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After the battle in the desolate valley, Ling Shuang's attitude towards David underwent a dramatic change.

Her former disdain and doubt vanished, replaced by genuine awe and a barely perceptible dependence.

She began to actively seek David's opinion, and when directing her disciples, she would frequently glance at him, only feeling reassured when he nodded slightly.

The interrogation of the prisoners proceeded smoothly. Under the absolute intimidation of force and the unique interrogation techniques of the Sword Sect disciples, the remaining Demon Sect disciples and Beast Fusion Warriors quickly revealed the information they knew.

"My lord, spare us! We were just ordered to patrol this area, searching for the remnants of the Myriad Beasts Sect who escaped, especially the sect leader Lie Tian and his confidants... oh, and the spies from the Xuan Tian Sword Sect."

A demonic sect disciple confessed tremblingly. "We were told to send a signal immediately upon discovering any traces, and experts would lead a team to encircle and annihilate them."

"What is the defense situation in this area? How many patrol teams are there? Where are the experts distributed?" Ling Shuang asked coldly.

"This... I only know that our team is led by Elder Liu and Commander Fang."

"The others... I heard that Sect Master Zheng Gu and several important figures from the Myriad Souls Demonic Sect are stationed at the Myriad Beasts Sect headquarters, and the outer perimeter is searched by mixed teams of various Fusion Beast races and Demonic Sect disciples, divided into areas. I really don't know the exact number of teams."

Another Fusion Beast warrior provided slightly different information: "Sect Master Zheng Gu has ordered a focused search of several old hunting grounds and abandoned mines in the northwest and southwest directions, saying that those places are easy to hide people in..."

David listened quietly, memorizing this information.

The northwest and southwest directions... this might be the escape route that Lie Tian and his group might choose.

After dealing with the prisoners, the group rested briefly. David looked at the map, pondered for a moment, and said, "We'll move southwest, keeping our tracks concealed along the way."

"If Sect Master Lietian and the others really retreat in this direction, we might find clues. Also, avoid known patrol routes."

"Yes, Senior Chen," Ling Shuang immediately replied, then instructed her disciples to use concealment spells to hide their auras and proceed according to David's instructions. For

the next two days, David and his group moved like ghosts through the complex terrain of the Ten Thousand Beasts Mountain Range.

They avoided three sizable patrol teams and discovered several places that appeared to have been battles, but they found no definite trace of Lietian and the others.

David's brows furrowed deeper and deeper.

The mountain range was too vast, and Lietian and the others had deliberately concealed themselves; searching like this was like looking for a needle in a haystack.

Moreover, he could sense that the search net was tightening.

The Fusion Beast Clan's familiarity with the mountain range far surpassed that of outsiders, and with the tracking methods provided by the Demonic Sect, Lietian and the others' situation was likely becoming increasingly dangerous.

Ling Shuang also felt the pressure. Seeing the seriousness in David's eyes, she couldn't help but whisper, "Senior Chen, searching like this isn't working. Shouldn't we..."

Before she could finish, David suddenly raised his hand to signal silence, his sharp gaze fixed on a dense ancient forest to his left.

A moment later, an extremely faint rustling sound came from the forest, almost imperceptible to David if not for his powerful divine sense. Then

, two cautious figures, almost blending into their surroundings, quietly emerged from the shadows. They were two beastmen! They were in a semi-beast form, one resembling a

wolf, the other a leopard, both wounded, their auras weak, their eyes filled with vigilance and exhaustion.

When they saw David and his group, especially David and Ling Shuang, they were initially startled and assumed a defensive posture. But upon recognizing David's face, the wolf-like beastman's eyes suddenly blazed with unbelievable joy!

"It's...it's Senior Chen?!" The wolf-like beastman's voice trembled, almost crying out, but he forced himself to suppress it. David recognized the other party; it was a rather clever fourth-rank Celestial Immortal wolf elder beside Lie Tian, whose name seemed to be Ji Feng.

