern, unleashing the Demon Annihilation Claw.

A dark, ferocious demon claw, carrying an overwhelming sense of demonic power, struck out!

Boom!

The demon claw collided with the dent, and after a moment, suddenly burst forth, piercing through the stone wall.

The wall's defensive power seemed to be affected after being penetrated, making it easier to destroy.

In no time, Chen Yu created a large hole and entered the secret chamber.

Inside, many precious treasures were stored, mainly rocky metals, with very few rare materials.

"Black Xuan Gold, Ice Crystal Iron, Sunburn Rock!"

Chen Yu immediately recognized many extremely precious mineral metals.

However, he largely ignored these and searched carefully.

Finally, Chen Yu found a meditation cushion-sized orange-yellow crystal, radiating vast Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, markedly different from ordinary metal ores.

"This is the 'Elemental Crystal.'"

The Red Flame King spoke from beside him.

Chapter 659: Breaking Through the Secret Room

"Earth Element Crystal, capable of communicating with Heaven and Earth, comprehending the power of states of mind, and mobilizing the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, provides substantial help in breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm. Moreover, this piece of Earth Element Crystal is not small in size; it can at least increase the probability of breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm by about thirty percent!"

Red Flame King stared at the Earth Element Crystal, analyzing it.

"About thirty percent?"

Chen Yu felt a surge of joy in his heart.

He was young and had a stable foundation; the hope of breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm was already higher than that of most people. Now, with the Earth Element Crystal increasing the probability by about thirty percent, Chen Yu's chances of breaking through to the Sky Sea Realm were much greater.

Immediately, Chen Yu picked up the Earth Element Crystal and placed it inside the "Smoke-spitting Pearl."

At the same time, he also scavenged other minerals in the secret room, selecting some of the most valuable ones before preparing to leave the secret room.

However, just then, an incredibly formidable aura of True Yuan suddenly fluctuated around the secret room.

Subsequently, the hard stone walls of the secret room softened, turning into flowing sand and slowly moving. The exit Chen Yu had previously broken through was immediately filled up.

Bang!

Chen Yu immediately rushed forward and threw a punch at the flowing sand wall.

His incredibly fierce punch, upon hitting the flowing sand wall, felt like a stone thrown into cotton, completely ineffective.

The power from his fist rapidly dispersed, and his Demon Pattern True Essence was absorbed by the flowing sand.

Chen Yu withdrew his fist, and the special wall rapidly returned to its original state.

"The method laid down by a Sky Sea Realm Venerable, and it also includes the profound principles of an Array."

Red Flame King said after scanning it a few times.

Being trapped by a method set by a Sky Sea Realm Venerable was a very dangerous situation in itself.

Fortunately, at this moment, Thousand Stone Mountain was empty, and the Thousand Stone Venerable had already left, so Chen Yu was not in immediate danger.

"We must break through here, otherwise it will be bad once the Stone Clan's army returns."

Chen Yu said firmly.

Once the Thousand Stone Venerable returned here, it would be the end for Chen Yu.

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Meanwhile, the Stone Clan's army and the many talents of the Great Yu Realm clashed in battle.

At this moment, there were forty talents from the Great Yu Realm.

In terms of the combat situation, no clear strength or weakness could be discerned.

The Stone Cloud Realm was just a minor world; under the same cultivation level, the talents of the Great Yu Realm were still somewhat stronger.

The Stone Clan held an advantage in numbers, but each of the Great Yu Realm talents was an elite and strong.

Roar!

The Thousand Stone Venerable bellowed, causing sand and stones to fill the air within a hundred zhang radius, whipping up fiercely.

Any creature that came close to the Thousand Stone Venerable would be struck by the sandstorm.

Wherever the Thousand Stone Venerable went, the environment would drastically change, trees vanished, and the ground became pitted.

"Is this the power generated by a Sky Sea Realm Venerable's communication with Heaven and Earth?"

A Late Guiyuan Realm cultivator looked up at the Thousand Stone Venerable, astonished in his heart.

Getting within a hundred zhang of the Thousand Stone Venerable meant facing endless attacks from sand and stones, and with his strength, he feared he could not even get close.

A Sky Sea Realm Venerable, capable of communicating with Heaven and Earth, would comprehend the power of states of mind.

