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Chapter 21 - Poison Valley Threat

Yang Gouming and Yang Chen were also curious about Yun Lintian as well. Especially Yang Gouming, who had a higher understanding of the iron rule of the Misty Cloud Sect. He was extremely confused why had Yun Lintian appeared here along with Yun Huanxin and the rest.

Yun Lintian laughed slightly: "You can call my name directly. I don't like being called a Senior. After all, we are all around the same age... As for your question, my answer is yes. I am indeed a member of the Misty Cloud Sect."

When Yun Lintian had finished his sentence, Yun Huanxin added, "He is our Sect Master's son."

Yang Gouming and his children looked at each other in shock. Yang Mengli and Yang Chen might not know much about Yun Qianxue, but how could Yang Gouming didn't know about her? 40 years ago, Yun Qianxue was regarded as the number one beauty throughout the entire Heavenly Fortune Nation. She was the dream lover of countless men. However, her attitude toward them was simple. She loathed all of them and didn't hesitate to kill whoever trying to approach her. Therefore, how could she possibly have a child?

Although Yang Gouming was extremely curious, he didn't inquire about this matter further. He turned to Yun Huanxin and said, "Congratulations to your sect for gaining such a genius doctor."

"Thank you." Yun Huanxin surprisingly replied politely with a proud expression on her delicate face.

Yun Lintian waved his hand, "Oh please, Senior. Stop it already. If Senior continued to praise me, I might be starting to fly now." His words made everyone laughed. He said further, "Right, congratulations to both of you for reaching the tenth level in such a short time."

Yang Mengli and Yang Chen smiled at each other. Yang Chen said, "It's all because of you, Senior... Not right, I will call you Brother Yun from now on. You can also call me by my name directly."

Yun Lintian nodded his head slightly: "Good. I'll call you Brother Yang and Sister Yang from now on."

Seeing their friendly interaction, Yang Gouming smiled heartily. To be able to establish a connection with such a talented doctor like Yun Lintian, undoubtedly, they had gained a massive benefit from it.

At this moment, Yun Lintian suddenly thought of something. He asked, "Senior, is your incident related to the Luo clan? If it's inconvenient, Senior don't have to tell me about it." Although Yun Lintian hadn't interested in the disputes between them, he just wanted to confirm something in his mind.

Yang Gouming smiled faintly, "What senior? Just call me Uncle Yang... That's right. Luo clan is the one behind all of this. Several years ago, they secretly invited a poison doctor from the Poison Valley and they started to use poisons on other clans. I just discovered about this recently."

"Poison Valley?" Yun Huanxin immediately frowned upon hearing this name.

Yang Gouming nodded with a heavy expression: "Yes. That poison doctor is indeed coming from the Poison Valley. The problem is that Qi Qianxing is aware of this matter, but he chose to ignore it."

"No wonder. Qi Qianxing didn't hesitate to join the fray." Yun Huanxin muttered to herself. She finally understood in and out of this matter.

"Hmm? What happened?" Yang Gouming heard about it and asked in confusion. He had recovered a month ago and was busy dealing with the clan's internal affairs. Hence, he didn't know much about the outside situation. Especially about the Misty Cloud Sect.

Yun Lintian took this chance to explain, "Uncle Yang is probably too busy in the past month and missed this piece of information... Currently, our sect has been under threat. Sacred Flame Sect has joined with Sword Profound Sect and Qi royal clan. They are planning to kill us off."

"What!?" Yang Gouming exclaimed in shock. For Sacred Flame Sect, he was aware of the grudge between them, but he never expected Sword Profound Sect and even Qi royal clan would join in too.

Yun Huanxin added, "It's not only them. If I guessed correctly, there should be Luo clan and Chen clan too."

Yang Gouming's expression turned serious: "Why would they decide to do this?"

Yun Lintian shrugged his shoulders without giving any explanation. Was there any need for an explanation? They just wanted to get rid of the Misty Cloud Sect for benefits. Simple as that.

"Father..." Yang Chen wanted to say something. He was an upright person. Even though he knew that involving with this matter was equal to creating an archenemy with Qi royal clan, he still wanted his father to help Yun Lintian.

Meanwhile, Yang Mengli didn't say anything and only looked at her father calmly. She was a businesswoman and would weigh between pros and cons before deciding. She had analyzed everything calmly. With the strength of the Yang clan alone, it was impossible to fight with all of them. Hence, she didn't express her opinion and leave everything to her father.

Yang Gouming's mind spun rapidly. He spoke after a while: "Since they are deciding to be your enemy. All of you here are in danger. They won't let this chance to capture all of you go easily." He paused for a second and said further, "If it was me alone, I will definitely go all out and take part in this matter. However, I still have my clansmen on my shoulders. I won't be able to help you much on this matter. Sorry."

Yun Lintian wasn't surprised by Yang Gouming's decision and he didn't think Yang Gouming was ungrateful. It was normal to think of yourself and your family before helping others. On the contrary, he even praised Yang Gouming for speaking in a straightforward manner instead of being halfhearted.

Yun Lintian smiled: "Uncle Yang doesn't have to feel sorry for us. I understand your decision. I told you about this isn't because I need your help, but rather I want you to be aware of this matter. I think you should understand what I want to say."

Yang Gouming nodded his head. Even a fool could see a storm was about to come and his Yang clan was destined to be swept by this storm as well. He said solemnly, "Although I can't help the Misty Cloud Sect getting out of this calamity, I can guarantee that all of you will be able to get out of here safely."

Yun Lintian cupped his fists: "Thank you, Uncle Yang. But you shouldn't cross the board too far. Since we dare to come here, we naturally have a way to get out of this situation. You don't have to worry."

"Fine." Yang Gouming replied.

Yang Cheng was extremely disappointed in his father's decision, but he also understood the situation. At this moment, he was in a dilemma. His strength wasn't that great to the point he could turn the tide by himself, but he couldn't just sit and watch his benefactor facing a problem.

Just as Yang Chen was about to say something, he felt a hand on his shoulder. He tilted his head and see Yang Mengli shook her head, preventing him from saying. He clenched his fists and let out a helpless sigh in the end.

"We will take our leave first." Since there was nothing to say further, Yang Gouming immediately took his children and left the place.

"Alright." Yun Lintian responded. He turned to Yun Huanxin and asked, "Third Aunt, what is Poison Valley?"

Yun Huanxin, who was pondering something all this time, answered, "Poison Valley is a notorious group of people with an unclear origin. Their members are proficient in poison. In the past, they were wreaking havoc throughout the entire Northern Continent by using innocent lives to do their poison experiment. Even ordinary people are no exception as well. Until thirty years ago, the Frozen Moon Palace sent out a decree to get rid of them, and they had disappeared afterward. Who would have thought they still exist."

Yun Lintian and other senior sisters' expressions turned grave after listening to this. This Poison Valley was too cruel. In order to experiment with their poison art, they didn't even let ordinary people go. Was there any use by testing poison on a weak mortal? They just wanted to kill, that's why.

Yun Lintian suddenly realized something. He quickly asked, "Third Aunt, you mean..."

Yun Huanxin slowly nodded her head, "Our enemies are not just them, but Poison Valley as well."

Yun Lintian's face turned unsightly. Just the current enemies were already difficult to deal with, and now Poison Valley was added in. He didn't know how to help his sect survive this calamity anymore... Only if I have power. An unwilling thought appeared in his mind.

Buzz—

All of a sudden, the silver necklace on his neck vibrated briefly and stopped in the next moment. Yun Lintian was startled and quickly grabbed it. To his disappointment, there was nothing happened further in the end.

"What happened?" Yun Huanxin saw his strange action.

Yun Lintian let go of the necklace while shaking his head, "Nothing... Third Aunt, let's send the news back first."

Yun Huanxin agreed and quickly took a long-range transmission jade out of her pocket. "Beware of Poison Valley. Their member appears behind the Luo clan." She said.

A moment later, the transmission jade vibrated slightly, indicating the other sides had successfully received the message.

"Third Aunt, you have to be careful after we are gone. I'll help you set up a formation around here." Yun Lintian gave her a warning out of worry. All he could do was to set a profound formation around here beforehand. At least, Yun Huanxin would be safer while Yun Lintian was gone into the mythical realm.
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"Mhm." Yun Huanxin didn't refuse. They had around five days before the Blazing Sun Mythical Realm open.

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After leaving the Misty Cloud Sect's camp, Yang Chen hesitated several times before he finally asked, "Father..." He couldn't finish his sentence as he was interrupted by Yang Gouming.

"I know what you wanted to say, but this matter is out of our hands. It's not just them. We are also in danger as well." Yang Gouming patiently said.

Yang Chen became silent. He was aware of the situation, but he just couldn't get rid of the uncomfortable in his heart. Without Yun Lintian's help, he would still be a useless cripple and Yang Gouming would still lie on the bed until now. Now his benefactor was in trouble. How could he simply ignore it?

Yang Gouming saw through his son's current mood, he said further, "All we can do right now is providing support for them as much as we can. Remember, during the exploration, you have to do your best to help them."

Yang Chen took a deep breath and nodded, "Understood, Father."

Chapter 22 - Mythical Realm Open

"Yang Gouming has visited the Misty Cloud Sect's camp?" A dignified middle-aged man in white clothes asked while he wiping a long golden spear in his hand with fine linen. His facial features were ninety percent resembled Luo Kun, who was sitting on his side. He was the current patriarch of the Luo clan, Luo Kang.

"Yes, Patriarch. He also brought his children with him." A butler reported.

"Why did he suddenly visited them?" Luo Kun frowned slightly.

The butler replied, "He went to visit a young man over there. I don't know what are they talking about, but it seems their relationship isn't that simple because I saw Yang Gouming gave that young man a bow."

Luo Kang's hand stopped moving, as he was surprised and curious at the same time: "Who could that be? How could a man getting along with the Misty Cloud Sect's members?"

The butler shook his head. He failed to get information because the isolation barrier around the Misty Cloud Sect's camp was too strong.

Meanwhile, Luo Kun suddenly thought of something. He asked, "What does he look like?"

The butler began to describe Yun Lintian's appearance.

After Luo Kun listening to the butler's reply, his eyes immediately turned cold. "It's him?"

Luo Kang looked at his son as he asked, "Who is it?"

Luo Kun quickly narrated about the incident where he met Yun Lintian in the capital city a month ago and how did he send someone to go after him but failed in the end.

Luo Kang said with a tinge of shock after listening to his son's narration, "A genius doctor? You mean he is the one who cured Yang Gouming and his children? He could even restore Yang Chen's damaged Profound Vein?"

Luo Kun nodded his head firmly: "Definitely! Besides him, nobody dares to help the Yang clan. I admitted that his attainment in medical profound art is extremely high. I never thought that he would appear here once again... But what is the relationship between him and the Misty Cloud Sect?"

Luo Kang had a suspicion about this as well. Just as they were falling into their own thoughts, the tent suddenly opened and Huo Shan immediately walked into the tent uninvited. *NewW novels updates on nov/el/b(i)n(.).com*

Luo Kang looked at Huo Shan with a smile. He said, "What brings you here, Elder Huo Shan?"