"Elder Ji Feng?" David stepped forward, lowering his voice, "Where is Sect Master Lie Tian? Where are the others?" Elder Ji Feng, upon seeing David, was as if he had seen a savior, his eyes reddening with excitement. He hurriedly said, "Senior! It really is you! The Sect Master and the others...they are in a hidden valley not far ahead!"

"Everyone...everyone is in bad shape. Many brothers are injured, and the Sect Master's injuries are particularly severe. We were sent out to scout ahead and search for resources..."

"Lead the way!" David said without hesitation. Under Elder Ji Feng's guidance, the group moved more cautiously, bypassing several natural mazes and a seemingly calm but actually deadly swamp. Finally, they arrived at the entrance of a valley completely hidden by vines and strange rocks.

A simple yet ingenious illusion array and warning barrier were set up at the entrance, clearly hastily constructed. Elder Jifeng cast several specific beastman hand seals, causing the illusion array to ripple slightly and reveal a gap just wide enough for one person to pass through.

The group quickly slipped inside. The valley's interior was small but quite deep. More than twenty disciples of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect were either sitting or lying down, most of them wounded and weak, the air filled with a faint smell of blood mixed with herbs.

Seeing Jifeng bring back strangers, many wounded struggled to get up and be on guard, but when they saw David, especially when some of the older disciples beside Lietian recognized him, a suppressed, excited whisper rippled through the valley. "Senior Chen!"

"Senior has arrived!" Deep in the valley, on a relatively flat boulder, Lietian sat leaning against something, his face as pale as paper, his chest wrapped in thick bandages, with traces of blood seeping out. Seeing David, his dim eyes suddenly lit up, and he struggled to stand up: "Senior...you...you've finally arrived!"

David flashed to his side and pressed down on his shoulder: "Don't move." At the same time, his divine sense swept over him, and his heart sank slightly. Lie Tian not only suffered severe external injuries, but his internal organs had also been significantly shaken. Multiple meridians were damaged, and the traces of demonic energy erosion were obvious; he had clearly experienced a fierce battle.

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"How could he be so badly injured?"

David frowned, took out several healing pills he had refined himself, and without a word, stuffed them into Lie Tian's mouth. At the same time, he channeled a wisp of pure Chaos Immortal Power to help him neutralize the medicinal effects and clear the blocked meridians.

The pills melted instantly in his mouth, and the pure medicinal power and the gentle yet powerful life-giving energy quickly spread. A trace of color returned to Lie Tian's pale face, and his breathing became much more stable.

He let out a long sigh of relief and looked at David gratefully: "Thank you, Senior. If it weren't for your timely arrival and the gift of these elixirs, I'm afraid..."

"This is not the time to talk about such things."

David interrupted him, his gaze sweeping over the remaining disciples of the Myriad Beasts Sect in the valley, a surge of anger rising in his heart.

The once bustling and prosperous Ten Thousand Beasts Sect is now reduced to a mere few dozen wounded and defeated soldiers. "Where is Elder Xiong Tuo? Where are Shi Yan and Ying Wu? I don't see them."

Mentioning Xiong Tuo, Lie Tian's eyes instantly filled with deep sorrow and anger, his voice choked with emotion: "Elder Xiong Tuo... to cover our retreat, he was besieged by Zheng Gu and the Demon Sect traitors... he has... he has fallen..."

Although he had a premonition, hearing the news with his own ears still caused David a pang of pain in his heart.

That fiery yet loyal Elder Xiong...

He closed his eyes, suppressing the killing intent in his heart, and continued to ask, "Where are Shi Yan and Ying Wu?"

Lie Tian suppressed his grief and said, "After breaking through the encirclement that day, we dispersed and agreed to meet here."

"Shi Yan and Ying Wu's injuries were relatively minor, and they had a close relationship with the senior, so I sent them each with a team of clever disciples to scout out information and search for the senior's whereabouts in the direction of the Xuan Tian Sword Sect and near the old site of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect."