Clearly, the Thousand Stone Venerable had comprehended his unique state of mind power, centering on himself to create a "Hundred Zhang Sandstorm."

However, while the Venerable's power was strong, the Great Yu Realm was blessed with extraordinary aptitudes and talented individuals, not lacking those who could challenge beyond their levels.

Currently, there were three great Half-step Sky Sea talents standing their ground against the Thousand Stone Venerable, even gaining some advantage!

Among them were Cui Ming from the Cui Clan and the recently arrived You Clan talent You Lie.

Another woman dressed in purple; also a top talent from a powerful family.

"Hmph, so what if it's Sky Sea Realm? This young master can break through to the Sky Sea Realm whenever I wish!"

You Lie's haughty voice sounded as he plunged into the sandstorm, his hand holding a Green Pattern Treasure Saber, slashing out a dark green cyclone blade light.

On the other side, Cui Ming raised a True Essence Defense Shield and unleashed a golden bone claw, clawing towards the Thousand Stone Venerable.

The last woman in purple waved her treasure sword, emitting bursts of water-light Sword Qi.

Facing the Sky Sea Realm Venerable, the three Great Yu Realm talents joined forces, showing no fear and even gaining the upper hand!

Recalling the past in the Blood Star Realm, the Fang Brothers and Sisters alone were enough to stand against a Sky-reaching Sect Master.

The strength of Cui Ming, You Lie, and the woman in purple, already surpassed those typical of the Half-step Sky Sea Realm, with combat power nearing that of the Sky Sea Realm, not much different from that of the Fang Brothers and Sisters.

At this moment, the three of them teaming up to suppress a Sky Sea Realm Venerable was not difficult.

"Is this what true talent looks like? Being also at Half-step Sky Sea Realm, I am far too inferior to them."

A Half-step Sky Sea Realm cultivator below, watching the three Great Yu Realm talents, couldn't help but express admiration and shame.

"With the strength of Cui Ming, You Lie, and others, they can definitely defeat the Thousand Stone Venerable."

"Ha ha, the Stone Clan will definitely lose, annihilate them."

Other young prodigies laughed loudly.

However, the real purpose of You Lie, Cui Ming, and the others was not just to defeat the Thousand Stone Venerable, but to kill!

Although the idea was audacious, it was not impossible.

Ultimately, they might have to pay some price, but assassinating a Sky Sea Realm Venerable was in itself a gesture of immense honor, and they would also earn two hundred contribution points.

"Green Flame Bloodline!"

You Lie's body suddenly burst forth with a powerful Bloodline Power, his skin surface turning dark green, fire patterns emerged, and his black hair turned green, flaring like flames.

In this moment, You Lie, transformed into a ferocious demon, exhibited an extraordinary aura.

"Green Flame Storm Blade!"

You Lie suddenly swung his large saber, numerous dark green blade edges, each as long as ten zhang, crazily slicing out, entering the sandstorm, attacking the Thousand Stone Venerable.

Boom boom boom!

The Thousand Stone Venerable swung his fists, confronting You Lie's attacks.

After activating his Bloodline Power, You Lie's True Yuan was amplified, making his attacks even more powerful, forcing the Thousand Stone Venerable to use all his strength to defend.

Meanwhile, Cui Ming also executed his fatal move.

"Golden Bone-breaking Claw!"

Cui Ming roared, and both claws struck simultaneously.

Bang crack bang crack!

Two huge golden bone claws suddenly appeared, those five claws slowly twisting and emitting bursts of cracking sounds, attacking the Thousand Stone Venerable from behind.

The purple-robed woman arrived above the Thousand Stone Venerable, her sword chopping down a torrent of sword rain.

Faced with the killing moves of the three geniuses, the Thousand Stone Venerable, with multiple portions of his body including his arms, back, and head, sustained injuries of varying degrees.

Fortunately, as a Hill Giant of the Stone Clan, the Thousand Stone Venerable had strong defenses, and his injuries were not too severe.

After enduring a round of attacks, the Thousand Stone Venerable launched a counterattack, his two enormous yellow fist shadows, accompanied by a sandstorm, thundering out.

The three geniuses from the Great Yu Realm immediately acted to resolve and defend against it.

Among them, Cui Ming activated the Cui Clan's "Flowing Light Bloodline", his skin turning pale and flickering with a faint light.