Huo Shan unceremoniously sat opposite Luo Kang and said, "I came here to ask for your help. I need you to join us to deal with Yun Huanxin."

Luo Kang's brows raised slightly: "How many people over there?"

"Yun Huanxin came alone with her disciples." Huo Shan answered.

Luo Kang was even more confused at this moment. Although Yun Huanxin's spatial technique was difficult to handle, it shouldn't be necessary to mobilize a huge lineup to deal with her.

Seeing Luo Kang's puzzle expression, Huo Shan said further, "She already reached Half-step Ruler Profound Realm. I and Elder Ji Yi are not her opponents. We've been defeated by her a while ago." He didn't tell Luo Kang about Qi Hao's part for fearing Luo Kang wouldn't cooperate with him.

Luo Kang didn't agree right away. Instead, he asked, "Do you know the identity of the young man who came with Yun Huanxin's group?"

"He's Yun Qianxue's son. Yun Huanxin told us." Huo Shan replied. He was also curious about this as well. He didn't know if it was true that Yun Lintian was Yun Qianxue's son.

Both Luo's father and son glanced at each other in surprise. Especially Luo Kang, in the past, he was also one of Yun Qianxue's suitors. How could he not know that the famous Snow Cloud Fairy hated men to the bone? How could it possible for her to have a son?

Luo Kang stabilized his mood and spoke, "If it is the case, we should take this opportunity to capture him alive. Yun Qianxue definitely compromises with him in our hands." He intentionally hid Yun Lintian's capability from Huo Shan so that he could take advantage of this.

"Then I'll take my leave first." Huo Shan said and quickly left.

Luo Kang was pondered for a moment. He said to his son, "Since this young man came here, he definitely participate in the exploration. Try your best to capture him. As for others, just kill them all."

Hearing this, Luo Kun smiled wickedly in reply.

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Five days passed by in a blink of an eye. During this period, the news about Yun Lintian's identity had spread among every camp. Whether it was the Li clan, Hua clan, or Chen clan, they were looking forward to seeing this Snow Cloud Fairy's son. After all, Yun Qianxue was an extremely famous individual. Her fame had spread throughout the Heavenly Fortune Nation, even a younger generation also heard her name before. In the past, her suitors could easily be lined up across the nation. After knowing she had a son, they were upset and unwilling to accept such a heavy blow. Even though they knew Yun Qianxue

would never look at them and becoming her husband was even more impossible, they still wanted to know who was the chosen one that successfully took her down.

Yun Lintian's group finished their preparation and immediately set off toward the mythical realm's entrance by walking. When they reached their destination, several groups of people had already waited for them.

The Blazing Sun Mythical Realm could contain only 100 people at the same time, no more or less. The Qi royal clan had given a quota to each top force in the nation. They could bring 10 of their disciples to participate in the Blazing Sun Mythical Realm's exploration with an exceptional 20 for the Qi royal clan.

Yun Lintian saw many familiar faces such as Luo Kun, Hua Wanru, Ji Yi, and Huo Shan. Aside from them, he saw another two unfamiliar groups of people. They were members of the six major clans, the Chen clan, and the Li clan. Upon seeing Yun Lintian's group, all of them immediately looked at him attentively. Yun Lintian could feel several Spiritual Senses were rudely swept over his body.

"Hmph!" Yun Huanxin snorted coldly. Her aura burst forth, dispelling their Spiritual Senses completely.

"Haha, don't be angry, Hall Master Yun. Everyone is just curious about the young master of the Misty Cloud Sect. After all, he is the Snow Cloud Fairy's son we are talking about." The Crown Prince, Qi Yuanfeng, stepped forward and said in relax tone. His gaze swept at Yun Lintian as he asked, "Fifth level of Essence Profound Realm? It seems Young Master Yun's talent is not good. Are you sure, you want to take part in this exploration?"

With his intelligence, Yun Lintian could guess the identity of Qi Yuanfeng right away. He smiled faintly: "Thank you for your concern, Your Highness. As for my talent, indeed, it's not good, but I still want to participate in this." His voice was calm without a slight agitation after getting insulted by Qi Yuanfeng.

Qi Yuanfeng didn't say anything further, he only laughed slightly. Seeing Yun Lintian was so calm despite he had verbally insulted him in a direct fashion, Qi Yuanfeng gave him a high evaluation. After all, there weren't many youths around Yun Lintian's age who could endure being looking down on like this without the slightest agitation.

In the Luo clan's group, Luo Kun paid attention to Yun Lintian for all this time. When he saw Qi Yuanfeng trying to test Yun Lintian, he immediately changed his mind and took a step forward. He looked at Yun Lintian and said, "We meet again, Doctor Yun."

Luo Kun's words instantly attracted everyone's attention. Many of them didn't know much about Yun Lintian. Naturally, they didn't know he was the miraculous doctor that appeared in the capital city a month ago.

Yun Lintian glanced at Luo Kun and replied, "Indeed, we have met again, Young Master Luo. Last time you've sent your subordinate to escort me back to the sect. I really appreciate that. May I know if he returned to you safely?"

Luo Kun's eyes immediately narrowed. His body brimming with anger: "Did you kill him?"

Everyone present was not stupid. They instantly understood the matter between the two. Luo Kun sent his servant after Yun Lintian, but that servant was killed by Yun Lintian instead. The way Yun Lintian spoke made everyone viewing him in a new light... Escorting you back to the sect? Haha! I'm afraid Luo Kun's subordinate had probably become a fertilizer under a mango tree somewhere already. Everyone was amused by Yun Lintian's sarcastic eloquence.

Yun Lintian raised his index finger and moving it side to side, "No, no. You are asking the wrong question, Young Master Luo. Since when did I say that I kill your subordinate?... From the look of you, I assumed he hasn't returned to you yet?" He then shrugged his shoulders and spread his arms innocently. "Before he left, I already gave him some money for his transportation fee. Perhaps he didn't take a carriage and still on his way back to the city?"

Just as Luo Kun wanted to say something, Yun Lintian suddenly slapped his forehead, "Aiya, maybe I give him too little... Never mind, I will burn more money for him later."

Pffttt—

Several people broke into laughter as they couldn't hold back anymore. At first, they were confused why did Yun Lintian give Luo Kun's subordinate money since he had already died. Now, they were enlightened — the money in Yun Lintian's words was referred to joss papers. [1]

Luo Kun trembled in anger. His eyes burning with killing intent. This was the second time he had been toyed with.

Seeing this, Luo Kang took a step forward and said to Yun Huanxin, "My people died in your Young Master's hands. How do you want to settle this?"

The surrounding laughter abruptly stopped as they prepared to watch a good show.

Yun Huanxin gave a chuckle: "Settle? Why don't you give us compensation instead? You sent someone to kill our Young Master after all."

Luo Kang stared at Yun Huanxin for a while. He snorted coldly, without saying a word in the end. However, when Luo Kun wanted to continue the conversation, Luo Kang raised his hand to stop him and said, "You don't have to say anything. Just make sure he can't return from the mythical realm."

Although his voice was not loud, everyone in this place was a profound practitioner. They could hear it clearly. They subconsciously glanced at Yun Huanxin, waiting for her to retort back. Unfortunately, the scene they were expected didn't happen. Yun Huanxin only smiled faintly and paid no more attention to Luo Kang.

Woosh!

All of a sudden, a tide of profound energy surged out of the mythical realm's entrance. The stone gate at the center started to rotate at low speed, releasing a white light in the middle space. The original empty space slowly filled with a curtain of white light and finally became stable, with no ripple.

"The entrance has opened. All the participants can go in." Qi Yuanfeng said loudly while looking at everyone present.

"We will go now. Take care, Third Aunt." Yun Lintian said to Yun Huanxin.

Yun Huanxin grabbed his hand and said with concern, "You have to be careful in there. Don't take the risk, understand?" Her beautiful eyes stared at Yun Lintian's face as if she wanted to engrave this image into her mind.

Yun Lintian patted her hand and replied with a confident smile, "Understood." He then beckoned the other nine senior sisters to follow him into the entrance.

"Good luck. Young Master Yun." As Yun Lintian walked past Qi Yuanfeng, the latter whispered with a meaningful gaze.

Yun Lintian casually nodded his head in a reply and vanished into the white light curtain along with nine senior sisters.

Chapter 23 - Flee

Yun Lintian's vision turned completely white for a minute before he found himself standing in a forest. The forest filled with lush pine trees and ancient woods. It was not too dense, as he could still see a pathway to walk. On the ground, Yun Lintian discovered several rank 1 medicinal herbs. From their appearance, it shouldn't be over 40 years of age.

He didn't rush to harvest the herbs, instead, he raised his vigilance while surveying the vicinity. After a while, he didn't see any sign of life around this area. He then started to move forward.

Buzz—

Just as he took a step, the silver necklace on his neck suddenly vibrated for a second and disappeared like it usually did before. Yun Lintian quickly grabbed it, trying to perceive something, but the result was the same as before — nothing could be found.

"Come on! Don't tease me like this." Yun Lintian couldn't help but complain. This necklace kept vibrating once in a while, several times already. It brought him hope as he thought he was going to activate a cheat device or something that helped him become a super powerhouse. Unfortunately, the reality was too hurtful. Aside from giving him illusory hope, it left a zero clue for him.

Woosh!

While Yun Lintian paying attention to the necklace, suddenly, a long iron javelin appeared out of nowhere, shooting toward his head at high speed. Without thinking for a second, Yun Lintian instinctively rolled on the ground to avoid the incoming projectile.

Boom!

The javelin hit the pine tree behind Yun Lintian, causing the tree to break apart into pieces.

Oi, Oi! Don't you need to perform trash-talking first before launching an attack? This is clearly off script! Yun Lintian cursed inwardly as he quickly stood up and looked at a figure distant away. Judging from the spear symbol on the figure's clothes, Yun Lintian immediately recognized the figure's identity right away. Without a doubt, this man should be one of Luo Kun's lackeys.

"Not bad. You can avoid my surprise attack... Hey! Where are you going!?" The man slowly approached Yun Lintian with an arrogant smile, while trying to act like an expert. However, he had to stop his aloof speech midway because he saw Yun Lintian grabbed his javelin and run away hastily.

"Thanks for the weapon, brother!" Yun Lintian shouted back while performing a movement technique to increase his speed.

"F*ck!" The man from the Luo clan cursed out loud and speedily chased after Yun Lintian.

From the man's aura, Yun Lintian knew that his strength was at least around the eighth level of Essence Profound Realm. With his pitiful fifth-level strength, there was no way he could fight the man head-on. Therefore, he decided to run right away without hesitation.

Yun Lintian scanned through the vicinity cautiously while praying in his heart — he must not encounter a profound beast. However, it was as if gods could hear his prayer and kindly granted his wish. A hundred meters away in front of him, there was a green panther lying leisurely on the ground, basking in the morning sunlight.

"Damn it! I shouldn't have jinxed it." Yun Lintian abruptly changed direction and rushed forward with all his might. With a glance, he instantly knew this panther was at least a peak Essence Profound Beast.