"We agreed that regardless of whether we found anything, we must return here within ten days. Now... eight days have passed, but there is still no trace of them, nor have we received any communication talismans from them..."

David's heart sank!

An ominous premonition arose spontaneously.

Shi Yan and Ying Wu were both cautious people; unless there were special circumstances, they would never fail to return on time, much less fail to send a message.

"Which direction did they go? Are there any distinguishing features or agreed-upon secret marks?"

David pressed, his tone unconsciously becoming urgent.

Lie Tian explained in detail the direction the two had left in and the possible routes they might take, as well as some simple secret marks they had agreed upon.

David quickly memorized them.

Just then, a leopard clan disciple responsible for guarding the valley entrance rushed in, his face pale, and said urgently in a low voice, "Sect Master! Senior! Something bad has happened! Outside... outside, we've discovered a large number of traces of enemy activity!"

"They're searching in our direction! They're less than a hundred miles away! There are many of them, at least three patrol teams have joined together, and two of them have extremely strong auras, probably... probably experts at the sixth rank of the Heavenly Immortal Realm!"

"What?!"

Everyone's expression changed drastically.

Lie Tian struggled to get up and give orders, but David held him down.

“The enemy came prepared, and they have the advantage in both numbers and experts. There’s no chance of winning in a direct confrontation,”

David calmly analyzed. “Although this valley is hidden, it’s not absolutely safe. It’s only a matter of time before we’re discovered. We must move immediately.”

“But...but where can we go?” an elder

said desperately. “Although the mountain range is vast, the Fusion Beast Clan knows this place like the back of their hand, and the Myriad Souls Demon Sect has its tracking techniques. With so many wounded, we can’t move fast at all. No matter where we hide, we’ll be found sooner or later.”

“How about going to my Xuan Tian Sword Sect?” Ling Shuang couldn’t help but speak up. “Our sect’s protective formation is strong enough to protect you all.”

“And who is this?” Lie Tian looked at Ling Shuang with a face full of doubt. He didn’t recognize Ling Shuang.

“This is Ling Shuang, the beloved daughter of Sect Master Ling,” David introduced.

Upon hearing this, Lie Tian quickly greeted her, then shook his head with a bitter smile and said, “I appreciate Miss Ling’s kindness. However, this place is too far from the Myriad Swords Mountain Range, and there will inevitably be many checkpoints along the way. It’s impossible for our team to cross safely.”

Everyone fell silent, and an atmosphere of despair spread through the valley.

With pursuers behind and no way forward, were they really going to perish here?

Just then, Ling Shuang’s eyes lit up, as if she had remembered something.

She hesitated for a moment, looked at David, then at Lie Tian, and said, “There’s another place we might be able to hide in for a while.”

“Where?” David asked.

“The Blazing Fire Secret Realm,”

Ling Shuang said. “This secret realm is an independent small world discovered by my master, the Heavenly Fire Sword Venerable. The entrance is hidden and requires a special token and incantation to open.”

“The interior of the secret realm is vast and complex, with abundant fire-attribute spiritual energy. Ordinary people can’t stay there for long, but it’s an excellent place to evade capture.”

“Most importantly, it’s less than two days’ journey from our current location, and the route is relatively remote.”

“The Blazing Fire Secret Realm?” David’s heart skipped a beat.

Secret realms usually have unique rules and can indeed block most tracking methods.

Lie Tian and the other elders of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect also showed hope, but it quickly faded: “Miss Ling, such a precious secret realm, we outsiders...”

“We can’t worry about that now!”

Ling Shuang said decisively, “My master always taught me that the path of sword cultivators is to uphold righteousness and help those in distress.”

“The Ten Thousand Beasts Sect has suffered such a great calamity, and the Demonic Sect is rampaging. How can my Xuan Tian Sword Sect sit idly by? Besides, this is also my father’s wish.”