With the enhancement of his bloodline, Cui Ming's movement technique was extraordinarily fast, and he astonishingly dodged the attack from the Thousand Stone Venerable.

"You two, stop holding back, or none of us will get the Thousand Stone Venerable's crystal heart."

You Lie said coldly.

The three geniuses all had some tricks up their sleeves, and if they went all out, they had a certain confidence in killing the Thousand Stone Venerable.

However, there was only one crystal heart, and precisely because of this, the three geniuses were reluctant to reveal all their abilities, lest it disadvantage them in the final struggle for the crystal heart.

"With such a commotion continuing, it will definitely alert other powerhouses of the Stone Cloud Realm; if another Venerable arrives, our efforts will be wasted."

Cui Ming lightly smiled, seemingly agreeing with You Lie's idea.

"Then let the Venerables of the Stone Cloud Realm witness the prowess of the geniuses from the Great Yu Realm!"

The purple-robed woman, possessing a stunning appearance and a piercing gaze,

The next moment, burst out with an exceedingly sharp Sword Intent; her sword sweeping through the air, surrounding areas filled with countless droplets morphing into transparent silver needles.

"Falling Silver Secret Sword!"

The purple-robed woman slashed down, countless hair-thin Sword Qi crazily pouring down, washing away the sandstorm around the Thousand Stone Venerable.

Even the Thousand Stone Venerable's True Essence defense was gradually being penetrated.

On the other side, You Lie bit his finger and drew it across the blade; on the Green Pattern Treasure Saber, raging green flames ignited, forming a ferocious ghost shadow.

"Green Flame Ghost Slash!"

You Lie bellowed, swinging his saber, the giant spinning blade radiance burned with green light flames, emitting sharp roaring sounds.

"You Clan's Bloodline Secret Technique?"

Cui Ming glanced at You Lie, then took out a withered yellow corpse claw from his storage bag, its surface emanating astonishing deathly aura.

His hand claw, attached to this corpse claw, executed "Golden Bone-breaking Claw"; a black-gold giant claw tore through the air!

"These humans, where exactly did they come from? Merely Half-step Sky Sea Realm, yet their strength is so formidable."

The Thousand Stone Venerable's gaze was incredibly grave as he sensed a threat.

Just then, he suddenly sensed something and his expression drastically changed: "My treasure vault!"

The activation of the defenses left in his treasure vault indicated that someone had infiltrated his vault and stolen his treasures.

Boom bang!

The heaven and earth trembled violently; the battle between the Thousand Stone Venerable and the three Half-step Sky Sea Realm geniuses caused the rest of the Stone Clan and humans to tremble mentally, and they all retreated.

Boom!

Among the black dust, the Thousand Stone Venerable dashed out, one of his arms destroyed, his body pockmarked and riddled with wounds.

And behind him, the three Half-step Sky Sea Realm geniuses chased after.

"Thousand Stone Venerable!"

"Leader!"

The Stone Clan people were dumbfounded upon seeing this scene.

Who would have thought that a Sky Sea Realm Venerable would be defeated by a few humans of Half-step Sky Sea Realm? What kind of background did these humans have?

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In Thousand Stone Mountain, Chen Yu and the Red Flame King were trapped within the scheme set by the Thousand Stone Venerable.

"Let's try again, do as I say!"

The Red Flame King seriously spoke, looking towards Chen Yu.

Chen Yu nodded, indicating no problem.

The next moment, the Red Flame King spit out three balls of flame, intertwining into a Flame Qilin, charging towards the sandy wall.

Hum whoosh!

The surroundings' loose sand vibrated intensely, quickly gathering to bury the Flame Qilin bit by bit.

"Strike now."

The Red Flame King shouted loudly.

Thump thump! Thump thump thump!

Chen Yu's heart entered a burst mode, his strength doubled, and the Demon Rune in his hand began to move.

Demon Annihilating Claw!

The might of the Demon Rune Battle Technique, containing both the Secret Pattern Demon Body and the Demon Pattern True Essence components, was enhanced under Chen Yu's burst state heart, enhancing the capabilities of the Demon Rune Battle Technique as well.

Boom!

Chen Yu mobilized all his strength and a large amount of Demon Pattern True Essence, striking out with one claw.

A pitch-black solid Demon Scale Giant Claw roared out from between Chen Yu's arms.