The panther opened its eyes to glance at this human speedster with little interest before closing its eyes, continuing to enjoy the sunlight after Yun Lintian vanishing from its sight. In the next moment, the panther perceived a potential danger and hastily jumped off the ground.

Boom!

A javelin went straight to the ground on the panther's previous position, causing the clouds of dust to fill the air.

The man who had followed Yun Lintian saw this scene. A bad premonition suddenly emerged in his heart and his body swiftly reacted as he turned around, trying to flee from the place.

The panther descended to the ground, looking at the javelin with boundless anger. It turned its head and happened to see the man's silhouette far away. The panther's cold eyes instantly fixated on him before it leaped into the air, charging after the target at insanely high speed.

The man saw the panther chasing after him. He wanted to cry while cursing Yun Lintian inwardly for his cunning move. As much as he desired to kill Yun Lintian, he couldn't do anything but run with all he had at this moment.

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"Phew... That was close." Yun Lintian mumbled to himself while panting heavily. He leaned against a tall ancient tree to take a breather.

Fortunately, the Essence Profound Beast hadn't developed its intelligence until it became a Spirit Profound Beast. That's why the panther earlier had fallen for Yun Lintian's scheme easily.

Wiping sweat out of his forehead, Yun Lintian looked around and discovered a swamp in the distance. A piece of memory instantly resurfaced in his mind as he took out a leather map from his interspatial ring.

The map was given by Yun Ruanyu before he coming here. It contained the finest details of the Blazing Sun Mythical Realm. Every treasure cave and Profound Beast territory were written down on the map, and it was passing down by each generation's disciple.

The Blazing Sun Mythical Realm had a circular shape, with the forest region at the outside surrounding the desert in the middle. Because there was only one swamp in this mythical realm, Yun Lintian managed to find his location on the map in a short time. Currently, he was on the western side of the forest region. According to the agreed plan, if any member of his team discovered their position on the map, they had to either move to the northern or the southern area and regroup over there before heading to the center of the mythical realm.

Yun Lintian put the map away and walked toward the swamp. When he arrived at the shore, he immediately attracted by a small pink lotus that was floating at the center of the swamp.

"No way! Celestial Buddha Lotus? How could it appear here?" Yun Lintian was astonished by the identity of the lotus in front of him.

This lotus was a divine rank magical plant according to [The Remnant Record of Life]. It could be used to strengthen the target's Profound Vein or using as an ingredient of a divine rank pill. Judging from the color and number of leaves, this Celestial Buddha Lotus's age should be around thirty years at most. It needed around a thousand years to be fully matured.

Yun Lintian put his excitement aside and looked into the swamp beneath the lotus. Typically, this kind of heaven treasure would have its guardian, but he didn't see any profound beast nearby.

After confirming there was no danger around the vicinity, he used his hand to test the water's temperature before jumping into the spring. The swamp was around 3 square kilometers in size with over 100 meters deep. Yun Lintian had to swim for a while to reach the lotus.

When he reached halfway, Yun Lintian abruptly halted his movement because his instinct told him he was in danger. His body involuntarily tensed up as he took out a long iron spear from his ring and looking around vigilantly.

Thud—

A heavy throb rang into Yun Lintian's ears, and the water's surface started to ripple violently. At this moment, Yun Lintian saw a huge shadow in the water, slowly approaching him.

"What the..." Yun Lintian couldn't even finish his exclamation, the swamp water suddenly forming into a giant wall and descending down on top of him.

He hastily urged his profound energy to conjure a protective barrier around his body.

Boom!

The water wall engulfed Yun Lintian entirely and shattered his protective barrier right away. His body ached all over as if he was hit by a truck.

Yun Lintian was pushed down deep into the water. He calmed himself down very quickly while inspecting his body. Upon seeing there was no major injury, he looked around, finding a way to go back to the surface.

At this moment, his gaze unintentionally landed on the approaching enormous shadow in the distance. His body turned cold instantly because he could see the appearance of this shadow clearly this time. Its appearance resembled a crocodile, but a hundred times bigger than a normal crocodile. Its skins were full of sharp spikes, extremely thick to the point that Yun Lintian didn't think he could leave a single scratch on them.

"Abyssal Crocodile? And it already became a Spirit Profound Beast!?" Yun Lintian exclaimed in shock and he hastily circulated his profound energy as he fled toward the shore's direction.

Roar!

The Abyssal Crocodile let out a loud roar and rushed to Yun Lintian at high speed.

There was no way a human like Yun Lintian could outspeed a natural water beast like a crocodile. In the span of ten seconds, the distance between the two had reduced by more than half.

Yun Lintian knew he couldn't continue like this, otherwise, he would become its food in the next moment. He took out a green talisman from his ring and injected a portion of profound energy into it.

The green talisman shone brightly and released a surge of wind, enveloping Yun Lintian, causing his movement speed to increase by leaps and bounds.

Seeing the prey was going to escape from its hand, the Abyssal Crocodile shot several water arrows at Yun Lintian. The latter stayed vigilant all the time — he twisted his body slightly and thrust his spear forward, colliding with the incoming water arrows head-on.

Bang!

Yun Lintian used the impact to push himself away from the Abyssal Crocodile. The distance between the two increased greatly and there were around 200 meters left before Yun Lintian could reach the shore.

The Abyssal Crocodile was mad by the result. Although it possessed intelligence, it couldn't firmly control the outcome in the end. When the crocodile saw Yun Lintian climbed onto the shore, it let out an angry roar once again before turning around, going back to guard the lotus.

After Yun Lintian climbing up to the shore, he continued to run away as if his life was at stake. It was only until he ran out of his profound energy did he stop and slumped onto a sturdy tree nearby, panting heavily.

"What a bad luck." He muttered to himself and began to replenish his strength. He never thought his first official adventure would end up running away from the enemy two times in a row.

Nevertheless, he was so excited — his heart beat madly. The long-lost familiar feelings that he hadn't tasted for a long time, emerging once again along with the unforgotten memory. The memory that brought him pain and happiness.

Chapter 24 - Fisher

Two days passed by in a blink of an eye. Yun Lintian still camping around the swamp, unwilling to let the Celestial Buddha Lotus go. After all, it was the Divine rank magical plant, extremely scarce and possibly be the only one in the Azure World.

During these days, Yun Lintian hiding himself on the top of the tree, observing the surroundings as well as finding a way to deal with the Abyssal Crocodile. In truth, he could set up a killing formation to deal with the beast, but his Profound stones were limited. He didn't want to waste them here.

Yun Lintian's concealment ability worked very well — many people passing by this spot but never discovered his presence. In the past two days, he hadn't seen any of his senior sisters around here. His heart grew worried, and he started to weigh the choices between leaving and staying here.

"Hmm?" Suddenly, Yun Lintian could smell an intense fragrance floating along with the wind. He cast his gaze onto the swamp and saw the Celestial Buddha Lotus was blooming, revealing a faint golden color at the middle.

The fragrance spread several kilometers away, immediately attracting many people nearby. Within an hour, the swamp became crowded. There were at least twenty people from various forces coming together. The members of the Hua, Li, Chen, Yang, and Qi royal clans were present and the highest number among them were members of the Qi royal clan, five people.

"Why did Senior Sister Chan come here?" Yun Lintian frowned slightly when he saw a familiar figure among the group. She was one of his senior sisters who came to this place with him. Her name was Yun Chan.

Yun Chan had a beautiful oval face, clad in snow-white robes with a short sword in her hand. Her expression was calm and composed. There wasn't any agitation on her face despite she was facing a group of enemies.

"Greetings, Misty Cloud Fairy. My name is Yang Ping. Our Young Master and Young Mistress told us to cooperate with you. I don't know what do you think about this?" A tall handsome youth from the Yang clan took a step forward and greeted Yun Chan with a smile.

Yun Chan gave a slight nod and replied, "We can form a team together."

Yang Ping called his friend over and discussed a strategy with Yun Chan in a low voice.

Yun Lintian didn't hurry to show himself. He continued to listen to the conversation between everyone and tried to find a way to warn Yun Chan about the Abyssal Crocodile.

"Everyone, why don't we share this lotus together?" Said a man with a long sword strapped to his back. He was a member of the Qi royal clan. His name was Song He.

Everyone glanced at each other without saying a word. No one was stupid enough to believe in his word. Moreover, they didn't recognize the value of the lotus. Most of them thought it was a high-rank medicinal plant, but they couldn't determine what rank it was. They were not sure if it was worth getting into a conflict because of this unknown lotus.

Seeing this, Song He chuckled and said, "Since all of you don't want it. We will take it away by ourselves." Following that, he and his friends jumped into the swamp one after another.

"What should we do? Are we going to let them take it away?" Yang Ping said anxiously.

Yun Chan pondered for a moment and decided to follow them. However, just before she moved, there was a small needle shot toward her and it pinned accurately on her sleeve.

Her expression abruptly changed while looking at her sleeve and saw a tiny letter tied onto the needle. She secretly opened it and read the content carefully. After a while, she said to Yang Ping, "We will wait and see first."

Yang Ping was upset, but he didn't act impulsively. Even though he was unwilling to see the group of Qi royal clan's members taking the lotus away, he could still maintain his rationale.

Yun Lintian nodded his head in approval upon seeing Yang Ping managed to hold himself back. Being too greedy could lead to a tragic end. Yun Lintian had proved this point by himself two days ago. He almost lost his life because of his greed and carelessness.

In the swamp, the group of five carefully swam toward the lotus while raising their guard vigilantly. Essence Profound Realm's practitioners hadn't yet developed Spiritual Sense until they reached the Spirit Profound Realm. Hence, they could only use their eyes and ears to detect a danger around them.

"W... What is that?" Someone among the group said uncertainly while pointing at a huge shadow beneath the water distant away.

"What kind of that Profound Beast?" Another person asked.

"Hurry up! Prepare to fight!" Song He shouted and drew the sword out. Although he wasn't sure about the strength of the Profound Beast in front of him, he was confident it shouldn't be higher than the peak Essence Profound Beast. Dealing with it was not a problem for his group.

Roar!—

The Abyssal Crocodile let out a deafening roar and revealed its gigantic body above the water's surface. Its savage eyes stared at Song He's group furiously, as it still remembered the prey that slipped away from its hands two days ago. This time the crocodile didn't want to let the food to escape again.

The roar causing a tide of water to form into a huge water wall, charging at the group of five. Song He's group as well as everyone on the shore was shocked to the core by its scary appearance.

"Run!" Song He yelled out loudly and frantically fled for his life. Fighting? What a joke! Just a simple roar, he instantly realized the beast before him had already surpassed Essence Profound Beast.

Yun Chan was calm on the surface, but she was extremely shocked inwardly. If Yun Lintian hadn't warned her, she would be in a danger by now. Coming back to her sense, she said to Yang Ping, "Do you dare to kill them?"

Yang Ping was currently in a shocking state. When he heard this, he turned to Yun Chan and asked in a trembling voice, "What do you mean?"