She looked at David, “Senior Chen, what do you think?”

David pondered for a moment, and this was indeed the best choice at the moment.

He looked at Lie Tian: “Sect Master Lie Tian, what do you think?”

Lie Tian took a deep breath, cupped his hands and bowed deeply to Ling Shuang: “Miss Ling’s great kindness will never be forgotten by the entire Ten Thousand Beasts Sect! If we can survive this calamity, the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect will repay you with all our might in the future!”

“Sect Master Lie Tian, you flatter me.”

Ling Shuang quickly returned the bow, and then said seriously, “There is no time to lose. We must set off immediately and leave before the enemy surrounds us. I know a relatively safe shortcut.”

Just who exactly is this Senior Chen?

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David shook his head: "You go first."

"Senior?" Ling Shuang and Lie Tian were both taken aback.

"I'll go find Shi Yan and Ying Wu." David's gaze was firm. "They haven't returned on time, they must have encountered trouble. I can't abandon them."

"But Senior, there are search parties everywhere outside, it's too dangerous for you to act alone!" Ling Shuang said anxiously, her eyes showing genuine worry.

Lie Tian also advised, "Senior, Shi Yan and Ying Wu are both alert children. Perhaps they were just delayed by something, or are hiding somewhere. If you go out now, what if..."

"There is no 'what if'."

David's tone was calm, but with an undeniable determination. "I came to the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect with them. It is my responsibility to find them and get them out of here safely."

"You go to the secret realm first and tell me the exact location and how to enter. After I find them, I will meet up with you."

Seeing that David's mind was made up, Ling Shuang knew that further persuasion was useless.

She bit her lip, took out a fiery red, feather-shaped jade pendant from her bosom, and handed it to David: "Senior, this is the Blazing Fire Pendant, one of the keys to opening the entrance to the secret realm."

"The entrance to the secret realm is located about 20,000 miles southwest, at the deepest part of the Crimson Flame Canyon, where there is a crimson rock wall that burns eternally."

"Hold the Blazing Fire Pendant, circulate your fire-attribute spiritual power to activate it, and simultaneously use your divine sense to inscribe the seal I'm passing on to you. This will open the temporary entrance."

As she spoke, she transmitted a complex and profound seal into David's mind with her divine sense.

David sensed it briefly and memorized it, then took the Blazing Fire Pendant and put it away.



“Senior, please be careful! We’ll be waiting for you in the secret realm!” Ling Shuang looked at David, her eyes

filled with complex emotions. “Senior Chen, take care!” Lie Tian and the other disciples of the Myriad Beasts Sect also bowed, their eyes filled with gratitude and anticipation.

David nodded, said no more, and with a flicker, disappeared from everyone’s sight as if merging into the air.

Not even a spatial fluctuation was caused.

Ling Shuang stared blankly in the direction David had disappeared, stunned for a moment before snapping back to reality. Suppressing the strange emotions within her, she turned to Lie Tian and said, “Sect Master Lie Tian, we must set off immediately!”

“Please have the less seriously injured disciples help support the severely wounded. We’re leaving now!”

Led by Ling Shuang, this mixed force, composed of elites from the Xuan Tian Sword Sect and remnants of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, silently withdrew from the hidden valley, stealthily heading southwest towards the Crimson Flame Canyon.

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After leaving the valley, David pushed his spatial escape techniques and concealment abilities to their limits.

Like an invisible shadow, he swiftly traversed the dense forest, rocky cliffs, and shadows, his divine sense like the most sophisticated radar, radiating outwards in all directions from his own center.

He meticulously searched for any traces that might be related to the rocks and shadow dance, while skillfully avoiding squads of visible and hidden sentries.

He first followed the route provided by Lie Tian, searching a distance towards the Xuan Tian Sword Sect. He discovered several faint traces of a battle, as well as the unique hidden marks of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect.