Suddenly, a burst of blood-colored flame also ignited on it!

Roar whoosh!

The Demon Claw bombarded the sandy wall, the yellow sand around it surging rapidly, trying to submerge the Demon Claw and dissolve its power.

However, the force of the sandy wall had previously been concentrated on the Red Flame King's side.

At this moment, on Chen Yu's side, was a weak spot in the sandy wall.

Boom bang!

The power of the Demon Annihilating Claw burst forth, blowing a big hole in the sandy wall.

Chen Yu and the Red Flame King quickly darted out, and only after that did the large hole gradually get filled by the loose sand, returning to its original state.

Chapter 660: Torturing Cui Ming

Whoosh!

A streak of silver-white light shot across the sky.

"Chen Yu, was it you who took advantage of our battle with the Stone Clan to raid their headquarters and steal what belonged to us?"

Cui Ming said with a dark face.

From the Thousand Stone Venerable, Cui Ming and You Lie learned that someone had launched a surprise attack on the Stone Clan's Thousand Stone Mountain during their fierce battle, even snatching treasures from the Venerable's vault.

Knowing this, they had no time to continue the desperate fight with the Thousand Stone Venerable.

Even if they were to win in the end, the treasures within Thousand Stone Mountain had been stolen by someone else.

They, a group of peerless talents, had struggled in battle against the Stone Clan, and yet others reaped the benefits. If word got out, they would be the laughingstock of other young talents. The top three geniuses simply could not tolerate such humiliation.

At this moment, Cui Ming activated the “Flowing Light Bloodline” of the Cui Clan. His skin turned pale, marked with strands of white light patterns, and a faint glowing radiance emerged around him, doubling his speed!

"Thousand Stone Mountain!"

In Cui Ming’s vision, a towering mountain thousands of feet high appeared.

Here, once dwelled many creatures of the Stone Clan, but now nothing could be seen.

"Damn it, did that kid take over this place and steal all the treasures?"

Cui Ming cursed silently in his heart.

He had come as quickly as possible—could it still be too late?

Just then.

Boom!

There was a loud noise from the top of Thousand Stone Mountain, and a demonic aura spread out.

Then, Cui Ming saw Chen Yu rushing out from within.

"Chen Yu, it's indeed you!"

Upon seeing Chen Yu, Cui Ming's gaze widened in anger, his fists trembled slightly, and his long hair danced wildly.

He had only guessed that Chen Yu was responsible for this deed, but now, seeing the one who stole their spoils of war with his own eyes, Cui Ming was naturally furious and resentful.

Additionally, Cui Ming felt there was something amiss with the Stone Clan's unprovoked attack.

The Stone Clan creatures were slow, and by nature lazy, seldom taking the initiative to attack.

Perhaps this too was orchestrated by Chen Yu!

Chen Yu was somewhat surprised to see Cui Ming appear.

He had not expected that the first to return would be Cui Ming instead of the Stone Clan.

It seemed that the Stone Clan was at a disadvantage on the battlefield.

However, Chen Yu did not concern himself further and merely glanced at Cui Ming before swiftly moving away.

Cui Ming's arrival meant the human talents had the upper hand; soon, others would also catch up, and Chen Yu would face a siege.

"Leave all the treasures behind, or today you shall not escape!"

Cui Ming roared, his anger fueled further by Chen Yu's disregard.

Chen Yu still paid no heed and, using the Demon Dragon Shadow Control, fled rapidly, leaving behind a long black dragon tail.

Why should he leave all the treasures that Chen Yu had fought hard to win?

Unless the one uttering this demand was several times stronger than Chen Yu, forcing him to be unable to resist—a category Cui Ming certainly did not fall into.

"Humph, among my peers, no one has ever escaped from my hands!"

Cui Ming's anger mounted.

Chen Yu's theft of their victory made Cui Ming feel humiliated and played with.

Furthermore, being ignored by Chen Yu intensified this humiliation.

As a talent of the Cui Clan, wherever he went, he was looked up to and never ignored like this before.

Swoosh!

Cui Ming leaped forward, his footwork mysterious, his figure graceful, bursting with incredible speed, like a dazzling meteor.

"The Cui Clan Bloodline, huh?"

Chen Yu cast a glance at Cui Ming.

He had previously heard from Yang Fenghou that the Cui Clan's bloodline was related to speed.