"I'm asking, do you dare to kill a member of the Qi royal clan?" Yun Chan repeated.

Seeing she wasn't joking about it, Yang Ping swallowed his saliva and replied, "O... Of course!" Before coming here, Yang Chen and Yang Mengli had emphasized this. Chen, Luo, and Qi royal clan's members were all their enemies. They had to show no mercy toward them when the opportunity arose.

"Good! Kill!" Yun Chan responded, and a frightful aura instantly burst out of her body. She pointed her short sword at Song He's group, who were struggling to escape from the Abyssal Crocodile, and a deep blue light immediately shot out of the tip of her sword, straight at them.

Song He was currently paying attention to the crocodile behind him. Suddenly, he felt a dangerous aura approached him from the shore's direction. When he raised his head, he saw the deep blue light rushed at him at high speed, causing him unable to put up a defense on time.

Boom!

The profound light hit Song He's right shoulder, causing his body to fly backward and was engulfed by the water wall entirely.

The other four were also blown away by several attacks from Yang Ping and his friend, and were vanished into the water wall.

"What are you doing!?" A youth with a spear in his hand shouted angrily from the Chen clan's group. His aura surged, preparing to attack Yun Chan and Yang Ping.

Yun Chan didn't say a word in reply. Her gaze fixated at the water briefly before shifting to the youth from the Chen clan. Hazy ice mist slowly emerged from her body. Instantaneously, her figure disappeared from the spot and reappeared in front of the youth as she swung her short sword down on his head with a ferocious wave of sword force.

Boom—

The youth was shocked by Yun Chan's speed. He panicky raised his spear up to block her short sword. However, Yun Chan's attack was too fast and caught him off guard, he wasn't able to defend properly, and was thrown away by the impact.

The onlookers sucked in a cold breath. They heard about the famous [Misty Cloud Steps] before, but they never thought it would be this scary. Without a doubt, they wouldn't be different from the youth with the spear when facing Yun Chan's swift actions.

"Damn it! Kill her!" Another two youths from the Chen clan came back to their senses and quickly launched their attacks at Yun Chan.

Bang!

"Argggh!" Everyone was expected Yun Chan to get injured by the attack, but the reality rendered them speechless because the ones who flew out were the two youths instead of her.

The youth with the spear just got up from the ground and saw Hua Fei, a woman from the Hua clan, attacked his two friends in the back. He yelled angrily at her, "What do you mean by this, Hua Fei!?"

Hua Fei glanced at the youth and said indifferently, "Is it hard to understand? We are enemies, that's why." She brushed her long hair slightly and jumped to Yun Chan's side.

"Let's kill them together, Sister Yun." Hua Fei said with a smile.

Yun Chan nodded her head lightly, "Alright."

The two women along with Yang Ping's group immediately charged forward at Chen clan's group with murderous intent.

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While everyone on the shore was in chaos, Yun Lintian secretly sneaked into the swamp and dived toward the lotus patiently. His body was currently covered with strange ancient runes, glowing a faint golden light from time to time. These runes were specially invented by Yun Lintian to isolate himself from the enemy's Spiritual Sense. Although the effect was weak and couldn't be used against a high-level practitioner, it shouldn't be a problem to hide his presence from the Abyssal Crocodile.

"Argh!!" A kilometer away, Yun Lintian saw Song He screamed painfully as he was brutally bitten by the Abyssal Crocodile. Blood flowing out of his body nonstop, along with some of his internal organs. Shortly afterward, he stopped breathing and died with eyes widely opened.

Yun Lintian didn't feel disgusted by the scene. He calmly moved forward to the lotus while the Abyssal Crocodile locked onto new targets and moved its large body toward them.

Chapter 25 - Flee Once Again

Almost there. Don't you dare come back at this moment! Yun Lintian thought to himself while gazing at the Celestial Buddha Lotus a short distance away.

He didn't let his guard down and observing the Abyssal Crocodile from time to time. Currently, it was happily hunting the four of Song He's group and didn't aware that the lotus it was guarding for several years was about to be snatched away by Yun Lintian.

Come here, baby! Brother will take care of you from now on... Yun Lintian became ecstatic when he arrived at the lotus's position. He reached out his hand to grab it. However, the moment his hand touched it, the lotus suddenly glowed in golden light and the ancient runes on Yun Lintian's body instantly lost their ability.

Roarrrrr!

The Abyssal Crocodile immediately noticed the hateful thief trying to snatch its treasure away. It roared furiously and hastily dashed toward the lotus like an underwater torpedo.

"F*ck!" Yun Lintian cursed out loud when he realized the situation he was in. He never thought this beautiful baby in front of him would hurt him like this. Without thinking further, he stored the lotus away and frantically fled toward the shore with all his might.

"Roar!" The Abyssal Crocodile shot out thousands of water arrows at Yun Lintian madly. It was the only long-range attack in its possession that was fast enough to catch Yun Lintian.

Yun Lintian had already expected this beforehand. He conjured a protective barrier to cover his back while shattering a wind talisman to increase his speed. It was the same trick as before, but it was effective enough to let him increasing the distance between him and the crocodile.

Boom!

Yun Lintian's protective barrier broken very quickly by the overwhelming power. When one of the water arrows hit his back, he felt as if he was hit by a truck, causing him to spurt blood out of his mouth.

Damn it! This is more powerful than two days ago... Yun Lintian thought while enduring the pain in his back. He madly escaped toward the shore as the Abyssal Crocodile quickly shortening the distance. This time it went all out to pursue Yun Lintian. The Abyssal Crocodile's Spiritual Sense firmly locked on him without any distraction. No matter where Yun Lintian went, it would follow him to the end of the world.

Everyone on the shore stopped their action when they heard the roar of earlier. Yun Chan saw the lotus had disappeared. She instantly guessed that Yun Lintian had successfully obtained it.

Under the joint attacks from Yun Chan, Hua Fei, and Yang Ping, the three youths from the Chen clan were completely dead and members of the Li clan had run away from the place a long time ago, leaving only six people behind.

Hua Fei and the other two from the Hua clan walked to Yun Chan's side after disposing of the corpses. Hua Fei asked confusedly, "What happened?"

Yun Chan shook her head, pretending she didn't know about it.

"Where is the lotus?" Yang Ping asked as he saw the lotus was gone.

"Someone snatched it away while we are fighting. Hah, did we just make a wedding dress for others?" Hua Fei said with a trace of anger. She didn't like the feeling of being used by others.

Yun Chan didn't want to linger on this topic further. She said, "What is your plan?"

Hua Fei looked at her friends before shaking her head. "We don't have any plan for now. We made an appointment with our Young Mistress in the southern area. What about you, Sister Yun?"

Yun Chan pondered for a second. She replied, "Let's go together. I am heading south too."

Following that, everyone set off toward the south direction.

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While Yun Chan discussing with others, Yun Lintian had reached the shore on the opposite side. The Abyssal Crocodile still roaring angrily from behind and prepared to climb up the shore.

Yun Lintian didn't bother about it. He poured every ounce of his profound energy onto his legs and shot forward like an arrow in the south direction.

The Abyssal Crocodile's speed was slower on the ground. Its four feet stomping restlessly, chasing after Yun Lintian. Every tree on the path was broken into pieces by its tough body. Several profound beasts were scared away by the crocodile, and Yun Lintian got benefited from this.

Yun Lintian was now drenched in sweat, trying to get out of this predicament. His profound energy was constantly depleted. It won't be long before he ran out of energy and probably became the crocodile's food. He popped the Energy Replenish Pill into his mouth, but he couldn't digest it fast enough and his energy was still on the decline.

Although Yun Lintian's heart pounding madly, his mind was incomparably calm. He had teetered between life and death countless times before, and this time wasn't anything new to him. The difference was the enemy this time possessed insanely high strength than him, to the point that he couldn't even retaliate back in the slightest.

Yun Lintian's figure zigzagging through the forest, trying his best to get rid of the crocodile. His effort was futile because he couldn't escape from the Abyssal Crocodile's Spiritual Sense. Just as Yun Lintian was thinking, a group of three men appeared in his vision. Looking at their attires, the corner of Yun Lintian's mouth raised into an evil smile. He took out an iron bow from his interspatial ring, aiming at the group, and shot an arrow at them.

The three men perceived the incoming danger. They turned to Yun Lintian's direction and saw the arrow passing through the wind, straight into their position.

Bang!

A youth with a long spear swung his spear at the arrow, cutting it in half as he shouted, "Who are you!?"

"It's me!" Yun Lintian yelled back while charging at them.

"It's him!" Another youth beside the spear youth recognized Yun Lintian. Everyone in the Luo clan had received an order to capture Yun Lintian before coming here. They naturally remembered his appearance.

"Capture him!" The spear youth ordered. The trio moved forward, launching their offensive techniques at Yun Lintian.

Yun Lintian cleverly dodged the attacks while taking the Celestial Buddha Lotus out and smeared its scent on the trio's body. He then abruptly changed the direction, continuing to flee. Even though he couldn't fight them head-on, avoiding their attacks was not a problem.

"Chase!" The spear youth was furious at the outcome. The overwhelming anger made him completely ignore the fragrance and Yun Lintian's weird actions.

When they were about to chase after Yun Lintian, an angry roar rang into their ears, causing them to turn back to take a look.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Several heavy footsteps could be heard along with the Abyssal Crocodile's enormous body appearing in the trio's visions.

"W... What the hell is that?" One of the trios stuttered fearfully.

"R... Run!" The spear youth turned around and fled.

"AH! Help!" The unlucky youth who had the slowest reaction was unable to escape in time as the Abyssal Crocodile jumped onto him with its frightful mouth opened widely and bit on his body ferociously.

The spear youth and another youth beside him turned to look at the unlucky youth. The brutal scene in front of them immediately sent a chill running down their spines. At this moment, they didn't have any thought of helping his friend anymore. Both of them urged their profound energy and continued to escape.

The Abyssal Crocodile swallowed the unlucky youth into its belly. It looked around and sniffed the lotus's fragrance in the air for a while before it finally moved toward Yun Lintian's direction. Yun Lintian's framing trick failed to deceive the crocodile because he couldn't entirely erase his aura.

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Yun Lintian leaned on an ancient tree weakly. He knew it wasn't time to think about other things. He sat down on the ground and tried to replenish his profound energy.

"Eh? It's you!" All of a sudden, a beautiful woman appeared behind a tree's shade and exclaimed in surprise when she saw Yun Lintian.

Yun Lintian's eyes snapped open, looking at the newcomer vigilantly. "Who are you?" He asked.

The beautiful woman laughed slightly when she saw his body tensed up. She introduced, "My name is Hua Litong. Hua Wanru is my younger sister. I heard about you before. You are the one who gave her the detoxify prescription."

Yun Lintian didn't relax his guard down in the slightest. He nodded in reply and closed his eyes, continuing to replenish his profound energy.

Hua Litong was startled for a second. She began to doubt herself. Was she not beautiful enough? Why did Yun Lintian have no reaction and ignore her like this?