The marks pointed in another direction—seemingly a secluded path leading

to the old site of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect. David’s heart tightened. Had the two been exposed while scouting the old site of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect?

He immediately changed direction and followed the marks.

The closer David got to the outer perimeter of the former Beast Sect site, the denser the patrols became, and the more tense the atmosphere grew. He

had to be even more cautious, sometimes needing to lie in wait for long intervals between patrol shifts to pass through.

Along the way, he discovered more signs of battle, and... bloodstains.

Judging from the aura, it was mixed with the scents of Shi Yan and Ying Wu!

David's heart sank.

Finally, near a narrow mountain stream about a hundred miles from the original Beast Sect core area, David discovered strong residual energy and a large amount of fresh blood.

The rocks on both sides of the stream bore obvious marks of sword and knife strikes and magical attacks, a scene of utter devastation.

In the air, besides the auras of Shi Yan and Ying Wu, there were at least five or six different, violent auras of fused beasts, and two chilling auras of demonic cultivators.

"They were ambushed here..."

David's eyes turned icy.

Judging from the traces at the scene, the battle was quite fierce. Shi Yan and Ying Wu had clearly put up a tenacious resistance, but the enemy outnumbered them and seemed to have come prepared.

He searched carefully and found a small, torn piece of black clothing in a crevice, carrying Ying Wu's faint scent and stained with a few drops of blood.

David held the piece of clothing, his knuckles turning slightly white.

Following the faint lingering scent and some barely perceptible drag marks on the ground, David tracked them.

The tracks eventually disappeared near the entrance of a cave halfway up the mountain, hidden by dense vines.

The cave entrance was concealed by a simple barrier, but faint sounds of voices and... a woman's sobs and struggles could be heard from inside!

David's eyes suddenly turned cold, his killing intent almost solidifying. He moved like lightning, silently passing through the rudimentary barrier and entering the cave.

The cave interior was quite spacious, illuminated by several eerie green soul lamps.

Seven or eight beast warriors of various appearances sat together, laughing and talking loudly, sharing food and wine. Scattered on the ground were some odds and ends taken from Shi Yan and Ying Wu.

Deeper into the cave, two people were bound to two thick stone pillars.

It was Shi Yan and Ying Wu!

Shi Yan's condition was extremely bad. He was covered in blood, with many deep wounds exposing bone, and one arm was bent unnaturally, clearly broken.

He hung his head, breathing weakly, in a semi-conscious state.

As for Ying Wu... her condition infuriated David even more!

Her outer garment was torn in half, revealing her blood-stained undergarments, and her fair skin was covered with bruises and wounds.

A beast leader with goat-like, crooked horns and a lewd face was wearing a lewd smile.

He reached out to tear off her remaining clothes, his breath reeking of alcohol: "Little beauty, don't struggle. After I've had my fill, I might spare your life and offer you to the Sect Master of the Ferocious Bone Sect as a plaything, hahaha!"

Yingwu struggled desperately, her eyes filled with tears of despair and humiliation, but her spiritual power was sealed and her injuries were severe, leaving her powerless to resist.

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"Stop!"

Shi Yan barely managed to lift his head, roaring in a hoarse voice, only to be kicked hard in the chest by a nearby beast warrior, causing him to spit out another mouthful of blood.

"Heh, you piece of trash, you're pretty tough? I'll deal with this little wench first, then I'll slowly torment you!"

The goat-horned leader leered, his hand almost touching Ying Wu's shoulder.

Just at this critical moment—

“Boom!”

The rudimentary barrier at the cave entrance shattered like paper!

A chilling, violent, terrifying killing intent, like a prehistoric beast awakening, swept through the entire cave like a tangible tide!

The laughter of all the beast warriors abruptly ceased, like ducks being choked.

They turned in horror, only to see a figure in a green robe standing at the cave entrance.

The man stood there, seemingly calm, but his eyes were like ancient ice, or a volcano about to erupt, containing a rage capable of destroying everything.

