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Chapter 461 My Luck Is Good

Aboard the spirit ark, Lu Ye looked at the three women before him, a feeling of unreality rising in his heart.

He knew he was Lu Ye of the Righteous Blood Sect, but the identity he was given here constantly reminded him that he was the Young Master of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect!

The Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, the most powerful sect in the entire Ten Thousand Beasts Domain!

Before the spread of the madness that drove demon beasts insane, the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect was the true Overlord of the whole world, upon whose breath every power in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain depended for existence.

However, after the outbreak of that madness, every sect that focused on the beast-taming faction had suffered heavy losses and had fallen apart.

The Ten Thousand Beasts Sect was no exception. Although it held out until the last moment thanks to its strong foundation, it ultimately could not escape the fate of sect dissolution.

Three days ago, the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect fell to the onslaught of countless demon beasts. From the Sect Master to the sect members and disciples, nearly eighty percent died in battle. The survivors scattered and fled, intending to seek refuge in Two Worlds City.

Lu Ye and his three companions were among them.

At this moment, they were on their way to Two Worlds City, still about a half-day's journey away.

As the Young Master of a sect that once dominated a world, Lu Ye's current status was undoubtedly prestigious. But the sect had been destroyed three days ago, leaving Lu Ye somewhat speechless. Now, his honorable status was undoubtedly severely diminished.

But thinking about the identities of Shen Xiaomao, Lan Ziyi, and the others, Lu Ye felt somewhat more balanced in his mind.

Yiyi wasn't there, and neither was Amber!

Lu Ye hurriedly used the battlefield marking to send a message to Yiyi, inquiring about their current situation.

Shortly after, he received a reply from Yiyi. Amber was currently in a city, but in a state of captivity, together with many other demon beasts.

Yiyi didn't dare to act rashly, not understanding the situation, because the cage that held them was very sturdy, impervious to Amber's strength.

Inside the city...

The only city in the entire Ten Thousand Beasts Domain that could still be considered safe was Two Worlds City, so Yiyi and the others were most likely in Two Worlds City.

Lu Ye instructed Yiyi not to act recklessly and to wait until he arrived. Naturally, Yiyi agreed.

"Be careful!" A low cry came, from the woman Lu Ye didn't recognize, alerting the others, and with the end of her words, a violent collision came from one side.

Lu Ye swiftly turned his head to look, and saw that around their Spiritual Artifact where they were standing, there were a dozen huge figures—demon beasts of various shapes and forms.

The eyes of each demon beast were a sickly crimson, a symptom of the madness, with several of them furiously attacking their Spiritual Artifact.

In the blink of an eye, the Flying Spirit Artifact began to shatter, and Lu Ye and his companions quickly brought out their own Spiritual Artifacts, rising into the sky.

A loud explosion sounded as the Flying Spirit Artifact shattered.

Standing aboard his own spirit ark, Lu Ye's supplies box at his waist buzzed, nine streams of weapon control surged out, transforming into Liu Guang and slashing towards the demon beast closest to him.

At the same time, Shen Xiaomao and the other three women employed their techniques. In a moment, the streams of weapon control and magical might continued to burst forth, with spirit force surging wildly.

Even though these demon beasts were quite strong individually, in general, they were not yet so powerful as to leave Lu Ye and the others without any means to respond.

Following their actions, blood splattered, and one after another, the demon beasts were slain, turning into corpses falling from the sky.

After a fierce battle, all the pursuing demon beasts were killed. The four transformed into four streaks of light, dashing forward rapidly. Among them, the woman Lu Ye did not recognize exerted the most effort, simply because her displayed cultivation level was the highest, roughly at the level of the Cloud River Level 8-9!

What also concerned Lu Ye was that Lan Ziyi was also displaying strength at the Cloud River Level 2!

He had advanced to the Cloud River Level 2 so quickly because he had received a number of spirit fortune sticks during this period, and surely Lan Ziyi had as well.

It seemed that Endless Island highly valued Lan Ziyi, otherwise where would she have gotten so many spirit fortune sticks to use?

While he was thinking this, the woman Lu Ye didn't recognize suddenly spoke, "Everyone should introduce themselves. We may need to act together from now on."

Heaven's Augury had arranged for the four of them to be together, clearly meaning for them to assist each other. Were it not so, the woman would have already left, as from her perspective, Lu Ye and Lan Ziyi's cultivation at Cloud River Level 2 were simply too low. Shen Xiaomao, at Level 5, was barely adequate, but still should not be put together with her, who was at Cloud River Level 9.

Since Heaven's Augury had made such arrangements, there must be a reason.

"Ye Liu!" Lu Ye reported his alias as usual, not revealing his background.

"Shen Xiaomao."

"Lan Ziyi."

The Cloud River Level 9 woman nodded slightly and then said, "Xia Qianqian!"

Having exchanged names, they were now acquainted with each other. Throughout the process, Lu Ye, whether toward Shen Xiaomao or Lan Ziyi, did not show any sign of prior knowledge of them, and Shen Xiaomao did the same. From an outsider's perspective, none of the four people there had ever met before.

"Let's also discuss our respective missions. Heaven's Augury has given us new identities, and correspondingly, some missions that belong to us," Xia Qianqian spoke, her gaze fixed on Lu Ye, "What's your task?"

After pondering for a moment, Lu Ye looked down at his right hand. On the thumb of his right hand, there was a jade thumb ring...

It could be confirmed that he had never possessed this item before.

Combining the multitude of information that had flooded into his mind earlier, Lu Ye understood clearly. He waved the jade thumb ring at the three women, "Take some of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect's assets to seek the Two Worlds City Lord, and find a refuge for the surviving members of the Sect."

This was the mission he, as the "Young Master," now bore.

And this jade thumb ring was evidently a highly valuable storage device, and also served as proof of Lu Ye's identity.

"What about you?" Lu Ye looked towards the three women.

"Protect you," Shen Xiaomao was the first to respond.

"Protect you," Lan Ziyi said, looking at him indifferently.

Xia Qianqian smiled without saying a word.

Lu Ye then knew her task must be to protect him too!

The former number two on the Spirit Stream Ranking, an ally who had signed the Heaven's Augury Pact with him, and a Cloud River Level 9. The combined strength was not too weak. Adding Lu Ye himself, such a lineup should be able to handle most troubles.

Heaven's Augury seemed to treat him quite well.

"Fellow Daoist, what sort of incredible good deed have you done to be so highly regarded by Heaven's Augury?" Xia Qianqian's eyes flickered with profound meaning, "I've entered and exited this type of secret realm many times, but I've never met a Fellow Daoist who was granted such a high status by Heaven's Augury upon entry, as well as three beautiful maids to protect you up close."

"I'm just lucky?" Lu Ye raised an eyebrow.

Xia Qianqian chuckled and did not comment. Then, suddenly looking at the jade thumb ring on Lu Ye's hand with interest, "Can it be opened to take a look? See if there is anything good inside."

"That wouldn't be appropriate, would it?" Lu Ye hesitated. The responsibility bestowed upon him by Heaven's Augury was to bring this item to Two Worlds City and hand it to the Two Worlds City Lord, then seek a place of refuge for the surviving members of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect. It was imaginable that there were many good things inside this jade thumb ring.

"Just taking a look won't matter," Xia Qianqian persuaded.

Shen Xiaomao and Lan Ziyi also stared at him.

Lu Ye hesitated for a moment, then nodded, "Just to look..."

With that said, he channeled spirit force into it, but there was no response.

"There's a restriction lock! I'll try and see if I can open it!" Lu Ye said as he attentively examined the structure of the restriction lock.

The result surprised him greatly, as the complexity of the restriction lock was beyond his imagination.

After a while, he shook his head, "I can't open it."

It was possible to force it open, but doing so would likely destroy the storage space within the jade thumb ring.

The three women all looked somewhat disappointed as they withdrew their gazes.

Xia Qianqian spoke with waning interest, "Never mind, since it's a gift from Heaven's Augury, it probably isn't meant to be opened easily."

Shen Xiaomao said, "Sister Xia, with your high level of strength, having explored many such secret realms, do you have any good advice? Tell us so we can be more cautious in the future."

Her words were clearly meant to inform Lu Ye and Lan Ziyi, two individuals at the Cloud River Level 2, who were clearly inexperienced in dealing with such secret realms.

Xia Qianqian said, "There's no need for advice. Each secret realm has its own circumstances and requires different methods to cope with. The only thing you need to be aware of is that everything within this secret realm exists truly and everything has truly happened."

Lu Ye frowned, "What do you mean?"

Xia Qianqian pursed her lips and smiled, "I mean it literally!"

Lu Ye thoughtfully said, "Do you mean to say that what we are experiencing right now are events that have once occurred in this world?"

"Exactly!"

"How can you be sure of that?"

"I can't prove it, but it indeed is so. I also once thought such things were unlikely, but after experiencing it many times, you naturally come to understand. Perhaps there was a Ten Thousand Beasts Domain somewhere in the world that met with calamity and was destroyed. Then what we call Heaven's Augury refined it with unfathomable means into a secret realm and placed it in various locations on the Cloud River battlefield for us to enter and hone ourselves. There are many such secret realms in the Cloud River battlefield, and you will encounter a variety of them in the future."

"If that's truly the case, then with the demise of the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, how come demon beasts remain? The ones we just killed..."

"How can you be certain that those you killed were real demon beasts? Maybe they were creatures created by Heaven's Augury, deceiving you?"

Lu Ye was left somewhat bewildered by her words, and just as he wanted to ask more, Xia Qianqian said, "Alright, I'm not here to discuss this with you. I just want to let you know that Heaven's Augury is unfathomably deep, and if you die here, it's for real! Maybe when we reach the Divine Sea Realm one day, we'll gradually understand the truth of the world, but for now... whatever Heaven's Augury arranges for us, that's what we follow. As the saying goes, act in accordance with Heaven and blessings will naturally come."

Lu Ye's heart trembled.

The truth of the world.

He had heard this phrase once before, from the True Dragon suppressed in the Dragon Spring, who had told him to seek the truth of the world before finding it.

If what he was currently witnessing wasn't the truth of the world, then what was?

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Along the way, they encountered several more demon beast attacks, but the four of them resolved them with ease.

Lu Ye and Lan Ziyi performed exceptionally well, which slightly surprised Xia Qianqian. It was rare to see such strength from cultivators at the Cloud River Level 2. At least when she was at that level, she was far inferior to Lu Ye and Lan Ziyi.

It became clear to her that these two must have been far from obscure when they were in the Spirit Stream Realm, and it was very likely they were among the top-ranked on the Spirit Stream Ranking.

After half a day, Two Worlds City was finally in sight.

It was a city so large that its borders were almost out of sight, with towering walls over twenty zhang tall. The walls shone with faint light, clearly augmented with various magic and spells to make them sturdier and resistant to more violent impacts.

This was the last and largest stronghold of the human race in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain. Now, the majority of the surviving humans had gathered here, and those who hadn't managed to reach the city were all rushing towards it.

If this city were to fall, there would be no place left for the human race in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, and the annihilation of humanity would be a matter of time.

When the group of four arrived, a figure leaped into the air from the walls, gazing towards them and called out, "Who goes there?"

The person was dressed in shining armor, with a long sword at his waist, and an imposing demeanor. There were some remaining bloodstains on his armor, indicating he had just been through a fierce battle not long before, and his aura of murderous intent had yet to completely subside.

Below the city walls, the corpses of many demon beasts were piled up, with cultivators employing magic and spells to burn them, the pungent smell carrying for miles.

Lu Ye responded loudly, "Ye Liu from Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, on orders to come here!"

"Ten Thousand Beasts Sect!" The armored figure's expression tightened as he sized up Lu Ye, "What is your relation to Ye Wushuang?"

Ye Wushuang... the Sect Master of Ten Thousand Beasts Sect!

A piece of information surfaced in Lu Ye's mind, and he stiffly replied, "He is my father!"

"So you are the Young Sect Master of Ten Thousand Beasts Sect," the man said as he cupped his fists in a salute.

After all, it was once the biggest and strongest sect in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, its fame enduring even now despite its demise.

"How is your sect currently faring?" the man asked another question.

Lu Ye put on a sorrowful expression and slowly shook his head, leaving much unsaid.

"My condolences, Young Sect Master," the man sighed, not probing any further, and gestured with his hand, "Please enter the city, Young Sect Master."

"Thank you!"