When speed reached a certain level, it easily dominated and led to victory.

At this moment, Cui Ming's burst of speed surpassed Chen Yu's, and the distance between them rapidly closed.

Swoosh!

Cui Ming launched a claw attack, unleashing a giant golden bone claw that emitted bursts of bone-cracking sounds, striking towards Chen Yu.

Seeing this, Chen Yu immediately deployed the "Golden Phoenix Wing."

Instantly, his speed increased by sixty percent, and with a wave of his wings, a cloud of fiery mist surged forth, leaving a trail of flames in his wake.

Due to Chen Yu's sudden increase in speed, he naturally dodged Cui Ming's attack.

If Cui Ming had been following close behind Chen Yu, he would have been continuously scorched by the golden flames.

Whoosh!

Cui Ming ascended a distance and pursued Chen Yu once more.

"Such a formidable flying treasure!"

Cui Ming's eyes shone as he stared at the gold and black wings on Chen Yu's back, feeling a covetous desire.

He could feel the speed boost that the Golden Winged Phoenix provided to Chen Yu, and with such wings combined with the "Flowing Light Bloodline," what terrifying speed would he possess? The thought alone excited Cui Ming.

However, he quickly dismissed these thoughts.

With the Golden Phoenix Wing, Chen Yu's speed had overtaken his, and he was getting further away.

Cui Ming's fists clenched tighter, his frustration stemming not just from the loss on the Heavenly Ascension Ladder to Chen Yu, which was a minor annoyance. But losing to Chen Yu in terms of speed was something he couldn't accept!

"Shooting Star as Light!"

Cui Ming bellowed, further stimulating the Cui Clan Bloodline within him. The white light patterns on his skin flared with luminescence.

From afar, a bundle of bright white light completely enveloped Cui Ming.

Whoosh!

The next moment, Cui Ming shot forward, exhibiting astonishingly high speed.

Shooting Star as Light was a Bloodline Secret Technique of the Cui Clan, which, once activated, would burn the bloodline and vital energy, unleashing even more astounding speed.

At this moment, Cui Ming was catching up to Chen Yu once again!

"Chen Yu, do you think a flying treasure will allow you to surpass this young master in speed?"

Cui Ming's arrogant laughter rang out.

However, Cui Ming knew that his Bloodline Secret Technique could not last.

Over time, Chen Yu would still be able to shake him off.

"I must not let him escape!"

Cui Ming asserted resolutely, whether for the sake of spoils of war or personal honor and dignity.

Swoosh!

Cui Ming took out a dried, yellowed corpse claw from his storage bag, emanating an astonishing aura of death.

His palm attached to the corpse claw, with True Yuan surging violently.

Golden Bone-breaking Claw!

Cui Ming swung his hand, and a black and gold giant claw tore through the air, emitting a terrifying shriek, annihilating the flames sprayed from Chen Yu's wings.

"What a powerful strike!"

Chen Yu, who was in mid-flight, felt his heart skip a beat.

Devil Claw Secret Technique!

Chen Yu activated the first Devil Claw Secret Pattern on his body's surface, unleashing from his pitch-black arm a sinister, black claw burning with a layer of Blood Crystal Flame.

Boom!

The Devil Claw Secret Technique collided with Cui Ming's Golden Bone-breaking Claw, the two formidable claws tearing at each other.

"That flame is... Blood Crystal Flame!"

Cui Ming was taken aback.

He had originally thought that with the corpse claw, he would surely have the upper hand in attacks and would be able to seriously injure the other party.

However, he didn't expect Chen Yu to also have a trump card like Blood Crystal Flame, integrating such an Innate Spiritual Flame into his combat skills, making it as potent as his own Golden Bone-breaking Claw.

However, Cui Ming couldn't continuously use the corpse claw; its death aura would gradually corrode his body and True Yuan, affecting his potential in the future.

Boom!

Chen Yu suddenly turned around with a sweeping sword strike, unleashing a massive surge of pitch-black Sword Qi.

He had not engaged Cui Ming directly earlier out of respect for the Cui Clan, reluctant to get entangled with him. If other talented individuals of the Human Race came, Chen Yu would also stand opposed to everyone.

But that did not mean Chen Yu was afraid!

Cui Ming's relentless pursuit and lethal moves had infuriated Chen Yu.