A single glance from him sent the usually ferocious beast warriors plummeting into an ice cave, their blood seemingly freezing.

“You...who are you?!”

The goat-horned leader, jolted awake by the murderous intent, shouted, his voice trembling uncontrollably.

David didn't answer.

His gaze fell on Shi Yan and Ying Wu, seeing their miserable state, especially the sudden glimmer of hope in Ying Wu's eyes, like seeing a savior, followed by a flood of tears of grievance. His anger reached its peak.

“You...all deserve to die.”

Five simple words, yet like the pronouncement of death.

The next instant, David moved.

There was no earth-shattering display, no flashy moves.

He simply raised his right hand, fingers spread, and gently clenched it around everyone in the cave except Shi Yan and Ying Wu.

“Buzz—!”

The air in the cave seemed to be sucked out instantly, and time seemed to stand still for a moment.

Then, under the horrified, speechless gazes of all the Fusion Beast Warriors, their bodies, along with their weapons, the wine jars beside them, and even the soul lamps, were as if gripped by an invisible giant hand, and then—

A series of muffled explosions rang out!

The seven Fusion Beast Warriors, including the goat-horned leader who was at the fourth rank of the Celestial Immortal Realm, didn't even have time to scream before their bodies exploded on the spot!

They turned into a cloud of blood mist and fragments of flesh and bone, splattering all over the cave walls!

A thick stench of blood instantly filled the air.

The entire cave, except for Shi Yan and Ying Wu who were bound to the stone pillars, was completely devoid of life.

David withdrew his hand, as if merely dusting off some dirt. He strode to the stone pillar, and with a flick of his fingers, the specially made animal sinew ropes binding the two snapped.

Yingwu lost her support and slumped downwards, but David caught her in time.

Leaning against David's chest, she felt his strong, reliable arms and the familiar, faint scent.

The fear, grievances, and despair of the past few days finally erupted completely. She clutched David's clothes tightly, buried her face in his chest, and burst into tears, her delicate body trembling uncontrollably.

"Senior... Senior... You really came... I knew... You would definitely come..."

she sobbed, her words incoherent.

David sighed inwardly, gently patted her back, and channeled a wisp of gentle chaotic immortal energy to help her calm her mind and alleviate her injuries.

Then he looked at Shi Yan, who was struggling to stand up.

Although Shi Yan was severely injured, his eyes burned with rage and lingering fear. He knelt on one knee, his voice hoarse, "Senior! Shi Yan is incompetent. I failed to protect Ying Wu and even caused you to risk your life..."

"Get up. This is not the time to talk about this."

David helped him up, channeling his immortal power to heal his injuries and giving him a pill. "How did you end up in their hands?"

Shi Yan took the pill and felt a warm current spread through him, easing his injuries considerably. He then quickly recounted what had happened.

It turned out that after they split up, Shi Yan's group had made the most progress, sneaking to the outskirts of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect's ruins.

They captured a lone Fusion Beast Warrior, extracting some information about the sect's inner workings. Just as they were about to leave, they unexpectedly encountered Ying Wu's group

. Ying Wu and her group seemed to have been exposed and were being pursued by a group of Fusion Beast Warriors.

Shi Yan immediately decided to provide backup, and the two groups joined forces, fighting and retreating simultaneously.

Although they killed many pursuers, the enemy's numbers continued to grow, even attracting experts from the Demonic Sect.

During the fierce battle, the group was scattered. Shi Yan and Ying Wu, to cover the retreat of the other disciples, deliberately drew away most of the pursuers, ultimately being ambushed near the mountain stream and captured after exhaustion.

The fate of the other disciples was unknown.

"Those bas\*\*\*s... after capturing us, they humiliated us in every way, and even tried to..." Shi Yan gritted his teeth, his eyes bloodshot.

"I understand,"

David interrupted him, his voice icy. "I will avenge you a hundredfold. But now, we must leave immediately."