Lu Ye, leading Shen Xiaomao and the others, flew into the city. There were many cultivators flying back and forth in the sky above the city, and looking around, Two Worlds City was almost bursting with people. Wherever the eye could see, there were crowds; with no place to stay, those ordinary folk who had fled here were resting right on the sides of the streets, looking disheveled and having left their homes behind.

While cultivators might retain some ability to fight back in such cataclysms, ordinary people facing such events were mostly helpless to resist.

Those commoners fortunate enough to flee to Two Worlds City were indeed lucky. For the many who had no chance to escape, it wouldn't be an exaggeration to say that the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain was littered with corpses and overflowing with blood.

Although aware that this was just a secret realm, when truly immersed in this grand setting, one could feel a sense of helplessness when their strength was so inferior.

The whole world seemed to be heading towards an end.

"What should we do now?" Shen Xiaomao asked.

After a moment of thought, Lu Ye said, "Let's exchange imprints first, and then we'll go our separate ways. Fellow Daoist Xia will accompany me to the City Lord's Residence, and Fellow Daoist Shen and Fellow Daoist Lan can go find out whatever information they can."

No one objected, and they immediately exchanged their battlefield imprints before splitting up to act.

Lu Ye led Xia Qianqian towards the City Lord's Residence. Xia Qianqian said, "It looks like you've noticed."

"Fellow Daoist Xia, what are you referring to?"

"Your identity as the Young Sect Master of Ten Thousand Beasts Sect isn't getting much attention. Otherwise, why would you want me to accompany you to the City Lord's Residence?"

"So Fellow Daoist Xia noticed as well."

"If you were truly valued, by now someone of stature from Two Worlds City should have been here to receive you, considering you're the Young Sect Master of what used to be the strongest sect in this world. But the people from Two Worlds City just let you in and stopped caring. The attitude of Two Worlds City is quite clear."

"That's normal. When the person is gone, the honor is gone. The Ten Thousand Beasts Sect is no more, and what weight does my title carry now? Besides, if I'm not mistaken, the relationship between this Two Worlds City and the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect wasn't very cordial to begin with."

"Oh? What makes you say that?"

"If the two were close, the people from the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect should have come to Two Worlds City sooner rather than having their sect destroyed by the demon beasts. The beast-taming faction flourishes in this world, but that doesn't mean other factions are worthless. Ten Thousand Beasts Sect represents the beast-taming faction at its peak, while Two Worlds City likely represents the peak of other factions. That's why, after the demon beasts went mad, Two Worlds City became the last gathering place for cultivators."

Xia Qianqian nodded thoughtfully, "What you said makes sense. I hadn't considered that point. It seems you're not just lucky; you're also quite sharp-witted. No wonder Heaven's Augury chose to bestow such a high status on you."

Lu Ye wanted to say that he was just blessed with good luck. Ever since the Heaven's Augury Bestowment, his luck had been very good.

"So we may have to rely on Senior Sister Xia later; we are not here in Two Worlds City simply for refuge, but also to contribute our power for the continuation of the human race."

Xia Qianqian smiled and said, "Hearing you say that, suddenly I feel a heavy burden on my shoulders."

As they were speaking, the two of them had already flown to the front of a grand palace at the very center of Two Worlds City. Before they even arrived, someone below shouted, "No flying over the City Lord's Residence!"

Flying is not forbidden in the city, but there is one thing that needs attention—no one can fly over the City Lord's Residence. This is a matter of face for Two Worlds City since the City Lord resides within.

Lu Ye and Xia Qianqian landed in front of the grand palace and saw many cultivators with anxious expressions gathered around, each of them waiting in urgency.

"What's your business?" The cultivator who had previously shouted at them approached and asked with an impatient look.

Lu Ye clasped his hands, "Lu Ye of Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, sent with orders to meet with the City Lord, please announce my arrival."

"Meet the City Lord?" The man's face was cold, "Everyone here is here to see the City Lord; line up and wait." It seemed as if he hadn't heard the words 'Ten Thousand Beasts Sect' at all.

The man was about to leave after saying this when Xia Qianqian suddenly urged her spirit force, making his expression stiffen. He looked Xia Qianqian up and down, somewhat uncertain, "Cloud River Level 9?"

Compared to the Nine Provinces, the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain is not large, at most only the size of the Spirit Stream battlefield. Due to the size limitations of their world, cultivators in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain can achieve cultivation levels only up to the Cloud River Level 9.

Whether it's the City Lord of Two Worlds City or the Sect Master of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, they all possess this level of cultivation.

In the Nine Provinces, it's not too difficult for cultivators in the Cloud River Realm to reach Level 9 so long as they have enough cultivation resources.

But in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, it's not the same; once cultivators reach the Cloud River Realm, advancing even one level is extremely difficult. Throughout the entire world, the number of cultivators at Cloud River Level 9 is not too many, and each one is a top-tier power in this world.

So when Xia Qianqian displayed her cultivation level, it immediately attracted the attention of a crowd nearby.

At such critical times for the human race, the appearance of a Cloud River Level 9 cultivator undoubtedly brings more tranquility and a sense of security to the people.

Xia Qianqian said indifferently, "May I trouble you to pass on a message? Just say the Young Sect Master of Ten Thousand Beasts Sect has come to visit the City Lord."

Only then did the man nod, "Please wait a moment!"

Saying this, he turned and ran towards the interior of the palace.

The Ten Thousand Beasts Sect had already met its downfall, he might overlook the Young Sect Master of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, but a Cloud River Level 9 cultivator he could not neglect.

Lu Ye quietly gave Xia Qianqian a thumbs up, somewhat understanding why Heaven's Augury had arranged for him to have a servant with Cloud River Level 9 cultivation.

With Xia Qianqian, a top-tier power in this world, by his side, some things would indeed be more convenient to handle.

After waiting for a short while, the man returned, his demeanor much more polite, and he clasped his hands towards Lu Ye, "Young Master Ye, the City Lord invites you in."

Lu Ye nodded, leading Xia Qianqian as they stepped towards the interior of the palace.

In a short while, they entered a side hall where they met the City Lord of Two Worlds City.

This was an elderly man with white hair, quite aged, with an aura that felt somewhat decrepit. He sat on a chair, holding a tea cup, and looked at Lu Ye with a faint gaze.

Lu Ye, leading Xia Qianqian, came to a stop a short distance in front of the elder and clasped his hands, "Ye Liu pays respect to the City Lord!"

The elderly man gave a slight nod, his gaze inadvertently sweeping over Xia Qianqian who stood behind Lu Ye, and he stroked his beard saying, "So quickly, the last time I saw you, you were but a child; in the blink of an eye you've grown so much. I've heard about what happened to the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect. The deceased have passed on; you need not grieve too much. I've had many years of friendship with your father; having you come to join me is gratifying. Now that you're here, settle in and be at ease, though the current conditions of Two Worlds City can't compare to those of your Ten Thousand Beasts Sect. Please bear with it."

"Everything is at the City Lord's arrangement," said Lu Ye. He took off the jade thumb ring on his thumb and placed it on the table next to the elder, "Before coming here, my father instructed me to hand this item to the City Lord."

The elderly man picked up the jade thumb ring, a glint flashed in his dull eyes, and he nodded slightly, "You have my thanks." He then lifted his hand to summon, "Asi!"

"My Lord." From within the shadows, a figure emerged. It was a man with a thin frame, and the skin exposed on his body was covered with colorful and eerie patterns.

"Take them down and ensure they are well settled."

"Yes!" With that response, he turned to Lu Ye and said, "Please follow me."

Following the man known as Asi, they left the City Lord's Residence and rose into the air, leading Lu Ye and Xia Qianqian to an area on the outskirts of Two Worlds City before descending.

Moments later, the group arrived outside the gates of an elaborate courtyard, where Asi pointed to the door and said, "The two of you will reside here temporarily."

"Thank you for the trouble!"

After providing Lu Ye with directions, Asi once again rose into the sky and quickly departed.

Lu Ye exchanged a glance with Xia Qianqian, pushed open the courtyard gate, and a charming small courtyard immediately came into view.

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The courtyard was small, and the rooms were not many, but it was enough for four people to live in.

Having an independent courtyard in the bustling Two Worlds City undeniably owed much to the jade thumb ring Lu Ye had given away. Without it, they might have been casually accommodated by the city authorities.

Xia Qianqian was checking the rooms while Lu Ye took the chance to send messages to Shen Xiaomao and Lan Ziyi, informing them of his current location.

He also messaged Yiyi to ask about her situation.

Yiyi and Amber were relatively stable, although Amber had been trapped in a cage all this time, unable to escape.

Less than the time it takes an incense stick to burn, Shen Xiaomao and Lan Ziyi had returned one after another.

In the room, the four of them sat down and exchanged the various pieces of intelligence they had gathered.

Lu Ye said, "Now that we've settled in Two Worlds City, what to do next is not very clear. However, it surely relates to resisting those insane demon beasts, so we must always be prepared for battle."

Xia Qianqian nodded, "Generally speaking, the ultimate purpose of such a secret realm is to resolve the crisis this world faces. So what we need to do might not only be to resist demon beasts but also to find out why the demon beasts have gone mad, solving the problem at its root. Only then can we save this entire world."

"Save this world?" Shen Xiaomao was astonished, "Isn't that asking a bit too much?"

"As I said before, everything we've gone through has happened before. The Ten Thousand Beasts Domain should have already been destroyed. Nonetheless, Heaven's Augury is unpredictable; it allows us to experience these past events, giving us a chance to succeed where the cultivators of the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain once failed. If we really can save this world, the benefits we'll receive are undoubtedly significant. Of course, even if we succeed, the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain won't come back to life, but this is Heaven's Augury's trial. The mission is indeed challenging, but don't forget, it's not just the four of us entering this secret realm. There are others too."

Lu Ye nodded slightly, "Let's first discuss the intelligence. Fellow Daoist Shen, what have you found out?"

Shen Xiaomao said, "Not much useful stuff. I only know that many Nine Provinces cultivators have entered Two Worlds City. Some, like us, are refugees. Others have been assigned roles within the city by Heaven's Augury, positioned at various posts. Then, there are the demon beasts. Cultivators in Two Worlds City do not primarily practice beast taming, which is why this place serves as the last stronghold for cultivators. However, since Beast Taming is the mainstream in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, there are still some demon beasts in the city. Currently, those beasts are imprisoned together, and Two Worlds City is undecided about whether to kill them all or to keep them."

"Where are the demon beasts imprisoned?" Lu Ye hurriedly asked.

If he wasn't mistaken, that place was where Amber was; they needed to get Amber out before Two Worlds City made a decision.

"In an east-side beast park of the city, which formerly was the most active place for trading demon beasts in Two Worlds City."

Xia Qianqian frowned, "The crisis in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain stems from the madness affliction of the demon beasts; why would Two Worlds City keep these beasts?"

"The Beast Taming faction is dominant. Many of the refugees are from this faction, and their natal demon beasts have either died in battle or gone mad and turned against them. Without their beast, their strength greatly diminishes, so keeping these demon beasts should be of use, at least allowing those from the Beast Taming faction to regain their strength."

"Aren't they afraid that these demon beasts will also go mad?"

"Mad afflictions in beasts come with warning signs."

Xia Qianqian understood, "I see."

"What about Fellow Daoist Lan?" Lu Ye turned to look at Lan Ziyi.

Lan Ziyi, silent until now, tossed a black inscription tablet onto the table before speaking, "I found where Two Worlds City recruits soldiers and where the military provisions are. Go there to get a token like this, and you're a member of Two Worlds City, bound to following their orders."

"What benefits does it bring?" Shen Xiaomao asked curiously.

"This inscription tablet can send messages, record battle merits, which can be exchanged for various cultivation resources at the provision depot," Lan Ziyi paused, "including various types of spirit fortune sticks!"

The group's spirit was instantly lifted. Although an ordeal in the secret realm was a form of forging, it also presented opportunities, and the various opportunities in the Cloud River battlefield mainly involved the acquisition of cultivation resources! Lu Ye had been curious earlier, with such complex situations in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, what benefit was there in cultivators risking their lives?

Now he knew, Heaven's Augury had already planned it.

Moments later, three figures ascended to the sky, namely Lu Ye, Xia Qianqian, and Shen Xiaomao. Lan Ziyi stayed behind to guard the house, lest others take their place.

Following the directions given by Lan Ziyi, it wasn't long before the three of them arrived at Two Worlds City's recruitment station. A lengthy queue had already formed outside, consisting of cultivators eager to join Two Worlds City. Some were local cultivators from the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain seeking refuge, and some looked familiar, clearly being Nine Provinces cultivators who had come in.