Hua Litong had a well-proportioned shape of the face. Her eyes were clear as a spring, along with slightly arched eyebrows, cute nose, and cherry lips. She was undoubtedly a great beauty among her peers. Not to mention her well-developed body, especially in her chest area. She was even more beautiful than Hua Wanru in Yun Lintian's opinion.

It wasn't because Yun Lintian didn't want to converse with her, he just didn't bother to care about her at this moment.

Although she was slightly dissatisfied, she wasn't an unreasonable person. She could see Yun Lintian had exhausted his energy and was trying to replenish it. Looking for a place to rest briefly, she walked to a flat boulder twenty meters away from Yun Lintian and sat down calmly, waiting for him.

Five minutes later, Yun Lintian opened his eyes, taking another Energy Replenish Pill, and glanced at Hua Litong. He asked, "Why do you have to suppress your strength when you can make a breakthrough into the Spirit Profound Realm a long time ago? It will easily cause damage to your Profound Vein, don't you know?" Yun Lintian could perceive abundant energy within her body. It was evident she had suppressed her strength for a very long time.

Hua Litong smiled brightly: "As expected from a genius doctor. You can tell it at a glance."

Yun Lintian rolled his eyes. Even a fool could see it. It had nothing to do with his medical skill at all. Geett your

Hua Litong's expression suddenly turned serious. She said further, "I am worried about Wanru. That's why I have to do this and my decision is correct in the end. My goal for coming here is to kill Luo Kun. I heard you are also at odds with him. Why don't we team up together?"

Chapter 26 - Intense Battle

"You can't deal with him by yourself? Your strength should be higher than him, aren't you?" Yun Lintian asked back in puzzlement. In his view, Hua Litong was far stronger than Luo Kun.

Hua Litong shook her head, "You have been deceived by him."

"Deceive?" Yun Lintian was confused.

"Wanru told me Luo Kun had provoked you back then. What do you think of him?" Hua Litong didn't clarify right away. She asked him a question instead.

Yun Lintian replied casually, "He is arrogant and never puts anyone in his eyes. Also, love to rely on his background. Nothing more."

Hua Litong chuckled, "That's why I said, you were deceived by him... Actually, everything he did in front of you was acting. He might appear to be an arrogant, stupid youngster who flaunting his background then and there, but in truth, he is a very shrewd person. Do you think Yang Chen, a genius who can comprehend a sword intent at sixteen, would actually lose to Luo Kun in a fair fight?"

A thoughtful expression appeared on Yun Lintian's face. He had doubted about this matter before, but he brushed it off because he didn't care about it at that time. Thinking of it now, it was true, as Hua Litong said. A sword intent was not a cabbage to be found easily. With this sword intent, Yang Chen could be said he was invincible among his peers. Then, how could Yang Chen be defeated by Luo Kun in a fair fight? Unless...

Seeing his expression, Hua Litong nodded. "That's right. He used an underhand method. During the fight, someone occasionally using a spiritual attack on Yang Chen. This person is very powerful. His method is so clean and traceless. No one was able to detect it."

"Then how did you know?" Yun Lintian asked.

Hua Litong had already expected this question. She replied calmly, "Because I am special." Suddenly, her eyes glowed in pink light while she staring into Yun Lintian's eyes.

"Hmm?" Yun Lintian could see the strange light in her eyes, and he felt as if something invaded his mind. His consciousness started to fade away. All he could see right now was a pitch-black world. Unknowingly, the phoenix patterns on Yun Lintian's ring lit up, and a warm current quickly flushed into his body. His mind slowly regained the clarity.

"Ugh..." Suddenly, Hua Litong got a backlash, causing her to cough up fresh blood.

Yun Lintian completely regained his sense. He took out the iron bow from his ring and aimed at Hua Litong. He asked sternly, "What are you doing?"

Hua Litong wiped the blood out of her lips. She answered, "Sorry. It's my fault. I just want to show you my power."

Yun Lintian frowned, "Your power?"

Hua Litong nodded weakly, "Yes. I possess a special soul that was inherited from our ancestors. It's called Illusory Flower Soul. With this soul, I am extremely sensitive to any soul activity around me. This is the reason why I can perceive that person's spiritual attack even I have the strength at Essence Profound Realm."

Yun Lintian thought for a moment before he lowered his bow down. He studied in medical profound art and he knew about this strange soul. It just that the name was not the same. He didn't press on this matter further as he took out several formation stones from his ring.

"How did you do that?" Hua Litong asked. She was curious how did Yun Lintian attack her despite he was under her spiritual technique.

"Do what?" Yun Lintian asked back nonchalantly. In fact, he was also wondering about it as well. Earlier he could feel a warm current flushed into his body out of nowhere, but he couldn't find the answer.

Seeing Yun Lintian didn't want to talk about it, Hua Litong didn't inquire further. She asked, "How about it? Do you want to join me to kill Luo Kun?"

Yun Lintian shrugged his shoulders. "You should put Luo Kun's matter away first. We are going to face an enemy that is ten times stronger than Luo Kun. Do you want to join me to kill it?"

"Enemy?" Hua Litong didn't understand.

Yun Lintian explained, "I have offended the Spirit Profound Beast, and it is coming for my life."

"Spirit Profound Beast? How is it possible!? This place cannot contain any Spirit Profound Realm's power." Hua Litong responded in disbelief.

"Well, it's already happened." Yun Lintian didn't want to waste his time talking with her further. He inscribed a complicated rune on the Formation stones one by one swiftly.

The Formation stone was similar to Profound stone in terms of appearance, but the function was different. The Formation stone couldn't contain profound energy for a long period like Profound stone, but it could let profound energy passing through. It was easy to find compared with Profound stone and was commonly used to set up a formation.

Hua Litong was sure Yun Lintian didn't need to lie to her. She chose to believe in his words in the end. "You can inscribe the ancient runes? Don't tell me, besides being a genius doctor, you are also a profound inscriber?" She was dumbfounded upon seeing Yun Lintian skillfully inscribed several complicated ancient runes on the Formation stones... What kind of monster is this? How could someone possess such an unbelievable talent like this? Hua Litong's mind was thrown into a mess.

Yun Lintian didn't bother to answer her. He quickly moved to several spots and buried formation stones into the ground — forming into a killing formation covered around two hundred square meters area.

"You are a formation master as well!?" Hua Litong was shocked once again. She didn't know how to describe his talent anymore.

Yun Lintian patted dust out of his hands and verified the killing formation carefully again. After confirming it worked perfectly fine, he took out three low-grade Profound stones and put it into the center of the formation, connecting with other formation stones. To save the consumption of Profound stone, he only set up the Spirit-level Profound Formation, which should be enough to deal with the Abyssal Crocodile in his estimation.

He wasn't sure if the Abyssal Crocodile had followed him, but he decided to put up a fight because he didn't want to run anymore. After listening to Hua Litong, if his luck was bad enough and encountered Luo Kun, he could only run for his life. He better solved this crocodile first, in case it hadn't given up on killing him.

"What is your decision?" Yun Lintian turned to ask Hua Litong, who was currently opened her mouth wide with a dumbfounded expression.

Regaining her sense, Hua Litong replied firmly, "Of course, I'll stay. Anyway, I still need you to help me deal with Luo Kun."

Yun Lintian responded, "Alright. It's a deal then."

Roarrrrr!

Yun Lintian was about to speak further. A familiar roar once again rang out from afar, causing both of them to look involuntarily in its direction.

"That..." Hua Litong's eyes widened open when she saw the Abyssal Crocodile's enormous body appeared in her line of sight.

Yun Lintian's face turned solemn. His right foot placed on the eyes of the formation, ready to activate it at any moment.

The Abyssal Crocodile's Spiritual Sense immediately locked onto Yun Lintian. Profound energy surging out of its body wildly. Instantaneously, it darted toward Yun Lintian like a bolt of lightning.

"I'll activate the killing formation. You can launch your attack right away." Yun Lintian told Hua Litong and stomped his foot on the eyes of the formation.

Woosh!

The Profound stone in the center shone brightly and profound energy speedily rushed to other formation stones, lighting the ancient runes on them. In the next moment, a barrier was formed into a large dome covering the area.

The Abyssal Crocodile seemed to notice the change of environment, but it was too late. It had stepped into the killing formation completely.

"Go!" Yun Lintian stomped on the formation's eyes once again and several profound energy blades appeared in the air before barraging at the crocodile.

"Roar!" The Abyssal Crocodile roared furiously, trying to fend off the incoming attack.

Yun Lintian and Hua Litong didn't give it time to breathe. They hastily launched offensive techniques on it.

Boom! Boom!

Yun Lintian's arrows broke the Abyssal Crocodile skins, leaving many small wounds on them. Meanwhile, Hua Litong sent out a deadly petal storm onto its head, causing the crocodile's blood to splash out like a fountain.

The profound energy blades continued to bombard the beast and inflicted several wounds on its body. The Abyssal Crocodile tried to form a protective barrier, but it exploded one after another almost instant.

Yun Lintian didn't stop to shoot the arrow consecutively at it. His attack might not be powerful as Hua Litong's, but under the bombard, the wounds on the crocodile were gradually deeper and wider.

"Almost there!" Hua Litong shouted excitedly. This was her first time fighting Spirit Profound Beast, and she was thrilled.

"No! It not that easy..." Yun Lintian didn't finish his sentence because he could feel a berserk power coming out from the crocodile.

Boom!

All of a sudden, the killing formation exploded into pieces under the Abyssal Crocodile's immense power. Before Yun Lintian and Hua Litong could say anything, its figure shot forward at them — precisely, at Yun Lintian.

"Shi..." Yun Lintian exclaimed in shock and he was hit directly by the Abyssal Crocodile.

"Die!" Hua Litong's sword released a powerful force as she struck at the Abyssal Crocodile's head.

Puff!

"Roarrrr!" Blood spurted out in the air along with a painful scream from the Abyssal Crocodile. One of its eyes was broken right away by Hua Litong's attack and a deep fatal wound also appeared on its head. Because of intense pain, the Abyssal Crocodile instinctively lashed its spiky tail at Hua Litong.

"Ah!" Hua Litong was caught off guard, or rather she couldn't put up a defense in time. She was blown away and hit a tree in a distance away, causing her to cough up blood. Estimating her ribs might have broken as well.

Yun Lintian stood up from the ground, wiping blood from his mouth. He took a long iron spear out and vaulted into the air before thrusting down with all his might at the Abyssal Crocodile's head.

Puff!

The spear went deep into the Abyssal Crocodile's head, at the same time, Yun Lintian was blown away by its tail. His body flew out like a cannonball, hitting several trees along the path before stopping at a giant boulder a hundred meters away.

Yun Lintian could feel at least three of his ribs and his right shoulder's bone were broken. He lifted his head to look at the furious beast in the distance. Helplessness and despair appeared in his mind for the first time since he came to this world. Weak... He was too weak.

Chapter 27 - Damsel In Distress

"Cough cough!" Hua Litong coughed heavily while struggling to stand up. She glanced at Yun Lintian and her face turned unsightly. It wasn't because she had underestimated the Abyssal Crocodile, but rather it was too strong.