"Although I tried my best to control the commotion, it might have attracted the attention of other enemies nearby,"

Shi Yan and Ying Wu nodded hurriedly.

David helped Ying Wu put on one of his spare robes to cover her torn clothes.

Then, supporting one of them with each hand, he flashed out of the cave, disappearing back into the shadows of the forest, speeding southwest.

About half an incense stick's time after they left, several powerful auras descended upon the cave. Upon seeing the horrific scene inside, they all gasped in shock, followed by angry roars and piercing alarms...

But by this time, David, along with Shi Yan and Ying Wu, were already dozens of miles away.

Following the route and method provided by Ling Shuang, he sped towards the entrance of the mysterious Li Huo Secret Realm.

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Crimson Flame Canyon, located in the southwest of the Ten Thousand Beasts Mountains, is named for the strange, ever-burning crimson flames deep within it.

The canyon's steep walls are a dark red, scorched by intense heat, and the air is thick with a scorching, dry atmosphere.

Ordinary plants struggle to grow here; only a few fire-resistant, unusual ferns and lichens dot the landscape.

When Ling Shuang led Lie Tian and the other wounded remnants of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect, after a grueling ordeal, to the deepest part of the canyon, everyone was exhausted.

Days of fleeing, tense nerves, and untreated injuries had brought the team's morale and stamina to rock bottom.

Before them lay a hundred-zhang-high, smooth, mirror-like crimson rock wall.

The rock wall was no ordinary rock, but a rare mineral called "Crimson Flame Crystal," upon which burned a seemingly weak yet eternally burning pale golden flame, the intense heat distorting the air itself.

This was the entrance to the Blazing Fire Secret Realm that Ling Shuang had mentioned.

“This is it.”

Ling Shuang stopped, her pale face flushed an unnatural red from the heat, but a glimmer of hope shone in her eyes.

She turned to Lie Tian and the others, saying, “Please wait a moment while I open the entrance.”

Lie Tian and the others gazed at the burning rock wall, feeling the vast and pure fire-attribute energy contained within, and felt somewhat relieved.

This entrance to the secret realm was so unique and well-hidden; perhaps it could truly allow them to temporarily escape the pursuit of the Demon Sect and the Fusion Beast Clan.

Ling Shuang took a deep breath, suppressing her fatigue and the lingering pain from her injuries, and walked to within three zhang of the rock wall.

She took out the same crimson feather jade pendant she had given David—the “Blood-Separating Fire Pendant”—and formed hand seals, transforming her pure Xuan Tian Sword Qi into blazing fire-attribute spiritual power, which she then poured into the jade pendant.

The “Fire Pendant” suddenly shone brightly, emitting a clear phoenix cry. A crimson beam shot out, striking the center of the burning rock wall.

At the same time, Ling Shuang focused her divine sense, beginning to inscribe the complex and profound opening seal.

However, just as the seal was about to be completed, and the flames on the rock wall began to fluctuate rhythmically, faintly revealing a portal’s phantom image—

“Hmph!”

A cold and majestic snort exploded in everyone’s ears like thunder!

The snort contained a powerful impact on the divine soul and a scorching sword intent. Ling Shuang was the first to be hit, feeling a sharp pain in her sea of consciousness, and the divine sense seal she was inscribing instantly collapsed!

She groaned, a trickle of blood spilling from the corner of her mouth, staggered back a few steps, and the light of the Fire Pendant in her hand dimmed.



The portal's phantom image that was about to take shape on the rock wall dissipated, returning to its original burning state.

"Who goes there?!"

Lie Tian mustered his strength, blocking in front of Ling Shuang, his silver pupils scanning the surroundings warily.

The other disciples of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect also braced themselves, assuming defensive stances.

"Shuang'er, how dare you!"