The queue moved rapidly since it was just registration, recording, and issuance of the identification tablets—no overly complicated procedures.

Soon, it was Lu Ye's turn. He registered under the name Ye Liu, and after the Two Worlds City cultivator had completed the documentation, he received his own black inscription tablet.

It looked similar to Lan Ziyi's, a dark tablet.

Immersing his mind to examine it, it recorded his name, origin, and battle merits.

What surprised Lu Ye was that the battle merit recorded was not zero, but more than thirty points.

After Shen Xiaomao and Xia Qianqian also received their identity inscription tablets and exchanged information, they realized that everyone had already accrued some battle merits, with Xia Qianqian having the most at over seventy points.

"This must be the battle merit accumulated from killing those demon beasts on our way here," Xia Qianqian conjectured.

It was the only explanation; since Heaven's Augury was documenting the merits, there were no errors or omissions in the records. And since Xia Qianqian had killed the most demon beasts on their way here, she also had the most battle merits.

"Let's go to the military supply department and have a look," Lu Ye suggested.

Soon, they arrived at the nearby military supply department where a large crowd of cultivators, all from the Nine Provinces, were inspecting goods, their faces beaming with joy as they evidently found many desirable items.

Shortly, the trio obtained a jade slip which listed all the various resources exchangeable at the military supply department, including their prices.

Upon inspection, Lu Ye found an extensive and abundant assortment of resources available, almost everything a Cloud River Realm cultivator might need could be exchanged here. He couldn't help but marvel at the plentiful offerings of the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain.

However, considering that this involved Heaven's Augury's operation, it wasn't too surprising.

Whether there were good items in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain was unclear, but the Heaven's Augury treasure vault certainly had everything; the materials exchanged here probably all came from that treasure vault.

The spirit fortune sticks that Lu Ye cared about were indeed listed among the items available for exchange.

The prices were very reasonable: two hundred merit points for a white stick, six hundred for a green, one thousand eight hundred for a blue, five thousand four hundred for a purple, and sixteen thousand two hundred for a gold.

This showed that the value of battle merits was almost equivalent to merits because Lu Ye had previously spent over two hundred merits at the spirit fortune stick auction.

This was an opportunity for all cultivators entering the secret realm of the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain.

Outside, even if a cultivator had enough merits, they couldn't simply purchase spirit fortune sticks but had to participate in the auctions held by Heaven's Augury Mercantile Union, and whether they could get one depended on their luck.

But here, as long as one had enough battle merits, they could exchange for as many spirit fortune sticks as they wanted; the source of these battle merits was killing those frenzied demon beasts! Isn't Ten Thousand Beasts Domain rife with such frenzied beasts?

Indeed, it was an opportunity. No wonder the Cloud River Realm cultivators were so enthusiastic about the secret realm; such opportunities were not available on the Cloud River battlefield.

If Lu Ye could see these opportunities, other cultivators could likely see them too, and already at the military supply department, cultivators were grouping together, preparing to venture outside the city to hunt demon beasts.

There were indeed many frenzied demon beasts gathering outside Two Worlds City; Lu Ye had seen some of their corpses under the city walls as he arrived initially.

"Fellow Daoist Ye, what do you say?" Xia Qianqian asked excitedly, looking at Lu Ye. With her Cloud River Level 9 cultivation, she could act alone if she chose.

But Heaven's Augury had also tasked her with protecting Lu Ye, so whether to move out of the city depended on Lu Ye. She could indeed leave Lu Ye and act on her own, but if anything untoward happened to him, Heaven's Augury would punish her, which she was not inclined to face.

"Please go back and wait for me for a moment; I have some personal matters to handle," instructed Lu Ye as he soared into the sky and sped towards the east of the city.

After asking a few people along the way and searching for quite some time, he finally located the beast park in Two Worlds City where demon beasts were detained.

This was a massive building, and even from the outside, one could continuously hear the roars of beasts emanating from within.

At the entrance to the beast park, two cultivators stood guard. When Lu Ye descended, both immediately looked at him with caution.

After inspecting both individuals, Lu Ye approached the younger one on the left and, clasping his fists, greeted, "Fellow Daoist, please."

The young cultivator's eyebrows rose as he lowered his voice, "From Nine Provinces?"

Lu Ye nodded.

The young cultivator's expression instantly became friendlier; he was evidently from the Nine Provinces as well, though seemingly unlucky to have been assigned the duty of guarding the beast park. He spoke, "What is it you need, Fellow Daoist?"

Regardless of their origins, in the secret realm of the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, all Nine Provinces cultivators were not antagonistic toward each other. Like the local cultivators of the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, their only enemies were the frenzied demon beasts.

"My pet beast got separated from me upon arrival and is detained inside. I want to get it out," explained Lu Ye honestly.

The young cultivator immediately showed difficulty, "This is tough; you know the current situation. The cultivators from the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain are very cautious about demon beasts. Under normal circumstances, I could easily release one, even ten, but it's really not feasible now," he admitted.

"Please show me a way, Fellow Daoist," Lu Ye implored, handing over a bottle of Origin Spirit Pills.

Chapter 464 A Bit of Understanding

Outside the beast park, the young man took the Origin Spirit Pill and gave Lu Ye a meaningful glance, "Keep your cool."

Lu Ye nodded.

The young man then walked over to another guard and whispered something to him.

A moment later, he returned and pulled Lu Ye aside, "I've asked about it. To take a demon beast out from inside, you definitely need a command or order from the City Lord."

Lu Ye understood, "Let me think of a way."

For an ordinary cultivator, it might not be possible to interact with someone like the Two Worlds City Lord, but Lu Ye had previously met the Lord and even presented a substantial gift. Now, to ask for a command token shouldn't be a problem.

However, to play it safe, he went back to the courtyard and took Xia Qianqian with him.

Once again before the City Lord's Residence, the cultivator who had seen them earlier was still maintaining order. He was much more polite upon seeing Lu Ye and Xia Qianqian, and he took the initiative to greet them with a fist salute, "Is there something Young Master Ye needs?"

"I would trouble you to announce us. I have another matter for which I need to see the City Lord."

"Please wait."

With that, he went inside to pass the message.

After waiting for a while, the cultivator returned, accompanied by that cultivator named Asi.

Seeing this, Lu Ye knew he probably wouldn't see the City Lord this time. It seemed the relationship between the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect and Two Worlds City truly wasn't great; otherwise, after giving such a generous gift previously, he wouldn't be treated this way.

Approaching Lu Ye and Xia Qianqian, Asi asked, "What brings Young Master Ye here today?"

Lu Ye spoke candidly, "I need to enter the beast park to take out a demon beast!"

Asi furrowed his brows immediately, "A demon beast?" He shook his head slowly, "That's difficult. With the current situation, demon beasts are the most unstable element. The city has yet to determine how to deal with those beasts."

"I only need one!"

"It's not about taking one or two..." Asi paused mid-sentence, suddenly stopping to listen as if someone was speaking to him telepathically. After a moment, he continued, "Young Master Ye, I understand that the strength of cultivators from the beast-taming faction suffers greatly without a demon beast, and I also understand your urgent desire to regain your strength, but Two Worlds City has its own rules..."

"What do I need to do?" Lu Ye cut him off, guessing that someone must have given Asi some instructions.

"Young Master Ye is straightforward, so I will be too. There are many crazed demon beasts appearing outside Two Worlds City. Especially a hundred li to the east, in a valley, a large number of demon beasts have gathered. If Young Master Ye agrees to deal with these beasts..."

"Deal!" Not to mention that Two Worlds City had such a request, even without it, Lu Ye had planned to take Xia Qianqian and the others out to earn battle merits. Seeing that the Nine Provinces cultivation world had already sprung into action, whether or not they could save this world in the end, or if the world would perish following its destined trajectory, the most practical thing was to seize any benefits they could.

Asi gestured, "Follow me."

Following Asi back to the beast park and with his order, Lu Ye successfully went inside.

The beast park was divided into three upper levels and three lower levels, with the demon beasts confined according to their strength; the deeper down, the stronger the beasts were.

Amber was held in the first basement level. It took Lu Ye a while to find it locked inside a beast cage.

After shutting down the cage's restriction, Amber jumped out angrily and sat on Lu Ye's shoulder, clearly annoyed by its frustrating experience in the secret realm — not doing much and ending up in jail first.

As they left the beast park, Asi was waiting. Seeing Amber's docile nature, he couldn't help but admire, "Young Master Ye's Beast Taming Method is truly remarkable."

From his perspective, Lu Ye had easily tamed such a demon beast with just one trip inside, which was undoubtedly due to his exquisite Beast Taming Method.

"I hope Young Master Ye will not forget what you've promised."

"I know, I'll prepare briefly and then set out."

After responding, Lu Ye took Amber and Xia Qianqian back to the courtyard, where Shen Xiaomao and Lan Ziyi were each resting in their rooms.

"There's work to be done, ladies!" Xia Qianqian called out, and Shen Xiaomao and Lan Ziyi flashed out from their rooms.

After telling them about the mission to eradicate the demon beasts he had agreed to, everyone naturally had no objections, and they set out immediately.

Soon, the four of them took flight on their spiritual artifacts and streaked away in the direction of the city's east.

At this moment, many cultivators from the Nine Provinces were leaving Two Worlds City in groups to exterminate those diseased demon beasts and collect battle merits, so the actions of Lu Ye's group did not attract much attention.

As they traveled, they occasionally encountered cultivators fleeing toward Two Worlds City and some scattered, crazed demon beasts.

Finally, a hundred li away, everyone hovered several hundred feet in the air. Using clouds as cover, they looked down at the scene below.

In a massive valley below, a dense throng of demon beasts swarmed, too numerous to count easily. What was surprising was that despite the large number of beasts, the whole valley was eerily silent, devoid of any roaring sounds.

The vast group of demon beasts was like a well-organized army, gathering and lying in wait.

"Ye Liu, Two Worlds City sent us to clean up these demon beasts? Are you sure they aren't just sending us to our deaths?" Shen Xiaomao looked at the dense mass of demon beasts below, her scalp tingling. With so many beasts, the four of them could not possibly kill them all.

Lu Ye had no expression on his face, his hand on the hilt of his knife, knowing that either the news from Two Worlds City was outdated, or they were deliberately making things difficult for him.

But since he was already here, from another perspective, more demon beasts meant more battle merits. If he really couldn't beat them, he could still run away.

"I can set up the array at that position!" Lu Ye pointed in a direction, which was right opposite the mouth of the valley with flat terrain.

"You understand formations?" Xia Qianqian looked at Lu Ye in surprise. "Aren't you a combat cultivator?"

"A bit."

Lan Ziyi's eyes twitched at the side.

Of the three women present, neither Xia Qianqian nor Shen Xiaomao knew much about Lu Ye's background, only Lan Ziyi knew how profound his knowledge in the Array Path was.

This was the same guy who made a name for himself as Lu Ye the Sect Destroyer and the bearer of the Three Calamities of Spirit Stream title on the Spirit Stream battlefield. His claim of having a bit of knowledge in formations was a massive understatement.

"Then you set up the formation first, we'll lead the demon beasts there later. The more we can kill, the better," Xia Qianqian said.

Lu Ye nodded and made his way to that position, with the women following and keeping watch nearby.

Banners for the arrays were planted one by one, and various formations quickly took shape.

This time, Lu Ye only set up one type of formation—explosion magic arrays!

Since the targets to be eliminated were demon beasts gone mad, there was no need for overly complicated formations—the simpler, the better.

Large explosion magic arrays and small ones, of varying sizes, were nested together.

Many of the formations were trigger-based. The moment a demon beast stepped into the formation, it would immediately activate.

There were also some arrays that he left for manual control. Lu Ye specifically had the three women memorize the locations of those formations in case they were needed unexpectedly.

Lu Ye still had a significant number of array banners left in his hands, but this time, to scrape up as many battle merits as possible, he used up all the remaining banners, except for the set rewarded to him from the Hundred Arrays Pagoda.

With everything in place, all three women turned their eyes to Xia Qianqian.

Xia Qianqian understood, "I'm the most powerful, so I should be the one to go, right? Alright, I'll go. Get ready to back me up."

All three nodded in agreement.

Then they watched as she turned into a streak of light, speeding toward the valley where the demon beasts were gathering.

Shortly thereafter, intense fluctuations of spirit force came from that direction, with the bright flashes of magic and spells bursting forth. Xia Qianqian had made her move; as a magic cultivator who had also learned some healing, her power was strong, even though her medical skills were not impressive.