Boom!

Cui Ming extended another hand, a flash of a golden bone claw emerged, clashing with the black Sword Qi, and the explosive force of the impact made him step back twice.

He had barely recovered when Chen Yu's attack descended once again.

Gold Shattering Claw, Bone-breaking Finger!

Cui Ming refused to show weakness, fighting against Chen Yu with all his might!

Boom boom boom!

For a moment, the sky was filled with constant explosions, with Demonic Qi, golden light, and Blood Flame scattering everywhere.

After unleashing more than a dozen sword strikes, Chen Yu had formed the Demon Wind Sword Domain!

Within the Demon Wind Sword Domain, the power of his sword techniques was amplified!

After twenty moves, Cui Ming was blasted out of the Demon Wind Sword Domain by Chen Yu, gliding through the air for more than twenty yards before coming to a stop.

"How is this possible?"

Cui Ming's face was filled with fear, his qi and blood boiling, his robe torn in many places, his originally poised hair now disheveled.

This was just like the battle on the Heavenly Ascension Ladder; Cui Ming had only felt a bit of pressure then.

But now, he was directly sent flying by Chen Yu.

Cui Ming suddenly remembered that back then, Chen Yu was only at the peak of the Late Guiyuan Realm, and somehow, Chen Yu had managed to break through in cultivation to reach the peak of the Late Stage Guiyuan Realm.

Realizing this fact, Cui Ming felt even more ashamed and angry—having exerted all his effort, only to be repelled by someone at the peak of the Late Guiyuan Realm!

Boom!

A black sword light flew and cleaved through the air; Cui Ming's face showed panic as he immediately dodged to escape.

But then, a blood-red sword qi struck through his chest, leaving a bloody hole, with blood incessantly spurting out.

Now Cui Ming was even more embarrassed; he knew he couldn't defeat Chen Yu, and might even be killed by him... assuming Chen Yu dared to do so.

Escape!

Cui Ming turned around to flee, to meet up with the main forces first, and then come back to besiege Chen Yu, the thief who stole their spoils of war.

However, Chen Yu was not inclined to let Cui Ming go just like that—hadn't the other been so excitedly pursuing him before? Chen Yu decided to let him taste what it feels like to be hunted.

"Chen Yu, you dare to pursue me?"

Cui Ming roared in fury, knowing that if others saw him being chased by Chen Yu, his lifelong reputation would be ruined.

"Stop talking nonsense!"

Chen Yu slashed out with his sword.

However, Cui Ming's speed and movement technique were indeed high, his dodging ability strong, repeatedly avoiding Chen Yu's attacks.

"Chen Yu, this Young Master wants to escape, and you can't stop me!"

Cui Ming boasted triumphantly.

Just at that moment, a dark gray palm light struck at incredible speed.

Cui Ming prepared to dodge, only to discover that he seemed to be locked on by this palm strike; the nearby space became extremely heavy, his movements hindered by a spatial force!

"Space Palm Technique!"

Cui Ming's heart trembled; with his dodging prowess, he only managed to avoid the center area of the palm strike.

Cui Ming immediately activated his High-Grade Treasure Armor; a silver shield surrounded his body, blocking Chen Yu's Xuankong Palm.

On the other side, Chen Yu, who had executed the Xuankong Palm, suddenly felt his understanding of the technique deepen. Hence, he aimed another palm strike at Cui Ming.

Despite being prepared, Cui Ming still found it difficult to dodge, mainly relying on the High-Grade Treasure Armor for protection, rapidly depleting the True Yuan in his body.

Suddenly, a blow from Chen Yu's Space Palm Technique hit Cui Ming dead on, sending him tumbling through the air.

"The Great Success Realm."

Chen Yu felt a sense of inner joy.

Perhaps it was his improvement in Cultivation Realm that made it easier for him to grasp the essence of the Space Palm Technique.

Cui Ming could feel Chen Yu's palm technique growing stronger!

"He's actually using me to sharpen his technique."

Cui Ming was seething with rage but was helpless, forced to flee with all his might, else being caught up by Chen Yu would only bring a worse fate.

Until a certain moment, Cui Ming felt Chen Yu's palm technique brimming with a clear power from the Spatial Realm, its sealing ability greatly enhanced, giving him the sensation that there was no way to dodge at all.