The major difference between humans and Profound Beast was the body. Comparing to Profound Beast, a human's body was ridiculously fragile. The former's body was akin to hardened steel — it was tough and flexible at the same time. Both Yun Lintian and Hua Litong's weapons were made of Essence Iron, which could easily pierce any Essence Profound Beast's skins. However, it couldn't do much to the Abyssal Crocodile.

Hua Litong gripped her long sword tightly. Her eyes turned resolute. A powerful aura slowly emanating from her body, stirring countless leaves on the ground to form into a mini-tornado.

"Thousands Flowers Art Forth Style, Withering Blossom!" Hua Litong chanted in a low voice as her body leaped into the air. Countless illusory flower petals appeared around her body, floating in a spiral shape. She pointed her sword at the crocodile while she descending at high speed.

The Abyssal Crocodile perceived a danger. It hastily urged profound energy to form a protective barrier around its body and completed it in a short time.

Boom!

Hua Litong's sword hit the barrier and entirely shattered it. The illusory flower's petals speedily rushed to the Abyssal Crocodile's head, and immediately scattered away, turning into dried leaves as they hit the target.

"Roarrrr!" The Abyssal Crocodile howled painfully as it wriggled frantically on the ground.

Just as Hua Litong about to smile, celebrating a victory, a strong aura once exploded out from the Abyssal Crocodile, blowing her away like a broken kite.

"Ugh..." Yun Lintian saw this scene. His heart tensed up uncomfortably. He never thought this Hua Litong would still attack the beast instead of running away while she could.

He stood up and took a small ice sword out of his ring. It had an exquisite appearance, exuded a powerful aura. This was his ultimate trump card that was given by Yun Qianxue. This ice sword

possessed Yun Qianxue's Origin Power. When it was unleashed, it would have the strength equal to the Earth Profound Realm.

Normally, profound practitioners would form an origin power when they reached Origin Profound Realm. However, no one would divide a portion of their Origin Power to make a lifesaving item like this because they would have to part with this portion forever once it was released, and their foundation would be affected. It was obvious Yun Qianxue loved Yun Lintian to the bone. She was willing to give her Origin Power to him without hesitation.

Yun Lintian was well aware of this. If it was possible, he would never use this even he had to die. He didn't want to harm Yun Qianxue's foundation. However, when he saw Hua Litong's miserable appearance because of him, he made up his mind to do it.

"Die!" When Yun Lintian was about to unleash the power of the ice sword, a loud shout suddenly rang out from the distance, along with a beautiful figure descending on the top of the Abyssal Crocodile.

Puff!

"Roar!" A powerful sword force in deep blue light sank into the Abyssal Crocodile's head, causing it to scream in great pain.

The beautiful figure exerted her power to maximum and finally cut the head of the Abyssal Crocodile off. The Abyssal Crocodile's body continued to wriggle for a while before it stopped, lying motionless on the ground. It couldn't be more dead than this.

"Senior Sister Chan?" Yun Lintian muttered blankly. His eyes fixated on the beautiful figure, Yun Chan, who descended from heaven to save his life. He let out a sigh of relief and slumped his butt onto the ground powerlessly.

"Eldest Miss!" Hua Fei and others arrived at the scene and quickly went to check Hua Litong, who was lying in a pool of blood.

Yun Chan's figure appeared beside Yun Lintian. She squatted down and scooped his head up before feeding him a healing pill.

"Hang on, Junior Brother Lintian." Yun Chan had a rare concerned expression on her face. She quickly channeled profound energy to help Yun Lintian digested the healing pill.

"Thank you." Yun Lintian said weakly. This time he was truly exhausted... Wait a minute. Why did I feel like I was a damsel in distress and Yun Chan was a protagonist who appeared timely to save him? A funny thought appeared in Yun Lintian's mind as he closed his eyes, resting.

Yun Chan didn't understand why Yun Lintian suddenly smiled. She found a relatively clean place and placed Yun Lintian down.

Hua Fei fed a healing pill to Hua Litong, and the latter sat up by herself, focusing on healing. Comparing to Yun Lintian, she was far stronger. Her injury might look heavier. In fact, it was lighter than Yun Lintian.

Yang Ping and his friend went to inspect the Abyssal Crocodile's remains with great interest. It was the first time for them to see Spirit Profound Beast up close like this. They never imagined the Essence Profound Realm's practitioners could actually kill this gigantic beast.

A few hours later, Hua Litong and Yun Lintian's injuries were half-healed. They gathered around a bonfire with others, cooking something to eat.

"I'll go dissect that beast first." Yun Lintian stood up and walked toward the Abyssal Crocodile's remains. No one had an objection because they knew Yun Lintian had spent a lot of effort and resources to take it down.

Yun Lintian took out a sharp silver knife and skillfully dissected the beast's corpse. His movement was nimble, evidently, he had done this countless times before. Since the dead Profound Beast lost its life, the surrounding energy had completely gone too. He only needed to exert a trace of his profound energy to pierce through its skins easily.

"Did he often do this?" Hua Litong asked Yun Chan out of curiosity.

Yun Chan replied with a proud expression, "Yes. Junior Brother Lintian is proficient in various arts. Dissection is one of them. He always taking this job since he was five years old."

Hua Litong and others were amazed. When they were six, they didn't even dare to approach a profound beast's corpse, but Yun Lintian was already started to dissect it.

"Doctor, Inscriber, Formation Master and this. Are you sure he is still a human?" Hua Litong couldn't help but ask stupidly. Aside from Yun Lintian's low strength, he seemed proficient in everything.

A rare smile bloomed on Yun Chan's face. She took him as her pride and was so proud of him.

Seeing Yun Chan's expression, Hua Litong clicked her tongue in annoyance. She changed the topic. "What's your next plan?"

Yun Chan looked at Yun Lintian for a moment. She replied, "We are heading south to regroup with other sisters."

Hua Litong glanced at Hua Fei and the rest before she said, "Then we can go together."

Everyone went silent afterward while eating their own food.

A half an hour later, Yun Lintian came back with several materials. High-grade leathers, Crocodile's teeth, fangs, and meat. Everything was tied neatly into bundles.

Yun Lintian place a palm-size yellow crystal before everyone and said, "This is the Spirit Profound Beast Core. Is there anyone who wants it? I don't need it for the time being."

Everyone looked at each other but didn't say a word in the end. Normally, Profound Beast Core was used as an ingredient of a pill and forging a weapon. Its value was relatively high and had an outrageous demand in the market. However, everyone present hailed from the six major clans. They weren't short of money, even though some of them had the status of servant. Hence, they had little interest in the Spirit Profound Beast Core in front of them.

"Alright, I'll take it then." Yun Lintian put it away and started eating his food.

Hua Litong stared at Yun Lintian for a long time until the latter couldn't help but ask, "What's wrong? Do I have a flower on my face?"

Hua Litong snorted softly and asked, "Where is your interspatial ring? You should have one, right? I saw you took weapons out many times, but I didn't see your ring."

Yun Lintian's brows raised slightly. It was due to his carelessness and accidentally revealed his ring. He answered after pondering for a while, "I do have the interspatial ring."

Seeing he didn't want to show it to her, Hua Litong didn't press on this matter further.

Since he didn't have to hide about the ring anymore, Yun Lintian took tents out and set it up for Yun Chan and himself after finishing his dinner.

"Hey! How many tents you have?" Hua Litong looked at her straw-bed on the ground and Yun Lintian's tents. She couldn't help but ask about it.

"Do you think my ring can hold that much?" Yun Lintian replied nonchalantly.

Hua Litong was taken aback, and she thought it was indeed the case. How could he possibly have so many tents? She let out a helpless sigh and sat on her straw-bed dejectedly.

Yun Lintian saw her pitiful appearance. He thought for a moment before he sighed and took another tent out, throwing it to her. After all, Hua Litong helped him deal with the Abyssal Crocodile earlier. At least he could repay her a little with this.

"Here, you can use this. As for the bed, you can solve it by yourself." He then walked into his tent afterward.

Hua Litong held the tent delightfully. "Thank you!" She didn't question about his unusual-size interspatial ring and went to set up the tent cheerfully. Tonight, she didn't have to sleep in open-air anymore.

Yang Ping and the rest looked at them and let out a long sigh. Being rich was surely great.

Chapter 28 - Entering The Desert

"Where are we now?" Hua Litong asked. It had been two days since she journeyed together with Yun Lintian. The relationship between her and him had improved. At least, they weren't feeling awkward when discussing general topics anymore.

Yun Lintian looked at the leather map in his hand and answered, "We need to walk another day before reaching the rendezvous point... Well, in fact, this place can be considered as the southern area now."

All of a sudden, Yun Lintian frowned and took his bow out, shooting at a certain tree in the distance. The impact causing the tree to shake violently and a human figure could be seen jumping out from the top of the tree.

"Where are you going?" Hua Litong also perceived the figure's existence at almost the same time as Yun Lintian. She immediately dashed forward, chasing the figure after Yun Lintian taking out the bow.

Hua Litong swung her sword at the target right away. The powerful force pressured the figure to put up a defense in a hurry, but it was too late.

Boom!

The figure was tossed into the ground by the collision and coughed up blood heavily.

"A dog from Luo clan?" Hua Litong stared coldly at the man who was lying on the ground. With a spear symbol on the latter's attires, she immediately identified his identity right away.

"Where is your master?" Asked Yun Lintian. He and the rest had arrived before the man.

The man didn't reply and secretly gathered power, preparing to make a move. However, before he could do anything, Yun Chan decisively slashed her sword to cut one of his arms with no mercy.

"Argh!!" The man screamed in pain while trying to grab the missing arm desperately.

Yun Lintian stomped on his chest and asked coldly, "Where is Luo Kun? If you tell me, I promise to give you a quick end."

The man struggled for a while before deciding to commit suicide by bursting his Profound Vein.

Seeing this, Yun Lintian shot three silver needles to seal the man's Profound Vein, making him to look at Yun Lintian in horror.

"Trust me. I have countless ways to make you speak. I will give you another chance. Can you tell us now?" Yun Lintian spoke while grinding his foot on the man's chest, causing the latter to scream once again.

"I... I'll tell you! Young Master has already gone to the desert. He left me here to look for all of you." The man hurriedly told everything in one go.

"Did you see my sister?" Hua Litong asked.

The man nodded his head quickly. "Yes. She is with him."

Yun Lintian frowned slightly. "Wait. You said he told you to look for us here. How are you going to tell him?" He found this matter strange. Why would Luo Kun has to leave his lackey here for no reason? After all, the transmission jade was useless in this mythical realm. Unless Luo Kun had a way to contact his people.

The man swallowed saliva, appearing hesitant. When Yun Lintian lifted his foot up, the man hastily said, "We have a secret way to contact each other." He then took a small black jade out of his sleeve and showed it to everyone.

Yun Lintian retrieved the black jade and studied it carefully. A while later, he asked, "Where did he get it from? Do you know about this?"

The man shook his head, "I don't know."

Yun Lintian pondered for a moment before he said, "Alright. Since you are obedient, I will give you a painless end." He then shot out another silver needle at the man's glabella to seal his Soul Gate and thrust his iron spear on his heart, sending him to hell.