Throughout the Nine Provinces cultivation world, it was common for magic cultivators or cultivators of other schools to also learn some healing, much like healing cultivators were often versed in other schools as well.

However, no matter the school, the secondary skill they learned usually wasn't as refined as their primary one.

Accompanied by roars, a streak of light swiftly came from that direction, followed by the ground shaking as if a vast army were charging from there.

Trailing right behind Xia Qianqian, a massive horde of demon beasts hotly pursued her. Most of them couldn't fly, but a few were avian demon beasts capable of flight.

Unlike cultivators, demon beasts differ; while cultivators could travel through air upon reaching the Cloud River Realm, demon generals didn't necessarily possess that ability. Some could manage it, but most couldn't.

As for naturally flying avian demon beasts, they weren't constrained by cultivation level or strength.

As Xia Qianqian kept fleeing and casting spells, her strength as a Cloud River Level 9 powerhouse was evident. With each spell that burst into light, several avian demon beasts plunged from the sky to be trampled to a pulp by the surging demon beast horde.

Seeing the overwhelming flood of demon beasts approaching, even though Lu Ye and the others were mentally prepared, they couldn't help feeling their scalps tighten.

When the distance between them had shortened to about 300 feet, Lu Ye was the first to act. Flames of red spirit force flowed, and the figure of a beautiful Fire Phoenix materialized, spreading its wings to soar. It charged at the oncoming demon beasts, every detail of its tail feathers visible.

Having reached Cloud River Level 2, the power of his Fire Phoenix Technique had significantly increased.

Yet Lu Ye still couldn't casually activate the Fire Phoenix Spirit Runes. Those runes demanded an enormous amount of spirit force and were still beyond his current foundation.

"You can use magic and spells too!" Shen Xiaomao looked at Lu Ye as if she was meeting him for the first time, full of surprise.

Until now, Lu Ye had never displayed his talent in magic in front of her.

Moreover, the speed and power of Lu Ye's spellcasting were on par with that of a true magic cultivator.

As a sword-wielding combat cultivator who knew formations, spells, and even possessed a pet beast, seemingly versed in the beast-taming faction, Shen Xiaomao was eager to ask Lu Ye what it was he wasn't an expert at.

The Fire Phoenix that soared through the air crashed into the group of demon beasts. Flames rose to the sky in an explosive combustion, searing every beast caught in the blast and killing scores of them instantly.

One Fire Phoenix was followed by a second, and then a third...

It was only after this that Shen Xiaomao and Lan Ziyi had a chance to join in. The Spiritual Artifact that had been coiling around Shen Xiaomao's arm flew out as if it had a life of its own, wrapping around an avian demon beast and turning it into a mist of blood in the next instant.

Chapter 465 Run Fast

As for Lan Ziyi, she brought out her controlled weapon, a cutlass just a foot long. However, the cutlass glinted with spirit light. It was incredibly fast and deadly. Wherever it passed, the sharp sword flashes penetrated the skulls of demon beasts, bringing out bursts of hot blood.

The few of them targeted the flying demon beasts, as only these were a threat to them, whereas those that could not fly were temporarily ignored.

In the blink of an eye, they covered the distance of a hundred yards. As Xia Qianqian flashed past several people, Lu Ye and the two others hurriedly changed direction, each fleeing in different ways.

Behind them, a large pack of demon beasts pursued, each beast's eyes showing an abnormal blood-red color.

A booming sound erupted. The explosion magic array Lu Ye had set up was triggered, releasing a gigantic burst of flames. Within the range of the Array, the demon beasts were either killed or injured.

The booms were continuous as one Array after another was triggered. Lu Ye, while fleeing, held an array banner in his hand, waving it from time to time to activate those Arrays that needed controlling.

Nine arcs of Liu Guang whirled around him, attacking the flying demon beasts hot on his heels.

There were many demon beasts, but their strengths varied. Most were ordinary, on par with cultivators' Spirit Stream Realm, with only a few at the level of a Demon General.

Ordinary Demon General-level beasts could hardly withstand the methods of Lu Ye and others; only those truly powerful Demon Generals posed some threat to them.

Gradually, the booming sounds began to subside. Despite having preemptively set up a large number of Arrays, they were exhausted in less than one incense stick's time.

However, a huge number of demon beasts were still in sight.

In the chaos of the battlefield, the four of them were completely scattered. Shen Xiaomao and Xia Qianqian had run off to who knows where. Lu Ye could only see Lan Ziyi's figure.

At this moment, the woman was surrounded by a group of demon beasts in mid-air. One could barely see her figure maneuvering and the flashing of her sword light, while occasionally, demon beasts fell from the sky, wailing.

The situation for Lu Ye wasn't very optimistic either, chased by a large group of demon beasts. Among them, two were strong, at least on par with Level 5-6 Cloud River cultivators. They attacked from both sides, causing Lu Ye great difficulty.

Luckily for Lu Ye, these frenzied demon beasts seemed to have their spiritual intelligence greatly impaired, becoming extremely bloodthirsty and impulsive. Thus, although they could unleash strength stronger than usual, they were, relatively speaking, not very smart.

Otherwise, Demon Generals usually possess high spiritual intelligence.

Lu Ye tried several times to eliminate one of those two Demon Generals but didn't succeed. He could only keep circling to flee, while eliminating the weaker demon beasts.

Suddenly, sword light burst into the sky, and the group surrounding Lan Ziyi shattered into pieces, the broken bodies scattering from the sky. The tall woman, wielding two longswords and spinning like a dazzling flower, was now in view.

When Lu Ye had fought against Lan Ziyi during the Spirit Stream Ranking challenge, he had noticed that her attacks were sweeping and her combat style was well-suited for dealing with such encirclements. It seems he was right.

However, after executing that move, Lan Ziyi's chest heaved noticeably a few times, clearly putting a significant strain on her.

Then, merging with her sword light, she charged directly towards Lu Ye.

With the wild sword light, Lu Ye's pressure was greatly reduced.

People like Lu Ye and Lan Ziyi, when opposing each other, find the other very troublesome, but if they cooperate, they prove to be very reliable partners.

The two figures twisted and dodged in unison. Though it was their first time collaborating in combat, they were seamlessly coordinated, requiring no communication, as if each could guess the other's thoughts and next move.

Sword flashes and blade lights flickered unpredictably as demon beasts plummeted downwards, including the two strongest. Lu Ye and Lan Ziyi together had already slain one, and the remaining one was struggling to survive. It was only a matter of time before it too would fall to their joint attack.

Suddenly, intense and chaotic spirit force fluctuations came from one side. Lu Ye turned to look, only to see Shen Xiaomao, who had disappeared earlier, now reappearing, with more than ten figures ferociously following behind her.

Shen Xiaomao rushed to the sides of Lu Ye and Lan Ziyi, saying, "Ye Liu, a lot of people are coming."

She had been chased by a group of demon beasts almost to a dead end and had opted to flee towards Two Worlds City, but midway she encountered a large group of cultivators coming head-on. The demon beasts chasing her were slain, and she turned back.

These cultivators were clearly from the Nine Provinces, joining forces to earn battle merits by heading there. At first sight of so many demon beasts gathering here, they were all overjoyed and immediately dispersed to kill the enemy.

The cultivators prioritized those flying demon beasts, because by eliminating those, regardless of how many non-flying demon beasts remained, they can both advance and retreat freely.

Magic and spells, along with the light from Spiritual Artifacts, blossomed around, and the number of flying-type demon beasts in the sky kept decreasing. With the help of these more than ten people, the speed of clearing the demon beasts significantly accelerated.

Moments later, Lu Ye, Lan Ziyi, and Shen Xiaomao had already landed. The three formed a triangle, surrounded on all sides by converging demon beasts, but with their cooperation, these demon beasts struggled to breach their front.

Amber also jumped down from Lu Ye's shoulder, revealed its true form, occasionally roaring or pouncing to bite the injured demon beasts to death.

Just now, as Lu Ye fought in the air, besides roaring a few times, it had no chance to exert itself at all, which truly frustrated it.

Demon beasts were slaughtered one after another, their bodies littering the mountain landscape, blood flowed on the ground with a pungent scent of blood enveloping the entire battlefield.

Even as their companions were continuously killed, these mad demon beasts showed no fear, their eyes red as they kept lunging at the cultivators.

As time passed, the roars of the demon beasts gradually thinned, and Lu Ye swung his saber numbly, while Lan Ziyi and Shen Xiaomao on the side also turned pale.

Eventually, the chaotic battlefield calmed, and Lu Ye, holding the Boulder Mountain Saber, looked around, seeing only demon beast corpses wherever his eyes landed, and the few figures standing were all bathed in blood.

Xia Qianqian seemed to emerge from nowhere, also drenched in fresh blood, exhausted. She glanced over Lu Ye and the others, "Are you all okay?"

She had wanted to regroup with Lu Ye and the others before, but she had been entangled with several strong demon generals.

Lu Ye slowly shook his head, flicking the blood off his Boulder Mountain Saber, sheathed it, then took out two Origin Spirit Pills and stuffed them into his mouth, chewing slowly.

Lan Ziyi and Shen Xiaomao also hurriedly took elixir pills to recover.

This battle had been immensely draining for everyone, whether it was Lu Ye's group or the cultivators who joined later, mainly because there were simply too many demon beasts.

Before Lu Ye and the others had arrived, they hadn't expected so many demon beasts to be gathered here; had they known earlier, they certainly wouldn't have agreed to Asi's request.

Luckily, the situation had been handled without danger, and it had been exactly the right time for those dozen or so cultivators to arrive.

The fight was tough, but the aftermath of tallying the battle presented a reason to smile—every cultivator involved in this battle had earned significant merit.

Lu Ye checked his inscription tablet, which astonishingly recorded more than three thousand battle merits already!

A blue spirit fortune stick was only worth one thousand eight hundred points, and this battle had allowed him to amass almost enough points to exchange for two blue spirit fortune sticks.

He had gained so many merits largely because he had set up several explosion magic arrays with array banners beforehand.

The explosion magic arrays had slain quite a number of demon beasts, and the combined efforts with Shen Xiaomao and Lan Ziyi accounted for this vast accumulation of battle merits.

Shen Xiaomao and Lan Ziyi probably hadn't earned any, even Xia Qianqian, despite her higher cultivation level, wouldn't have acquired as many battle merits.

Suddenly, it became evident that array cultivators could take too much advantage in such scenarios—it's just too bad the array banners had been completely used up; otherwise, he could have gained even more.

The rewards weren't just limited to battle merits.

The dead demon generals all had demonic pills inside them, and cultivators had begun collecting them amongst the cluttered battlefield. Naturally, Lu Ye was also busy, with Amber helping to search.

It wasn't easy to distinguish between demon generals and common demon beasts, and sometimes, despite looking for a long time, one might not find a demon general's corpse.

Amber really liked eating demonic pills, but considering these dead demon beasts had gone mad for some unknown reason, Lu Ye dared not feed the collected demonic pills to Amber, choosing to keep them all for later instead.

Two hours later, the battlefield had been mostly scavenged, and each cultivator had acquired some demonic pills. Lu Ye had gotten about fifteen, stored in his storage space, varying in size and even color, but without exception, each demonic pill contained massive energy.

These were generally used for Alchemy cultivators to make elixir pills or used in array setup or Artifact Refining—it had many uses and was extremely valuable.

After this brutal battle, the harvest was substantial, and the cultivators all gathered, smiling, discussing whether to join forces for another expedition to clear out more demon beasts, when suddenly, the ground trembled...

Everyone's faces changed, and they looked in the direction from where the disturbance came—across the horizon, a dark mass appeared, countless flying demon beasts rushing towards them from there.

Lu Ye and several cultivators took to the sky, looking out from their high vantage point, their expressions gradually becoming grim.

In that distance, a sea of demon beasts thunderously charged towards them, their numbers beyond imagination!

The force of such a multitude of demon beasts was not something a dozen people could withstand, and everyone realized the severity of the situation.

The Ten Thousand Beasts Domain had set its sights on Two Worlds City, the human race's last stronghold, gearing up for an all-out attack.

"Run!" a cultivator shouted loudly, immediately turning around and flying towards Two Worlds City.

Seeing this, everyone else took to the air and sped towards Two Worlds City. In the entire Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, perhaps only Two Worlds City could offer a semblance of safety. But facing such an army of demon beasts, whether Two Worlds City could hold, nobody was sure.