Accompanied by a majestic voice, a figure slowly emerged from the space before the burning rock wall, rippling like water. The

newcomer was a middle-aged man who appeared to be around forty or fifty years old, wearing a crimson robe embroidered with golden flame patterns. His face was ancient, and his eyes shone brightly, like two leaping flames.

He carried a strangely styled crimson longsword on his back; though unsheathed, it naturally exuded a scorching and sharp sword intent, seemingly capable of incinerating everything.

His aura was far stronger than that of the Heavenly Sky Cleaver at his peak, clearly indicating he was a top-tier sword cultivator at the eighth or even ninth rank of the Heavenly Immortal Realm!

"Master!"

Ling Shuang's face turned deathly pale upon seeing the newcomer. Ignoring her injuries, she hurriedly bowed, her voice trembling.

This man was none other than Ling Shuang's master, Ling Yan, a genius swordsman of the previous generation from the Xuan Tian Sword Sect. He later left the sect to venture out on his own and was later revered as the Heavenly Fire Sword Venerable!

Ling Yan's gaze was like lightning. He first swept his eyes over Ling Shuang, noticing the bloodstains at the corner of her mouth and her weakened aura. A barely perceptible pity flashed in his eyes, but it was quickly overshadowed by even greater anger.

His gaze then swept over Lie Tian and the other beastmen, who were clearly not swordsmen and were all injured with mixed auras. His face immediately turned so gloomy it could drip water.

"Shuang'er, have you forgotten my rules?"

Ling Yan's voice was icy cold, devoid of any emotion. "The Blazing Fire Secret Realm is my place of quiet cultivation, and I absolutely forbid any outsiders from setting foot here!"

"You left the secret realm without permission to meddle in the conflict between our sect and the Demonic Sect, and I haven't even pursued the matter yet. Now you dare to bring so many... random strangers here without permission, and you still want to open the secret realm?"

"Where do you place my rules? Where do you place the precepts of the Xuan Tian Sword Sect?"

"Master, please calm down!"

Ling Shuang knelt down with a thud, and said urgently, "Disciple knows her mistake! But there was a reason! The Myriad Beasts Sect was ambushed by the Myriad Souls Demonic Sect and a traitor, and the sect was destroyed."

"Sect Master Lie Tian and the others fought desperately to break through the encirclement, and now they are pursued from behind and have no way forward. Disciple... Disciple really couldn't bear to see them being slaughtered by the Demonic Sect, so I dared to bring them to the secret realm for temporary refuge."

"We implore Master to have mercy and allow them to enter the secret realm to hide for a while. They will leave once the storm has passed! Father... Father also agreed to my assistance!"

"Ling Yunzi agreed?"

Ling Yan frowned, but his anger did not diminish. "His agreement is his business! This is the Li Huo Secret Realm, my territory! The rules are set by me!" "

Don't even mention Ling Yunzi, even if the ancestors of the Xuan Tian Sword Sect were resurrected, it wouldn't change anything!"

He looked at Lie Tian and the others with cold eyes, as if looking at a group of ants: "A bunch of stray dogs, do you even deserve to defile my place of cultivation?"

"Get out of the Crimson Flame Valley immediately! Otherwise, don't blame me for being merciless with my sword!"

"Senior!"

Lie Tian endured the humiliation, stepped forward, and bowed deeply. "This junior, Lie Tian, is the sect leader of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect. The sect has suffered this

calamity, which is truly unavoidable. I have absolutely no intention of offending your cultivation, senior.”

“We only beg for your help, senior, to allow us temporary refuge. We are willing to offer all the remaining resources and treasures of the Ten Thousand Beasts Sect as a reward. In the future, if you command us, the entire Ten Thousand Beasts Sect will go through fire and water without hesitation!”

“Ten Thousand Beasts Sect? Hmph, what right does a piece of trash that can’t even protect its own gate have to negotiate with me?”

Ling Yan sneered mercilessly. “Your resources and treasures? I don’t care! Get out of here now! Don’t force me to personally send you on your way!”