His movement was fast and neat, causing everyone except Yun Chan to be surprised. In their eyes, Yun Lintian didn't even have the slightest emotion while killing people, as if he had done this countless times.

"Let's go. We find my senior sisters first and we will go after Luo Kun right away." Yun Lintian put the black jade away and said to the rest. Everyone resumed their journey shortly afterward.

Half a day later, Yun Lintian's group arrived at a plain area without trees and saw a group of five women sat around a bonfire.

The arrival of Yun Lintian and the rest causing the women to stand up in a hurry.

"Junior Brother Yun!" One of the five women exclaimed excitedly.

"Senior Sister Jiajia." Yun Lintian greeted back upon recognizing the woman's identity. All of them were his senior sisters.

Yun Chan went to greet her fellow sisters with a smile. While Yun Lintian looking around, thinking of something.

"My people are probably going with Wanru." Hua Litong said dejectedly. She was worried about her sister and couldn't wait to go to the desert area right away.

"It's dark now. We should rest first." Yun Lintian suggested. Although he knew Hua Litong couldn't wait any longer, he wanted to study the black jade first.

Hua Litong was anxious and wanted to reject, but she swallowed her word back in the end. She knew that even they set off now, they won't be able to find her sister in a short time anyway. Hence, resting for a night should be fine.

Yun Lintian saw that she didn't object to his suggestion. He took several tents out, giving them to her and the rest before he walked toward the Misty Cloud Sect's group.

After setting his tent, Yun Lintian took the black jade out to study it. The black jade had complicated runes engraved all over its body. These runes were familiar to Yun Lintian, and he was confident to figure out the mechanics behind them.

Yun Lintian studied it for the entire night before he finally cracked everything about the black jade. The creator of this jade was extremely clever by combining several functions together and created the long-range transmission jade that could completely avoid the mythical realm's suppression.

"Is it the Poison Valley who created this?" Yun Lintian muttered to himself. He was certain nobody in the Heavenly Fortune Nation had this ability. Since the members of Yang, Hua, Chen, Li, and even the Qi royal clans didn't seem to have this jade, the only possibility was someone behind the Luo clan gave it to them. That left with only the mysterious Poison Valley.

Without thinking further, Yun Lintian took a normal transmission jade out and using a small knife to replicate the runes from the black jade on it. It took him another hour to finish two of them. He then called Yun Chan to his tent and tested the newly modified transmission jade.

"It worked." Yun Chan said with a great surprise. Her gaze was full of admiration when she looked at Yun Lintian.

"Let's go, Senior Sister Chan. We will set off right away." Yun Lintian put the transmission jade away and went out of the tent with Yun Chan.

After everyone packing up their belongings, the group resumed their journey once again. This time, they headed toward the center of the mythical realm's direction.

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"It's freaking hot here as my mother said." Hua Litong wiped droplets of sweat out of her forehead while complaining.

It had been two days since the group arrived at the desert area. This place was true to its name — there was nothing except for the endless sea of sands around here.

Yun Lintian handed a kettle full of water to her. "How far has your mother ventured to the center area?"

Hua Litong inelegantly poured the water into her mouth before she replied, "My mother had reached the center-most area, but she couldn't get close to the mini sun-like object over there."

"Do you have any information related to that object?" Yun Lintian asked further. Before coming here, he didn't expect to enter the desert area. Now, since he already came here, it would be a waste if he didn't get a glimpse of that so-called supreme treasure.

Hua Litong gave the kettle to her fellow sister and answered, "I don't know much about it. My parents once said the object should be the core of this mythical realm. Whoever got it, they will become the owner of this place."

Yun Lintian fell into contemplation. For some reason, he felt a faint connection between him, the silver necklace, and this place. It was vague, similar to the time when he faced the crown. In the end, he still had no clue about it.

"There is something over there." Yun Chan suddenly spoke up while pointing at the seemingly peaceful sandhill a hundred meters away in front of the group.

Instantaneously, the sand's surface rippled, and slowly increasing the speed until it formed into a giant tidal wave of sand.

"There is something beneath the sand... Profound Beast?" Yang Ping uttered while taking out a sword.

Tzzzzz...

The dust of sand filled the air, along with a strange noise approaching Yun Lintian's group. Beneath the sand waves, there was something huge, appearing similar to a giant worm, diving toward them at high speed.

"It's Golden Earthworm. Everyone spread out!" Hua Litong recognized the colossal figure under the sand and shouted out loud.

Everyone hastily moved away from each other and created a protective barrier around their bodies. Yun Lintian raised his bow, aiming at the incoming earthworm with an intense ice power gathered at the tip of the arrow.

Boom!

The arrow was released, traveling through the air and hit the target accurately, making the Golden Earthworm to show itself above the sand. Its body was enormous, estimating twenty meters long. It had golden-colored skins, looking extremely sturdy. When it opened its mouth, several frightful teeth could be seen.

"Eww... It so disgusting." Hua Fei spoke with an unsightly expression as if she was about to retch up.

"It's not the time to complain. Attack!" Hua Litong said loudly and quickly launched an attack on the Golden Earthworm.

"Roar!" The Golden Earthworm howled angrily, and the sand waves finally fell on everyone's head.

Boom!

The huge sand waves immediately drowned everyone in the world of sand.

Chapter 29 - Mysterious Creature

"What's wrong with these profound beasts? Do they love playing waves that much? And where the hell is this place?" Yun Lintian complained while looking around in puzzlement. The moment when the sand waves engulfed him, he didn't feel much except for a certain degree of impact. Following that, he found himself appeared in a huge gloomy cave with no sign of life. It was as if he got teleported here.

The cave was dark and humid, which contrasted with the earlier endless sea of sand. Yun Lintian made a simple torch, trying to survey the vicinity. The cave's walls were made of solid stone, including the floor. There were two tunnels in front of him, and behind him was a dead end.

"Senior Sister Chan, can you hear me? Sister Hua? Yang Ping?" Yun Lintian said to the modified transmission jade. In the past two days, he had modified everyone's transmission jade and connected them together.

A moment later, Yun Chan was the first to respond. "Junior Brother Yun? Where are you?"

Yun Lintian asked, "I'm currently standing in the cave alone. Are you the same?"

"Yes. But our sisters are here with me." Yun Chan replied.

Yun Lintian was stunned and smiled bitterly while thinking... Ah... How the hell I am here alone? He sighed and said to the transmission jade, "Be careful, Senior Sister Chan. I think we may see each other soon."

"You have to be careful too." Yun Chan replied back concernedly.

Yun Lintian put the transmission jade away, looking at the tunnels before him while pondering.

"The old saying left side is lucky. Let's choose the left tunnel then." Yun Lintian strode into the left tunnel cautiously.

Along the way, Yun Lintian carefully examined the wall and determined there shouldn't be any visitor here before him. The profound energy here was denser compared to the desert area earlier. This made Yun Lintian started to think this place might be the actual core secret of this mythical realm.

According to the typical novels, when the protagonist went to the secret realm and 'accidentally' stumbled into an unknown place. There was a high chance that the place hiding a godly treasure or a

super inheritance of a random mighty old man. Thinking of this, Yun Lintian became ecstatic and looked forward to unraveling the secret of this place.

Buzz—

The transmission jade in Yun Lintian's sleeve suddenly vibrated. He quickly picked it up and heard Hua Litong's voice, "Yun Lintian, are you in the cave as well?"

"Yes. I think everyone has been transported here." Yun Lintian replied while swinging the torch to get a clear vision ahead.

"I found an underground river here. I'm not sure which way I should go. Any idea?" Hua Litong asked from the other side.

"It's simple. If you wanted to get out of here, just follow the river's flow. If you wanted to figure out the origin of this place, you can try to walk upstream." Yun Lintian answered.

"Fine. I will walk upstream. Take care." Hua Litong said and hung up the connection.

Yun Lintian put away the transmission jade and resumed his journey again. He walked for a very long time, but he never encountered anything aside from tunnels after tunnels. Every time he met more than a tunnel, he would choose one randomly and go in. He also used the iron spear to poke here and there from time to time in case there was a hidden passage behind the wall, but he didn't find any of it.

An hour later, Yun Lintian arrived at an intersection with a small open space and decided to take a break here as his stomach protested a little. Profound practitioners below the Origin Profound Realm would still need to eat to maintain their physical strength. Yun Lintian was worried because his senior sisters didn't have an interspatial ring, and this ghostly place didn't have any creature or any edible plant. He could only pray that he would meet them soon within a week.

Yun Lintian put several torches around the place, setting up a simple fireplace, and took out a pan and ingredients. Every time he made food by himself, he would occasionally think back to the time he was on Earth. Another hobby he loved to do besides reading a novel was cooking. His culinary skill could be considered as a professional chef in a three stars hotel.

He skillfully cut a portion of beefsteak, seasoning with salt and pepper, and seared on the hot oil. After the steak was browned, he smashed garlic and threw them into the pan along with butter and herbs. For the past sixteen years, he had introduced Earth's delicacies to everyone in the Misty Cloud Sect. Whether it was western cuisine or eastern cuisine, everyone in the Sect gradually fell in love with these never-seen-before delicacies. Especially to Yun Lingwei, the foodie, she would pester him to teach her how to make a cake and other pastries from Earth.

When the steak was done, Yun Lintian slowly cut into a mouthful piece before savoring it one by one.

"Mhm. This is true happiness." Yun Lintian said with a joyful expression.

Squeak!

Yun Lintian abruptly stood up when he heard squeak sounds rang out nearby. The iron spear appeared in his hand while he looking around cautiously. Staying here for hours, he never met any creature before. This was the first time he heard other sounds besides his own steps.

At this moment, a red rat poked its head out behind the tunnel's wall, staring at Yun Lintian — more precisely, staring at the piece of steak.

Yun Lintian was surprised upon seeing this small creature. Searching for the information about this rat in his mind, he found out that he didn't recognize this creature at all. Its appearance was similar to a normal dirty rat, but the size was three times bigger. The notable points were a golden sheen in its eyes, and fiery red furs, making it appeared special.

Yun Lintian didn't feel any hostility or malice from the rat. He sat down, put the spear on the side, and picked up one of the steaks. He said, "Do you want to eat?"

The rat's eyes lit up and started drooling. It almost gave a nod in a reply, but shaking its head in the end after wrestling between hungry and safety for a while.

Yun Lintian chuckled when he saw this scene. He tossed the steak toward the rat and the latter received it before hiding itself behind the wall. Since this place was extremely quiet, he could hear a gnawing sound from time to time clearly.

Ten seconds later, the rat poked its head out again, staring at Yun Lintian with its big golden eyes, as if it was begging for another piece. The rat never ate anything like this before. This was the first time it tasted a salt and pepper flavor and wanted to get more of it.

"Want more? Come here." Yun Lintian seduced it by stuffing the steak into his mouth, slowly chewing with a blissful smile.

The rat was hesitating once again, but when it saw Yun Lintian's expression as if he was ascending to heaven, the last line of defense in its heart crumbled instantly as the rat ran to his side in a flash.