Chapter 466 Heaven's Augury's Injustice

Two Worlds City—when Lu Ye and his three companions hurried back, the entire city had already entered a state of battle readiness. Each section of the city wall was manned by numerous cultivators, all standing by in strict formation. Moreover, array cultivators had set up various Arrays outside the city, preparing to confront the enemy.

This was the last stronghold of the human race in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain. If Two Worlds City were to fall, then the human race would no longer have a place to reside in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain. This place would completely become the domain of those crazed demon beasts.

All the surviving cultivators had already arrived at Two Worlds City; those who hadn't made it were most likely unable to come anymore.

Having gone through a major battle previously, Lu Ye and his companions had expended a great deal of energy. Naturally, they needed to return and recuperate first; otherwise, joining the fight in such a state could very likely result in their faltering later on.

However, when Lu Ye arrived at the small courtyard with the three women, he was surprised to discover it was now occupied by more than a dozen unfamiliar cultivators!

Xia Qianqian and the others immediately became vigilant. It was not easy to have a place to stay in the crowded Two Worlds City, especially since this was acquired by Lu Ye in exchange for a significant gift. If someone else took over just because they were not present, it would be a great loss.

Lu Ye thought for a moment, then stepped forward, moving towards those people.

If he was not mistaken, these people should be allies!

Indeed, upon seeing the blood-covered Lu Ye, one of the elderly men among them instantly teared up, rushed forward, grabbed Lu Ye's shoulders, and excitedly cried out, "Young Master, are you alright?"

Young Master!

Upon hearing this title, Xia Qianqian and the others immediately understood where these people came from.

Those who would call Lu Ye "Young Master" could only be cultivators from the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect. It hadn't occurred to them that in this secret realm, they actually still had a group of natural allies!

Lu Ye had thought of this; otherwise, he would not have stepped forward earlier.

The mission he had received from Heaven's Augury upon entering this secret realm was to bring the jade thumb ring to Two Worlds City and secure a safe haven for the remaining members of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect.

When the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect was destroyed, the survivors scattered to escape. Lu Ye and his companions were one group; there definitely were others who managed to escape as well.

Those waiting in the courtyard at this time were surely the people from the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect who had fled here.

Over ten people, each at the Cloud River Realm; looking at the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, this was already a very formidable force. Especially the old man who had spoken to Lu Ye and another quiet old woman standing in the back, they seemed exceptionally powerful, and it was highly likely that both were from the Cloud River Level 9.

"I'm fine!" Lu Ye shook his head.

The elder examined Lu Ye up and down, ensured that there were no signs of injuries, and then felt reassured. His face then turned angry as he cursed, "That Liew Wuzhai is far too bullying! Our Ten Thousand Beasts Sect has just suffered such a disaster, and he sends the Young Master on such a dangerous mission; it's obvious he wants to see the Young Master in trouble, showing no tolerance at all, a disgrace to be the Two Worlds City Lord!"

The Liew Wuzhai he mentioned was the Two Worlds City Lord; the elder was clearly very dissatisfied with Two Worlds City sending the Young Master to exterminate demon beasts.

After cursing the Two Worlds City Lord, the elder then turned to Xia Qianqian and the others and berated, "Are you all good for nothing? How can you let the Young Master risk his precious life!"

Xia Qianqian and the others were speechless from the scolding. If it weren't for the fact that people in this secret realm were unaware that they were from the Nine Provinces, they might have argued with the elder.

"What, you still want to argue? Don't forget who raised you. If not for the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, you'd have died long ago," seeing that Xia Qianqian and others seemed slightly resentful, the elder couldn't help but start scolding again.

"Alright, alright, Great Elder, calm down," the old woman who Lu Ye was somewhat concerned about spoke up, "These young girls didn't mean it, but under the roof, one has to bow down. It's only our fault for being slow, causing the Young Master to suffer." Saying this to Xia Qianqian and the others, she said, "You all, apologize to the Great Elder."

Xia Qianqian and the others looked at Lu Ye with piercing eyes. Lu Ye felt like he was sitting on pins and needles and hastily spoke up, "Great Elder, let's just forget about this. It was me who took them out; it's not their fault."

The Great Elder, deeply grieved, said, "Young Master, you can't spoil these girls too much... Alas, our sect only has these few people left. I don't want to be angry with you all, just remember, you can't let the Young Master risk his life like this in the future."

Xia Qianqian and the others murmured in agreement.

The Great Elder's expression eased slightly, then he suddenly turned to look at Amber, who was perched on Lu Ye's shoulder. His dull eyes gradually shone with a strange light, "Where did the Young Master find this little beast? May I take a look?"

Lu Ye tilted his head to give Amber a nod, and Amber immediately leaped towards the Great Elder.

The Great Elder's eyes brightened, raising his hand to catch it. "So attuned to human nature?" After a thorough examination, it took him a while to return Amber. Smiling, the Great Elder said, "Young Master, you are quite lucky. Your natal demon beast had just died not long ago, and now you have tamed such an exotic beast. Congratulations, Young Master. This beast, according to the Great Elder, seems to have the bloodline of the Four Auspicious Sacred Beasts. Although it is not strong now, its potential is immense. If you nurture it well, its future achievements could be limitless."

Lu Ye was surprised, thinking the old man truly did have extraordinary eyesight and experience typical of someone from the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, to be able to discern that Amber had the bloodline of a

Sacred Beast. He had previously only suspected this, but after the Great Elder's words, he was even more convinced that Amber really possessed the bloodline of the Four Auspicious Beasts.

As for what the Great Elder mentioned about a natal demon beast... Lu Ye naturally did not understand.

According to Xia Qianqian, the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain truly existed in the past, and everything they were experiencing now had also occurred in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, only reenacted by Heaven's Augury through mysterious means, allowing them to re-experience the events of this domain.

Thus, the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect also had existed in the past, and so had the Young Sect Master of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, only replaced by Lu Ye. Naturally, Lu Ye was unaware of what a natal demon beast was. If it hadn't been for the old woman speaking up, he wouldn't even have known that the elder was the Great Elder of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect.

When in doubt, ask. Lu Ye spoke, "Great Elder, how can it become my natal demon beast?"

The Great Elder looked puzzledly at Lu Ye, "The Young Master doesn't remember?" This was the most core part of the Beast Taming faction; how could he forget?

Lu Ye's expression was one of sorrow, "Suddenly faced with great changes, my mind is unsettled, and of late I've been confused, feeling like I've forgotten many things."

Xia Qianqian and the others listening nearby rolled their eyes...

However, the Great Elder couldn't help but sigh, "So it is, the Young Master has suffered." Saying this, he reached into his storage sack, rummaged for a moment, and quickly pulled out a jade slip to hand to Lu Ye: "This is the sect's Beast Seal Method, and also one of the core techniques of our sect. Young Master, you must keep it safe!"

Lu Ye solemnly received it and nodded slightly, "Don't worry, Great Elder."

Xia Qianqian and others around him stared wide-eyed, completely surprised that Lu Ye had managed to get such a great benefit from someone else in just a few words. Although they didn't know what the Beast Seal Method was exactly, it was evident that it must be related to Beast Taming.

In the Nine Provinces, the beast-taming faction isn't considered a major faction, but in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, the Beast Taming faction is the mainstream school. The cultivators from the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain inevitably have a better understanding and excel more in the Path of Beast Taming compared to the Nine Provinces cultivators, not to mention that this Beast Seal Method comes from the strongest sect in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain.

This kind of Beast Seal Method, if spread, would undoubtedly be highly sought after by cultivators of the beast-taming faction, worth a great deal!

This old man... can't be missed!

Xia Qianqian was immediately moved and spoke up, "Great Elder, we've run out of cultivation resources!"

The Great Elder, who was amiable towards Lu Ye, glared at Xia Qianqian: "Before you left, didn't the Sect Master give you a batch of Spirit Stones? Don't tell me you've used them all up!"

Such a thing never happened! Xia Qianqian cried inwardly, what kind of crappy Sect Master, she hadn't even met them...

The Great Elder turned his head and continued to look at Lu Ye with a pleasant expression, "Young Master, where is your spirit beast sack?"

"What?"

"Ah!" The Great Elder sighed, "Young Master, the production of spirit beast sacks is not easy; our sect has only a dozen, all handed down by our ancestors. They must not be lost carelessly."

Saying this, he took off a sack from his waist and handed it to Lu Ye, "Use mine for now."

Lu Ye blankly received the so-called spirit beast sack, momentarily at a loss.

Xia Qianqian and the others nearby were extremely envious!

Not to mention Shen Xiaomao, who had never seen such a thing, even Xia Qianqian, who had experienced many secret realms in the Cloud River Level 9, had never seen anyone treated so well in the secret realms.

Initially, she thought Lu Ye's identity as the Young Sect Master of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect was just a nominal title, but now she realized that he could actually receive tangible benefits!

Why him!

Why did a guy from Cloud River Level 2 get so many perks just by entering a secret realm, while she, from Cloud River Level 9, had to struggle for her life...

Just because he's a man?

Heaven's Augury is unjust!

Xia Qianqian felt like crying.

At that moment, the old woman spoke up, "The Young Master has just returned, let him rest first."

The Great Elder nodded, "Yes, Young Master, go and rest. We can talk more when you've recovered."

"Then I'll go rest now," Lu Ye spoke, and suddenly noticing several sharp gazes fixed on him, he quickly called out to Xia Qianqian and others, "You guys come along too."

"Yes!" Xia Qianqian and the others promptly replied.

Lu Ye faintly heard the sound of teeth grinding, although he wasn't sure if it was an illusion.

In the room, after closing the door, Lu Ye found a spot to sit cross-legged, then saw three figures line up in front of him, looking down at him from a superior position, each person's gaze filled with intense disdain...

"It's arranged by Heaven's Augury; I can't help it!" Lu Ye tried explaining, "Isn't this me bringing you in to rest together?"

"Divide the loot!" Xia Qianqian clenched her teeth; she had been bottling up her frustration.

"How shall we divide it?"

"You keep that spirit beast sack, but let me make a copy of the Beast Seal Method. Don't worry, I won't sell it. I have a senior brother from the Beast Taming faction, it might be useful for him!"

"I want a copy too!" Shen Xiaomao raised her hand.

Lan Ziyi remained silent, but her attitude was clear.

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They each took the Heaven's Augury oath, stating that the Beast Seal Method would never be used for selling and would only be researched personally or given to those close to them for use. Lu Ye handed the jade slip to Xia Qianqian and her two companions, allowing them to make imprints from it.

Lu Ye, on the other hand, kept turning the spirit beast sack over and over, studying it closely.

This sack looked similar to a storage sack, both crafted from an unidentified type of beast hide. However, the spirit beast sack in his hands clearly had an ancient heritage, as its surface was already somewhat worn.

Considering what the Great Elder had said earlier, there were only a dozen or so of these artifacts in the entire Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, all handed down from the ancestors, obviously of considerable worth and rarity.

The restriction on the sack had already been wiped clean, and with just a slight impetus of spirit force, Lu Ye refined it. After some investigation, his expression turned surprised.

The sack contained a small, self-contained space. It wasn't too large, but the feeling of the space inside the spirit beast sack was somewhat different from that inside a storage sack.

Spirit beast sack, spirit beast sack, the name alone was enough to guess its purpose.

Holding the spirit beast sack, Lu Ye looked towards Amber, who was resting beside him.

Feeling something, Amber raised its head, locking eyes with Lu Ye.

Lu Ye picked up the spirit beast sack and gestured with it. Amber stood up, and only then did Lu Ye stimulate his spirit force and cover it with the sack.

Amber disappeared in an instant.

Sensing around, Amber had indeed been taken into the spirit beast sack, but as it was its first time entering such a space, Amber seemed quite uncomfortable, constantly twisting its body. Additionally, the space inside the sack felt extremely cramped.

As Amber wriggled, the surface of the spirit beast sack even seemed to bulge uncertainly.

This spirit beast sack could actually hold living creatures!

Typical storage sacks didn't have this function, as they could only contain lifeless items. Forcing living creatures into them would cause their vitality to dissipate before long.

In Lu Ye's possession, however, there was one item capable of containing living beings—the Nine Worlds map!

This spirit treasure could even contain living people, not to mention other things. But being essentially a scroll-shaped spirit treasure, it wasn't suitable to carry around at all times. Moreover, maintaining the operation of the Nine Worlds map also consumed spirit force.

It couldn't compare to the convenience of this spirit beast sack. This small bag could be hung on his waist or kept close to his body.

In this way, Amber wouldn't have to always perch on his shoulder.

Not that Amber resting on his shoulder caused any inconvenience, but such a distinctive demon beast like Amber could easily become a marker of Lu Ye's identity!

Like before on the Spirit Stream battlefield, nearly all cultivators from Ten Thousand Demons Ridge knew that Lu Yiye from the Righteous Blood Sect was accompanied by a White Tiger demon beast. Many who hadn't seen Lu Ye could infer his identity through Amber's presence.

This sometimes meant that Lu Ye couldn't conceal his identity even if he wanted to.

But with the spirit beast sack, that wouldn't be a concern anymore. Should he wish to conceal his identity in the future, he merely needed to store Amber in the spirit beast sack and then pick out a Spiritual Artifact from the Heaven's Augury treasure vault to change his appearance—no one would be able to recognize him!

With great interest, he waited a while before releasing Amber from the sack—Amber immediately lunged at the spirit beast sack in Lu Ye's hand, appearing ready to bite, and Lu Ye quickly restrained it.

He couldn't have this valuable item damaged.

A message came from the battlefield marking, Lu Ye checked, and it was from Yiyi.

With outsiders present, Yiyi couldn't show herself and could only communicate with him in this way.

Through Yiyi's paraphrasing, Lu Ye found out that Amber's experience inside the spirit beast sack hadn't been very pleasant. Not only was it pitch-black inside, but it was indeed cramped. However, the space inside wasn't fixed in size. Amber's current size, similar to that of a small kitten, could fit inside, and even if it reverted to its original form, it could still be accommodated.

Under Amber's reluctant gaze, Lu Ye put the spirit beast sack away close to his body and promised Amber that he wouldn't put it into the sack unless absolutely necessary, which finally settled it down.

The three women had already returned the jade slip and sat down to meditate.

Lu Ye popped a few elixir pills into his mouth, recovering while also investigating the Beast Seal Method.

At first glance, I didn't pay much attention, but as I delved into the study of the Beast Seal Method, Lu Ye's expression gradually grew solemn.

This Beast Seal Method is absolutely something that has never appeared in the Nine Provinces cultivation world before, and if this technique were to become widespread, it would tremendously enhance the cultivators of the beast-taming faction!

In the Nine Provinces cultivation world, the beast-taming faction is one of the many smaller factions, but compared to other small factions like the cover armorer faction, the beast-taming faction is quite large, because even someone like Lu Ye, who carries a demon beast with him, can be considered part of the beast-taming faction.

Being adept in taming creatures, the demon beasts that can be subjugated can become a boost. In the early stages of a cultivator's cultivation, a demon beast can often bring great help, not only assisting in killing enemies but also serving as a mount for travel. Therefore, many cultivators like to have a demon beast by their side when their own strength is still weak and the conditions are suitable.

However, like other small sects, it is difficult for the beast-taming faction to produce strong individuals, because the cultivation of the cultivators in this faction mainly focuses on demon beasts, with themselves as a secondary concern.

They are often keen on capturing and nurturing powerful demon beasts, allowing the demon beasts to fight in their place. A large portion of the cultivation resources obtained is invested in these demon beasts. As a result, they deviate further on the path of cultivation, with little chance for personal growth.

Many of the Nine Provinces' beast-taming faction cultivators command over a dozen or twenty demon beasts.

Lu Ye had encountered a cultivator from the beast-taming faction when he was striving for the Spirit Stream Ranking. That fellow's own strength was nothing remarkable, but the four or five demon beasts he commanded were truly vicious. So, when Lu Ye broke through the blockade of those demon beasts and charged in front of him, his defeat was already doomed.

The cultivation of cultivators still has to put humans first—demon beasts can only be considered an external force!

Lu Ye had originally thought that the beast-taming faction in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain would be the same until he read this Beast Seal Method and realized he had been wrong.

Every faction has its value and significance. In the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, the beast-taming faction became the main body because, although they tame and nurture demon beasts like the Nine Provinces cultivators, they do not put demon beasts first in their cultivation practices—they put humans first!

The beast-taming cultivators of the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain never have a situation where one cultivator has a dozen demon beasts. Most cultivators only have one demon beast, their natal demon beast!

Those few who own multiple demon beasts never exceed three, as having too many under command means there aren't enough resources and effort to cultivate them all.

The so-called natal demon beast is created by using a Secret Technique to connect one's Life Origin with that of the demon beast, sharing in each other's glory and disgrace!

In this manner, the life of a cultivator is closely linked with that of their natal demon beast—if the cultivator lives, so does the demon beast, and if the cultivator dies, so does the demon beast!

On the flip side, if the natal demon beast were to die in battle, the cultivator as the master wouldn't die, but would suffer some backlash.

After all, this is a Secret Technique researched by cultivators themselves, naturally granting them some preferential treatment.

Selecting a natal demon beast is best done when the demon beast is newly born. This way, it's more malleable, and their feelings for each other can be cultivated step by step. Only when the cultivator and the demon beast reach a level of mutual devotion willing to sacrifice their lives for one another, can their Life Origins be connected, turning the demon beast into the cultivator's natal demon beast, thereafter forming the Beast Seal!

After the Beast Seal is established, the cultivator can borrow the power of their natal demon beast to a certain extent, enhancing their combat capabilities. If there is sufficient trust and understanding between the two, it's even possible to integrate the natal demon beast into the Beast Seal, thereby greatly increasing power!

From this, it can be seen that whether it's connecting Life Origins or forming the Beast Seal, the cultivators of the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain adhere to the principle of putting humans first, which is completely different from the cultivators of the Nine Provinces' beast-taming faction.

Such a Secret Technique, if it spread to the Nine Provinces, would be enough to overturn the structure of the Nine Provinces beast-taming faction. No cultivator from the beast-taming faction would refuse such a technique, and by utilizing it, the Nine Provinces' beast-taming faction cultivators could leap to become a main faction, no longer regarded as a heretical path by others.

While Lu Ye was engrossed in the mysteries of this Secret Technique, a whiff of fragrance suddenly assaulted his senses. He turned his head and saw Xia Qianqian had approached, nudging him with her elbow, "Let's discuss this—how about we sell this Secret Technique to Heaven's Augury treasure vault?"

She clearly realized the importance of this Secret Technique as well. Such a game-changing technique for a faction, if sold to Heaven's Augury treasure vault, would not only bring benefits but, more importantly, could attract the attention of Heaven's Augury. In the future, whatever one does would have divine assistance.

This was the first time she had encountered such a great opportunity, and she had come across it because of Lu Ye. Naturally, she wanted to discuss it with him. After all, they just took the Heaven's Augury oath. If Lu Ye didn't agree, no one would dare to break the oath lightly.

"How much merit would it be worth?" Lu Ye asked.

Xia Qianqian chuckled, "Don't be so superficial. It's not a matter of merit. If we really sell this thing to Heaven's Augury treasure vault, we would definitely attract the attention of Heaven's Augury—do you understand? With Heaven's Augury paying attention to you, your luck will be even better."

This made Lu Ye's heart stir. His luck had been good lately, most likely due to receiving Heaven's Augury Bestowment, which had greatly boosted his fortune. From this perspective, selling this Secret Technique to Heaven's Augury treasure vault could also accumulate his own fortune, having a similar effect to Heaven's Augury Bestowment. However, it was hard to say which effect was stronger.

Lu Ye guessed that Heaven's Augury Bestowment might be slightly better, after all, that was an honor nobody had received in decades.

"Are you sure?" Lu Ye raised his eyebrows. While his luck was already good enough, nobody would complain about having even better luck.

"Do you know how those small sects in the Nine Provinces cultivation world came about?" Xia Qianqian didn't wait for an answer but started explaining herself, "They all spread from one secret realm after another. In secret realms like the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, those sects are the main factions, and the majority of the world's cultivators belong to that faction, just like the beast-taming faction here. The cultivators from the Nine Provinces undergo trials within these realms and then bring some of their knowledge back out, leading to the formation of various small sects in the Nine Provinces."

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"Besides, there are many secret techniques and cultivation techniques that have been passed down in this way. The Nine Provinces cultivation world today is flourishing because it has integrated the essence of many perished worlds, slowly forming by discarding the dross and selecting the essence," she explained.

As a Level 9 cultivator from Cloud River, Xia Qianqian undoubtedly had a deeper understanding of the Nine Provinces cultivation world than Lu Ye, since she had been cultivating for a longer time and had more experience and knowledge.

It was the first time Lu Ye had heard such an explanation, and he listened intently.

"Such things that can change the paradigm of a school are very important to the Nine Provinces cultivation world. If we sell it to Heaven's Augury treasure vault, we can gain the attention of Heaven's Augury and enhance our fortune. This has happened before. Someone once brought out a small sect's cultivation technique from a secret realm, sold it to Heaven's Augury treasure vault, consequently adding a new cultivation school to the Nine Provinces cultivation world. Since then, his fortune soared, and although he didn't get everything he wished for, everything he did was successful. So Ye Liu, let's sell it, and of the merit we earn, you keep seventy percent, and we three each take ten percent!"

As she said, selling this item to Heaven's Augury treasure vault would deliver visible merits, but the invisible benefits were the most important. Nevertheless, being able to obtain this item was mainly due to Lu Ye, so it made sense for him to have seventy percent of the merits.

Shen Xiaomao and Lan Ziyi also stopped their cultivation and all eagerly watched Lu Ye, for most cultivators never achieve something that draws the attention of Heaven's Augury in their lifetimes. Now that the opportunity was before them, naturally, they did not want to miss it.

Lu Ye pondered for a moment and then nodded, "Okay, we'll talk about it when we get out."

Xia Qianqian patted Lu Ye's shoulder, "From now on, you are my close friend. If you ever encounter any trouble on the Cloud River battlefield that you can't resolve, just message me, and I'll help you!"

This woman's friendship clearly wasn't cheap...

The three women continued their cultivation to recover, while Lu Ye began to study the secret technique that linked his and Amber's Life Origins, a prerequisite for the Beast Seal Method, recorded in the jade slip. The practice wasn't overly complicated, but the demands on both the cultivator and the demon beast were high.

The cultivator and demon beast must reach a level of unconditional trust in each other, even to the extent of being willing to sacrifice their lives for one another!

Would Amber be willing to sacrifice its life for Lu Ye? Naturally. Having been companions from very humble beginnings, they had been through life and death together so many times, both Amber and Lu Ye had long since considered each other a part of their own lives.

Not to mention, there was also the bond of Yiyi between them.

For both Amber and Lu Ye, Yiyi was an important family member.

For other cultivators and demon beasts, reaching this condition required a lot of time and cultivation, but Lu Ye and Amber did not need this, as they already met these conditions long ago.

The technique to link their Life Origins wasn't complicated; to Lu Ye, it simply represented a unique kind of spirit runes, a type he had never seen before.

There are countless spirit runes in the world; Lu Ye, although he had acquired many from the Talent Tree and learned even more, was always encountering some that were unknown to him.

The runes were not complex to construct and weren't difficult to form; however, they couldn't be created with spirit force, but rather with their own blood.

Originally in the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, not many could perform this secret technique spirit runes since spirit runes masters were rare in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, and usually, someone from the Elders had to intervene to enact the Life Binding Technique.

Being a spirit runes master himself, Lu Ye naturally did not need to rely on others.

He took a vessel from his storage space and placed it on the ground, then drew the Boulder Mountain Saber, activating the Sharpness spirit runes for reinforcement. Holding the blade in one hand and grasping the sharp edge in his palm, he made a cut across the palm.

As he clenched his fist, blood flowed from his palm, dropping into the vessel.

The scent of blood filled the air, and the three women cultivating nearby opened their eyes to look but, not knowing what Lu Ye was busy with, didn't interfere.

After filling half the vessel with his blood, Lu Ye then waved the Boulder Mountain Saber to Amber as a signal.

Amber stepped back, shaking its head like a rattle drum.

Despite its formidable appearance when showing its true form and its fearless demeanor in battle, the creature was actually quite afraid of pain...

This was a weakness only Lu Ye and Yiyi knew about.

Lu Ye ignored its reluctance, grabbing it and gesturing towards its forearm before making a cut.

Amber immediately yelped, its pupils shrinking to the size of pinpoints.

Tick-tock, the sound of Amber's blood dripping into the vessel could be heard.

A moment later, Lu Ye let go of Amber, and it promptly lay down, licking its wound with its tongue and occasionally shooting Lu Ye a look of woeful accusation, a clear expression of being hurt by him.