Yun Lintian took out another plate and gave the rat a portion of steak. The bizarre scene occurred afterward. One human and one rat, happily eating a meal together.

"Have you ever heard this saying before? There is no free lunch... not right, it's dinner now. There is no free dinner in the world. It's time for you to give something in return. What do you think?" Yun Lintian poured water to the rat and himself as he asking. To this point, he was certain this rat possessed intelligence and could understand his words. He wanted to ask the whereabouts of others.

"Squeak?" The rat rubbing its stomach and tilted its head cutely when it heard Yun Lintian's question. A moment later, it seemed to understand his words. It turned around and rummaged through something on its body. When it turned around, a piece of Profound stone could be seen in its hands.

"Middle-grade Profound stone?" Yun Lintian didn't mean to let the rat give a treasure in return, but when he saw this Middle-grade Profound stone, he was shocked.

The rat put the Profound stone before Yun Lintian and let out a low squeak as if telling him to take it.

Yun Lintian didn't take it. He asked, "Where did you get it from? Also, have you ever met anyone around here besides me?"

The rat tilted its head once again in a confusion. Before it pointed to the right tunnel with a squeak.

"You mean, you get this stone from there?" Yun Lintian asked for a confirmation.

The rat nodded its head in a reply. Yun Lintian quickly cooked another portion of steak and gave it to the rat. "Can you show me the way? I'll give you this."

The rat drooled once again, even though it was already full. The temptation was too great; it agreed with Yun Lintian's request almost instantly.

Yun Lintian packed everything up and followed the rat into the right tunnel. Along the way, he didn't meet any creature like before. He was curious where was this rat came from.

An hour later, the rat led Yun Lintian to a spacious area that resembled a hallway. On the floor laid smooth marbles, different from other places he had been before. The wall was made of solid stone, and there were countless strange runes engraved all over the place.

Yun Lintian cast his gaze to the center of the hallway and saw a huge human-shaped statue built by limestones, and it was coated by something to protect the statue from aging. The statue was a man wearing exquisite armor and holding a long sword in his hand. His facial features couldn't be seen clearly, as it was destroyed by something.

Yun Lintian turned to the rat, "Is this the place?"

The rat pointed its small finger at the foot of the statue. Yun Lintian didn't see anything special in that area. While he was confusing, the rat ran to the statue and tapped on the statue's foot. Instantaneously, the statue trembled slightly before it slowly moved away from the place, revealing a hidden passage beneath it.

Yun Lintian was surprised once again. This time, he was even more curious about the identity of this rat and why was he so lucky to meet it... Is this the legendary protagonist's unreasonable luck? Wait, did I become a protagonist now? Yun Lintian made a funny thought in his mind as he followed the rat into the passageway cautiously.

Chapter 30 - Blazing Sun Monarch

The passageway led Yun Lintian and the rat down to another open space. Along the way, he carefully checked the surroundings in case there was a trap. To his surprise, there was no danger around here.

The open area was like a living room with three iron doors connected to other rooms. On each door, there was a sun symbol engraved on it. Yun Lintian's mind subconsciously connected this to the name of the mythical realm instantly. He was certain this place contained a secret of the Blazing Sun Mythical Realm.

He turned to the rat and asked, "Are you alone here?"

The rat tilted its head slightly before giving a nod in reply.

Yun Lintian stared at the rat for a while as he pondered... This rat has red furs and there is a sun here. Don't tell me it has a connection with this place?

As a veteran novel reader, of course, he was familiar with this kind of encounter. A mysterious creature that could come and go freely in this kind of secret place. He didn't need to find any information around here to confirm his thoughts at all, because he was almost a hundred percent certain there was a relationship between the rat and this place.

"What are those doors?" Yun Lintian asked.

"Squeak!" The rat squeak once and moved to the door on the right side. With a tap, the iron door automatically opened and the rat quickly walked into the room, followed by Yun Lintian.

"This..." Even though he had already expected this, Yun Lintian was still shocked by the scene in front of him.

This was a hundred-square-meter room made of exquisite marbles. On the ground, there were several Middle-grade Profound Stone piled up into a small mountain. There were also many unknown treasures lying quietly on the shelves nearby the walls. From weapons to unidentified jade bottles, everything was covered with dust, evidently, there was no one except for the rat, had visited here for who knows how long.

Yun Lintian had seen every treasure in the Misty Cloud Sect's treasury before and he was sure their values couldn't be compared to the items in this room... First Celestial Buddha Lotus, and now these

treasures. My luck is surely on a par with the protagonist in the novels. Yun Lintian wanted to kneel down and shouted 'awesome' to the Goddess of Luck immediately.

After calming down, Yun Lintian turned to the rat with a trace of embarrassment. "Erm... Can I take away all of this?" He asked shamelessly.

"Squeak?" The rat tilted its head cutely once again, appeared as if it didn't understand Yun Lintian's words.

Yun Lintian was speechless... Are you playing dumb now? He moved to the shelf on his left side and picked a small knife up. He blew the dust off before inspecting it. The knife had two sharp edges, suitable for being used as a stabbing weapon. Except for the complicated pattern on its hilt, its design resembled the typical combat knife on Earth.

In Azure World, treasures were classified into ten ranks similar to profound strength. It started with the Foundation rank, Essence rank, Spirit rank, all the way until the Divine rank. Yun Lintian had seen the Divine rank's weapon before. It was the Misty Cloud Sect's weapon, the Misty Cloud Divine Sword, which currently within Yun Qianxue's hands. Judging from its appearance, the knife in Yun Lintian's hand should be at least the Origin rank.

Yun Lintian felt a trace of familiarity with this knife. It wasn't because there was a mysterious connection between him and the knife, but rather he was proficient with this weapon. After all, it was his second main weapon besides a gun during his time on Earth.

He skillfully stabbing and thrusting for a few times before he put it back on the shelf and moved to another treasure. Aside from weapons and some well-preserved medicinal herbs, these unidentified pills in the jade bottles were already expired. Yun Lintian spent more than an hour checking on these treasures and he finally couldn't help but ask the rat once again. "Can I take away all of them? I will give you all my food. How about it? A good deal, right?"

"Squeak!" The rat seemed to ponder for a moment before giving a nod in reply.

A greedy smile bloomed on Yun Lintian's lips as he hastily stored everything into his interspatial ring for fear the rat would change its mind.

The rat looked at its treasures slowly disappeared one by one with heartache. However, when it thinking of the steak earlier, all the rationale was thrown away instantly.

Yun Lintian patted the dust off his hands and turned to the rat. "Are there any other treasures? Why don't you bring me to see it?"

The rat rolled its eyes at this greedy bastard. It somehow began to regret it.

Yun Lintian laughed slightly. He felt like he was an adult trying to cheat for something from a five-year-old kid. Nevertheless, he didn't feel guilty at all. These treasures might be found by others one day anyway. Why should he leave them for others?

He took out a portion of jerky and handed it to the rat. Yun Lintian felt that he needed to encourage the rat a bit. This encouragement was obviously worked as the rat's eyes lit up and snatched the jerky from his hand in a flash.

"How about it? You can have all my food right away if you bring me to see the other two rooms." Yun Lintian seduced the rat with a greedy grin.

"Squeak!" The rat responded almost instantly and ran out of the room with the jerky on its back, heading toward the opposite door.

Yun Lintian almost couldn't hold his laughter while following the rat into the room.

Upon arriving at the room, Yun Lintian frowned slightly because this room was clearly a bedroom. It was decorated with a simple bed that was covered with dust, and a small wooden desk, and a chair on the side.

The rat looked at Yun Lintian with its big eyes, as if it told him, "I already brought you here. Now, quickly take your food out."

Yun Lintian was amused by its adorable appearance. This time, he gave the rat a big chunk of jerky without hesitation.

While the rat was busy exploring the food, Yun Lintian went to the desk and picked a worn-out book up. He brushed the dust off and opened the first page.

"A thousand years have passed by now. I don't know how long I have to guard this place. I don't understand why that person wanted me to do this. In my view, this is clearly a pointless action."

The first paragraph made Yun Lintian's brows creased together. The image of the statue above the ground flashed across his mind as he suspected the man was the one who wrote this... Who is this man? Also, who is 'that person' he talking about? Yun Lintian was confused. He continued to read further.

"During this period, I have tried my best to unravel the secret behind [The Sun] but I found nothing as a result. Alas, apparently, it is true as that person said, only 'he' could control it. I don't know how long I have to wait until 'he' appeared here."

The more Yun Lintian read, the more confused he became. Yun Lintian continued to read further, but he didn't find anything useful besides the writer's lament. This was nothing different from Yun Lintian's ranting diary.

He flipped through page after page until he reached the last page. Yun Lintian saw a piece of interesting information at the bottom of the page.

"My lifespan is about to reach the end tonight. I never thought one day, the famous Blazing Sun Monarch would die like this. Do I have any regret? The answer is probably yes. Even though I have to stay here for thousands of years, I don't complain about it."

Reading to this point, Yun Lintian rolled his eyes... Don't complain? All I see is your complaint on every page. You still have the face to say you don't complain about it? He thought and continued to read further.

"My only regret is I won't have a chance to see that person's face again... Hahaha, Yan Qi, you are such a sore loser. You are the Blazing Sun Monarch, but you are willing to follow that person's unreasonable request. What are you thinking about back then? You are stupid enough to die because of that person. What a tragic end for you."

The diary ended here. Yun Lintian was amazed by the last paragraph... Who is 'that person' exactly? To make this Blazing Sun Monarch stay here obediently and died out of old age. More importantly, this guy did it unconditionally. If his sexual orientation is normal, 'that person' should be a woman. Hah, this guy is practically a licking dog on Earth.

What were profound practitioners cherished the most? It was their life. They had practiced the profound ways to go against the sky, to go against the unchangeable rules, achieving immortality, and became the master of their own fates. However, this Yan Qi had practically thrown away his life just like that. This action made Yun Lintian fell into deep thought for a long time.

"Squeak?" The rat seemed to notice the change in Yun Lintian's mood. It put the jerky down on the ground and came to his side.

Yun Lintian took a deep breath and turned to the rat. "Do you know where is The Sun? Can you bring me there?"

The rat was confused and shook its head, indicating it didn't know about the so-called The Sun, causing Yun Lintian to give up on this matter in the end.

"What about the last door?" Yun Lintian changed the topic.

The rat nibbled the jerky while staring at Yun Lintian pitifully. Yun Lintian chuckled and gave another portion of jerky to it. However, this time, the rat accepted it but didn't move away as it did before; instead, it continued to stare at Yun Lintian.

"Alright. You gluttonous." This time Yun Lintian handed all the jerky to the rat.

The rat was happy and carefully organized its own food by putting them at the corner of the room before pulling the quilt nearby to cover it.

"Hey, no one will steal it from you. You don't have to hide it." Yun Lintian was amused.

The rat flashed its sharp teeth at Yun Lintian before running out of the room, heading to the last door in the middle. Yun Lintian shook his head amusingly and followed it out.