Picking up the vessel, Lu Ye gently swayed it, mixing their blood together.

Lu Ye then went outside to find the Great Elder resting in the courtyard and asked him for some medicinal solution.

The Great Elder, understanding immediately, asked, "Young Master, are you about to perform the Life Binding Technique?"

The materials Lu Ye asked for were not particularly precious in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, but their uses were limited—aside from concocting elixir pills, they were used for the Life Binding Technique.

Lu Ye nodded.

The Great Elder immediately asked, "Do you need my help?"

"I can do it myself."

The Great Elder said, "I know the Young Master wishes to recover his strength quickly and that the demon beast is proficient in human nature, but the Life Binding Technique has high requirements for both humans and demon beasts. Young Master, let it come naturally, and do not force it too much."

From his perspective, Lu Ye's natal demon beast had only recently perished in battle. Although he had now subdued a demon beast skilled in human nature, it was still unknown whether they could form a Life Binding Technique. It was quite likely impossible, as the Young Master had spent too little time with the demon beast. How could they so quickly reach a level where both were willing to give their lives for each other?

Moreover, he had never heard of the Young Master learning the Life Binding Technique before.

But at this moment, he could not be too harsh on Lu Ye, so he could only advise him in this tactful manner.

"I understand," Lu Ye responded and turned to walk back inside the house.

He stirred the several types of medicinal solutions he had obtained from the Great Elder, and the originally bright red blood became even more blood-red.

Everything was ready, and Lu Ye then stimulated his spirit force, using it as a guide and the mixture of blood and medicinal syrup as a base, to construct the Life Origin Spirit Rune in midair.

These spirit runes comprised only a few hundred Yin-Yang Dual Origins. With Lu Ye's current mastery in the Path of Spirit Runes, constructing it was not complex. After all, he could now easily construct the Void Spirit Runes, which were made of over three thousand Yin-Yang Dual Origins. Compared to that, a mere few hundred were trivial.

Even though it was his first attempt, Lu Ye made no mistakes whatsoever.

Moments later, the Life Origin Spirit Rune was successfully formed, and the materials within the vessel had been completely consumed.

At a glance, the rune resembled the pattern of Tai Chi, forming a symmetrical circle.

Lu Ye gave Amber a look, and Amber leaped onto the spirit rune, while Lu Ye sat down opposite it.

Spirit force surged, activating the might of the spirit rune.

Instantly, the room was filled with brilliant red light, attracting the attention of the three women who were recovering. They opened their eyes to see and marveled at the sight.

The noises in the room also alerted the Great Elder and the others outside. They turned their heads to look over but could not see the inside of the room. Feeling it inappropriate to disturb by entering, they could only wait anxiously.

Inside the room, the power of the Life Origin Spirit Rune was activated. Strands of red light, like ropes, wound around Lu Ye and Amber. At the same time, Lu Ye grunted, and Amber growled; both felt their blood boiling. As the red light twined around them, a red mist emanated from their bodies, indicating their surging blood Qi.

Amber, originally the size of a cat, uncontrollably revealed its true form. Had Lu Ye not prepared and made the Life Origin Spirit Rune large enough, it really might not have contained it.

The blood Qi from both of them grew richer until the entire room was filled with a pungent smell of blood.

Their blood Qi, as if drawn by some unknown force, began converging and mixing in the center.

The red light surrounding Lu Ye and Amber rapidly twisted and spun. As it flowed, Lu Ye felt his blood Qi continuously draining away yet simultaneously being replenished. It was a strange sensation, as if some force was drawing his blood out only to inject it back into his body.

During this process, he distinctly felt his blood Qi undergoing changes, becoming more vital, richer, and a mysterious bestial nature surged within him.

That was Amber's bestial essence!

The dazzling red light continued for quite a while before it gradually dimmed.

As the red light faded, the previously constructed Life Origin Spirit Rune also blurred and eventually disappeared, along with the pungent smell of blood that had filled the room.

Sitting opposite Amber, they stared into each other's eyes.

At this moment, both human and tiger experienced a profoundly strange feeling, as if their lives had become connected!

Their sense of closeness to each other deepened.

Due to the pet contract, Lu Ye could previously guess a bit of Amber's thoughts, but compared to Yi, it was still quite different — Yi could clearly know what Amber was thinking.

Now, with the Life Origin Technique, Lu Ye couldn't reach Yi's level, but it was much better than before.

Amber seemed to feel the same and moved closer to rub its big head against Lu Ye.

But the changes didn't stop there. Suddenly feeling something, Lu Ye grabbed and pulled open his own shirt at the chest, looking down at his own chest.

On his chest, a lifelike tiger head had somehow appeared. It looked as if it were etched onto Lu Ye's chest with fresh blood, fierce and formidable.

Beast Seal!

Normally, the Life Origin Technique and the Beast Seal Method were separate; to form a Beast Seal, one must first complete the Life Origin Technique, which can be considered a prerequisite of the Beast Seal Method. However, while Lu Ye and Amber were forming the Life Origin Technique, the Beast Seal Method was somewhat inadvertently completed as well.

This certainly saved some trouble.

The Great Elder's voice suddenly sounded from outside, "Young Master, are you alright?"

The old fellow clearly couldn't wait any longer and was urgently eager to know Lu Ye's current condition.

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"No worries." Inside the house, Lu Ye responded and continued to feel his own changes.

The Life Origin Method and Beast Seal Method had both been established, and aside from feeling more intimate with Amber and their lives being interconnected, there were no other significant changes.

However, Lu Ye had a faint feeling that in battle, he should be able to borrow some power from Amber.

This trip to the secret realm had been very fruitful, just acquiring the Life Origin Method and the Beast Seal Method alone.

A moment later, Lu Ye stepped out of the door, facing the Great Elder and an old woman who were waiting outside.

Seeing Lu Ye and Amber, the Great Elder's eyes brightened, "Young Master, have you already bound the Life Origin Method?"

He clearly noticed something, marveling in his heart. He had never heard that the Young Master had studied the Life Origin Method before. How had he mastered it so quietly?

"Yes," said Lu Ye, then he tore open his shirt, "Great Elder, I only meant to bind the Life Origin Method, so why did I bind the Beast Seal as well?"

The Great Elder showed a surprised expression, "This is..."

The old woman next to him couldn't help but widen her eyes.

"This Beast Seal won't cause any problems, right?" Although Lu Ye felt fine, it was still something that needed careful confirmation.

"Heaven bless the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect!" The Great Elder suddenly burst into tears, quite moved, leaving Lu Ye utterly confused, as the old woman beside him kept sighing something about how "the Sect Master would rest in peace knowing this."

After their emotions had settled down, once they explained, Lu Ye understood the whole story.

In the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, the Life Origin Method and Beast Seal Method were originally one, but had been separated through generations of modification and improvement because, separated, they could be executed more progressively and easily, with a higher margin for error.

But this did not mean that the modified Secret Techniques were better.

Binding the Beast Seal while establishing the Life Origin Method undoubtedly meant that Lu Ye and Amber had reached an understanding that ordinary cultivators and demon beasts couldn't achieve.

A demon beast that could establish such a bond with a cultivator could no longer be called a natal demon beast but rather a destiny demon beast.

Since ancient times, the number of cultivators in the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect who possessed their destiny demon beasts was few, but each was a stabilizing force for the Sect, and it was through their continuous contributions that the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect became the strongest sect in the world.

Now that the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect was in ruins, Lu Ye, as the Young Master, originally lost his natal demon beast in battle, but now he had fortuitously gained a destiny demon beast. In the eyes of the Great Elder and the old woman, this was undoubtedly a sign that could lead the sect toward revival, which explained their excitement.

Lu Ye himself didn't have many thoughts on the matter, whether it was a natal demon beast or a destiny demon beast, it made no significant difference to him.

Amber was just Amber, as long as he confirmed there was no problem with his Beast Seal Method.

Moreover, in the eyes of the Great Elder and the old woman, he was the Young Master of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect.

But from Lu Ye's perspective, he was just a passerby after all.

If what Xia Qianqian said was true, then the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain had long been obliterated, and the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect would no longer exist.

All he had experienced was merely Heaven's Augury recreating everything with inexplicable means, allowing the cultivators of the Nine Provinces to partake in this grand calamity to temper themselves.

Suddenly, a sensation of the ground shaking and mountains swaying came from all directions, followed by chaotic spirit force fluctuations and the sounds of shouting and fighting.

The Great Elder, who was speaking with Lu Ye, changed his expression, unsure of what had happened.

Lu Ye, however, was clear in his mind. What was meant to come had finally arrived.

They had initially rushed back to Two Worlds City due to a massive attack by demon beasts. Judging by the time, those beasts should have arrived.

"Where are the people of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect?" a robust voice came, and a cultivator dressed in dazzling armor, appearing like a commander, flew over and hovered above them.

This disregard for others made the Great Elder's face turn angry, and just as he was about to explode, Lu Ye spoke up first, "I am the Young Master of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, what brings you here, General?"

The cultivator casually threw a jade slip to Lu Ye and said hastily, "Demon beasts are attacking the city, the City Lord has ordered that all people of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect cooperate with Crimson Fire Camp to defend Section A-3 of the wall, move quickly, and make no mistake!"

"How dare you!" the Great Elder couldn't hold back any longer and shouted, "Call Liew Wuzhai, that old fool, to speak with me!"

The cultivator coldly glanced at the Great Elder, "The City Lord's order states that all cultivators within Two Worlds City bear the responsibility of guarding the city. Those who defy the order and create chaos during battle will be killed without mercy!"

The Great Elder was about to speak again, but Lu Ye stopped him and told the cultivator, "Go ahead, General, we'll be right there!"

The cultivator nodded slightly to Lu Ye and disappeared in a flash, going somewhere to coordinate other cultivators.

The Great Elder was furiously indignant, still cursing Liew Wuzhai for pushing people too far, wondering how the Young Master, the precious daughter, could sit beneath the falling house...

Lu Ye said, "Great Elder, when the nest is overturned, no eggs remain intact. Two Worlds City is now our last line of defense. If Two Worlds City falls, the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain will surely perish. Since we have come here to seek refuge, we should contribute our efforts and follow the coordination of Two Worlds City."

Upon hearing this, the Great Elder looked at Lu Ye as if he was seeing him for the first time. In his heart, his own Young Master had always been pampered and privileged, not someone so sensible. Back when they were at the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, he was a complete profligate, indulging in pleasures and neglecting proper affairs every day.

With teary eyes, the Great Elder grabbed Lu Ye's hand and patted it, "The Young Master has grown up!" he sighed secretly. Indeed, hardship could make a man grow quickly.

A group of cultivators from the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, each at the Cloud River Realm, showed relieved expressions, as if seeing a child come into his own for the first time.

Lu Ye was quite helpless.

The door opened, and Xia Qianqian and others appeared. Their eyes met, and Xia Qianqian and her companions nodded slightly.

Lu Ye held the jade slip, his mind immersed within it, checking the location of Section A-3's wall.

The distance was not far. This indicated that when Liew Wuzhai had arranged for them to stay in this courtyard, he must have already decided to assign them to defend this section of the wall.

Under Lu Ye's lead, a group of people soared into the air and flew toward the direction of Section A-3 of the wall. Mid-air, they looked around and saw that the entire surrounding area of Two Worlds City was swarmed by flying demon beasts, their sheer numbers nearly obscuring the sun.

Vivid colors continuously burst forth in all directions, the cultivators' maneuvers striking down numerous flying demon beasts every moment, blood and scattered remains strewn everywhere.

Two Worlds City had a protective array, but it had not been fully activated at this time because if it were fully activated, they would only be able to defend passively. Facing the overwhelming demon beasts, the protective array would eventually be breached.

To resolve the crisis of Two Worlds City, they could only counterattack while defending, continuously killing attacking demon beasts. Only in this way was there a glimmer of hope.

Therefore, the city's protective array had actively left some gaps open in various places. This allowed attacking demon beasts to launch their assaults through these gaps. This approach not only effectively relieved the pressure on the protective array but also allowed more precise placement of forces for defense.

Faced with this dangerous situation, the side of Two Worlds City naturally understood that it's better to guide than to block.

The section of the wall where Lu Ye and others were headed was one of those places with an opened gap.

Many flying demon beasts had already flown into the city through the gaps in the array. The powerless commoners hid trembling within buildings, praying silently.

In the city, numerous cultivators flew back and forth, chasing the demon beasts that had broken through the defenses and flown into the city. In the midst of the fierce battle, blood flowed like waterfalls.

On the city wall, which was dozens of meters high, the figures of cultivators stood firm, deploying their maneuvers. Demon beasts continuously surged up the wall only to be slain and repelled.

The entire city was bustling with activity.

When Lu Ye, leading more than ten from the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, arrived at Section A-3 of the wall, the situation there was already critical. Numerous demon beasts had scaled the wall and were tearing and striking at the cultivators. Some were injured, some were dead, others howled in rage as they fought the demon beasts in a deadly struggle.

If no reinforcements were forthcoming, it wouldn't take long before the defense line would be breached. At that moment, innumerable demon beasts would swarm in, overwhelming the entire city.

Should that situation arise, it would mean the defense line had been lost, and the only option would be to close the gaps that had been opened in the array. At that point, the protective array would inevitably face even greater pressure.

It could be said that Lu Ye and others arrived just in time.

The group, all at the Cloud River Realm, was not many in number, but with three at Level 9 Cloud River Realm, the power they could exert was unimaginable.

The brilliance of magic and spells and weapon control blazed a trail first. The dull sound of 'thud thud thud' was endless to the ear, as the brilliance of weapon control not only brought out bursts of hot blood but also reaped the lives of those frenzied demon beasts.

Although Lu Ye had experienced some grand scenes in the Spirit Stream battlefield, the situation before him was still far more formidable.

This was a struggle for survival space between cultivators and demon beasts in an entire world. The cultivators had no route of retreat; they must either repel the enemy or die on the battlefield.

As a visitor from the Nine Provinces, Lu Ye should have found it difficult to empathize with the tragic spirits of the cultivators from the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain at that moment, but as he stepped onto this battlefield and joined the fray, he quickly merged into it. At this moment, he truly seemed to become the Young Master of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, leading the remaining forces of his sect, contributing his humble effort for the survival of the human race.

The more than ten individuals from the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, led by Lu Ye with Xia Qianqian and the Great Elder guarding his flanks, left devastation in their wake, leaving even those Demon General-level beasts unable to match their edge.

The demon beasts that had surged onto the wall were quickly cleared, and the perilous defense line stabilized.

Blood dripped from the Boulder Mountain Saber in Lu Ye's hand, his blood Qi surging around him, along with that of Amber, who crouched on his shoulder.

After forming the Beast Seal with Amber, Lu Ye didn't feel much different when not in combat, but the sensation was distinct during battle.

Their blood Qi intertwined, and with each slash Lu Ye made, he could borrow some strength from Amber, making his strikes fiercer and faster!

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After forming the Beast Seal, Lu Ye faintly felt that he could borrow strength from Amber!

At that time, he was not in combat, so the feeling wasn't very clear, but now that the battle had started, he discovered that it was indeed the case.

This was the advantage of forming a Beast Seal.

Not just him, but the other ten-plus members of Ten Thousand Beasts Sect also experienced the same, with each of their natal demon beasts following by their side, their blood Qi mingling, borrowing power from their own natal demon beasts.

This was how the beast-taming faction should look!

For Lu Ye, this was undoubtedly an enhancement.

Previously in battle, Amber would crouch on his shoulder, hardly able to intervene in his combat, because his strength had always been much higher than Amber's, so the most Amber could do was roar, intimidating the opponent with Tiger Roar Intimidation.

But now it was different. Even if Amber did nothing and just followed Lu Ye, it could continuously provide Lu Ye with support, inadvertently increasing his strength.

And this was not even the limit of borrowing power. The real limit was when their blood Qi blended to a certain extent; Amber could completely merge into Lu Ye's body. At that time, human and beast would unite as one, causing a great change in Lu Ye himself.

This was the first time Lu Ye experienced the enhanced support of forming a Beast Seal, and naturally, he had no clue how to merge with his natal demon beast.

The Boulder Mountain Saber ignited with flames, slashing down on the back neck of a demon beast, blood splattering. The beast was killed instantly, and a figure stained with blood crawled out from under the beast's corpse, adjusted the helmet on their head, and nodded to Lu Ye, "Thanks, Fellow Daoist. Where are you from?"

This person was clearly a cultivator native to Ten Thousand Beasts Domain; had Lu Ye not acted swiftly to save him, this person might have lost their life under the claws of the demon beast.

"Ten Thousand Beasts Sect!"

The man's eyes lit up at this: "So it's the esteemed members of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect. No wonder your strength is so formidable." He raised his arm and shouted, "Brothers, the members of Ten Thousand Beasts Sect have come to assist us, fight the enemy bravely, we must not let these fiends break through our defense line!"

"Yes!" Many cultivators atop the city walls responded like thunder.

This person wiped the blood from his face and said to Lu Ye, "This section of the city wall is defended by my Crimson Fire Camp. I am Fang Zhun, head of the Crimson Fire Camp. How may I address Fellow Daoist?"

"Ye Liu."

"Brother Ye Liu! Time is pressing, so let's dispense with the formalities. Since you've come here, you must have received the City Lord's Residence's order. I need you to lead people to hold this position and defend Thunder Roar and the brothers of the Crimson Fire Camp over there. Can you do it?" Fang Zhun pointed.

Lu Ye looked in the direction of Fang Zhun's pointing. He saw a large array in operation at a certain location on the city wall. At the core of the array, something shaped like a demon beast's head was installed, but it was not an actual demon beast's head but something cast from a metal material, gleaming with a metallic luster. If he was not mistaken, this was the Thunder Roar that Fang Zhun referred to.

At this moment, seven or eight cultivators from the Crimson Fire Camp were surrounding the Thunder Roar, desperately channeling power into the array below their feet. Judging by the fluctuations of their spirit force, these cultivators were from the Cloud River Realm as well as the Spirit Stream Realm.

As these cultivators infused their spirit force, Lu Ye distinctly felt a very dangerous aura emanating from the Thunder Roar!

This was... an assault magic array with a Spiritual Artifact as the array's core!

Lu Ye recognized the nature of the Thunder Roar instantly; he was, after all, to an extent, an array cultivator, and he had the discernment that came with it.

The so-called Thunder Roar was very likely a top-tier Magic Artifact or even a spirit treasure-level item. Such an item, relies not merely on a single cultivator's power to be activated.

After all, the strongest in the entire Ten Thousand Beasts Domain was only at the Cloud River Level 9.

The power of a single cultivator was hardly sufficient to activate it, but letting more people do it together was not feasible, as coordinating everyone's power without a special method was a difficult task.

Therefore, the best solution to this situation was to use a Formation.

Using the Thunder Roar as the core, setting up a Formation would let many cultivators channel their power into the Formation, triggering its formidable power, and thus activating the Thunder Roar to unleash tremendous destructive power!

Such a mechanism was generally a powerful tool for attacking fortresses and plundering territories, rarely encountered by cultivators in single combat. Now used for defense, it was also a very good choice.

While Lu Ye was observing, a considerable amount of spirit force had already been channeled into the Formation, with bright light shining from the front end of the Thunder Roar, and an indescribable spiritual might pervading, even powerful cultivators like Xia Qianqian at the Cloud River Level 9 felt the goosebumps, their skin stinging.

It was an innate reactive sensation from feeling threatened, a physical instinctive response—in other words, the Thunder Roar was now a threat even to the life of a powerful cultivator like Xia Qianqian!

As for Lu Ye, it goes without saying, if not for the fact that the Thunder Roar was not directed at him, he might already have sensed great disaster approaching.

A thunderous roar erupted suddenly, like an angry bellow, shaking the entire Section A-3 walls. At the front of Thunder Roar, the light transformed into a straight beam that pierced through miles of terrain, brutally slamming into the horde of demon beasts. On either side of the beam, lightning spread, continuously crackling and sparking.

The beam obliterated everything in its path, whether ordinary demon beasts or Demon Generals, instantly reducing them to nothing.

The beam persisted for about ten breaths before it gradually faded and vanished. The several miles that had been in the path of the beam had been turned into a vacuum zone.

Lu Ye watched, utterly mesmerized.

Such power was indeed something that a Cloud River Realm cultivator could not withstand.

This single strike had slain hundreds of demon beasts and had been activated by the joint effort of only seven or eight cultivators.

On the walls of Two Worlds City, setups like Thunder Roar were not unique to one spot; each section of the wall had such configurations, though the treasures embedded in the formations varied, thus the potency unleashed was vastly different. The only constant was their immense power and terrifying lethality.

After the strike, the cultivators responsible for activating Thunder Roar all sat cross-legged, swiftly recuperating. The exhaustion from such activation was also immensely taxing on them.

Whether they were activating Thunder Roar or resting afterwards, they all needed others to guard them.

The task assigned to Lu Ye by Fang Zhun was to lead a team to ensure their safety.

"Understood, I will keep them safe!" Lu Ye nodded.

"Thank you!" Fang Zhun bowed sincerely, then, lifting his own magic artifact, charged towards another area.

At this moment, over ten Cloud River Realm cultivators from Ten Thousand Beasts Sect had already reached the top of Section A-3 wall, joining the cultivators from Crimson Fire Camp in defense. Lu Ye, calling upon Xia Qianqian and the other three women, flashed to the side of Thunder Roar, relieving the cultivators previously guarding the spot.

The supplies box hummed, weapon control beams flitted about, wielding the Boulder Mountain Saber; any demon beast that dared to climb the walls met its demise beneath the blade.

From time to time, Lu Ye also activated the Fire Phoenix Technique, blasting down those avian demon beasts that attempted to fly over the walls.

Among the four, Xia Qianqian undoubtedly stood out the most, her cultivation being the highest, and being a magic cultivator, she unleashed powerful magic and spells that often wiped out a large swath of demon beasts. She even occasionally checked her inscription tablet to see how much her battle merit had increased, the curve of her smile indicating her battle merit was rapidly increasing.

For the cultivators of the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain, this was a battle for survival guarding the city, but for the cultivators from the Nine Provinces, this was an excellent opportunity to rack up battle merits. Facing such a dire situation, most cultivators from the Nine Provinces enthusiastically engaged, earning their own battle merits, which could be exchanged for spirit fortune sticks at the military supplies area—a great way to quickly enhance one's power.

In comparison to Xia Qianqian, Lu Ye's speed of killing enemies was undoubtedly much slower, the gap in cultivation clear, but Lu Ye had a variety of techniques: sometimes activating weapon control, sometimes casting spells, sometimes using the Boulder Mountain Saber to slay the demon beasts that got too close.

Lan Ziyi was not far behind; she might have had only one controlled weapon, but its lethality was immense. Coupled with her broad swings of dual swords, demon beasts were constantly slain by her hand.

This led Shen Xiaomao to somewhat question her own life...

Lu Ye was one thing; Shen Xiaomao knew some of Lu Ye's capabilities—the fellow who had single-handedly charged into a spirit ground. He couldn't be judged by common standards. In Shen Xiaomao's view, when Lu Ye was in the Spirit Stream Realm, he was definitely among the top contenders on the Spirit Stream Ranking. His Level 2 was equivalent to the ordinary Level 4-5 realms.

But what about Lan Ziyi?

Was Level 2 of Cloud River Realm so proficient now? She, at Level 5, exerting her full force in battle, could only just keep pace with two Level 2s.

A sense of discouragement emerged unbidden; she had also fared well in the Spirit Stream Realm, even being in the top fifty of the Spirit Stream Ranking...

On that vast stretch of wall, the cultivators from Ten Thousand Beasts Sect and Crimson Fire Camp worked together in unison to combat the invading demon beasts, soon dripping with blood from head to toe.

The wall was piled high with the corpses of demon beasts, the smell of blood almost tangible.

Yet, such slaughter did nothing to deter the demon beasts' resolve to besiege the city. They continued to climb the walls or fly over, these mad beasts as if oblivious to the concept of death.

They had only one goal: to exterminate all living humans in this world.

Being a world dominated by the beast-taming faction, the number of demon beasts in the Ten Thousand Beasts Domain was enormous before any catastrophe. This led to the spread of madness, and with the cultivators' power alone, they couldn't stop the onslaught of the demon beast armies, eventually leading to a dire situation where only Two Worlds City remained as the last stronghold.

The situation on Section A-3 wall was similar to other parts of the city's fortifications.

Although the demon beasts from the entire Ten Thousand Beasts Domain were furiously charging this way, Two Worlds City, having gathered all the surviving cultivators, could endure this calamity for a while at the critical juncture of human race's near extinction. These cultivators from various sects were able to set aside their differences, united in their efforts to survive the ordeal.

No matter what, Two Worlds City would be able to hold out for a while.