

Nine-Dragon 771

Chapter 771: Abducting an All Creation Expert

Su Yu was obviously safer here since an All Creation Old Monster was protecting him.

Swoosh!

As the young girl pointed her finger at him, a wisp of Disastrous Flame invaded his body, then turned into a destructive raging flame, which swallowed his whole body. After that, his whole body started burning, transforming him into a man of flames.

The corners of Su Yu's mouth couldn't help but twitch due to the pain that the raging flames were inflicting on his body. It was an extremely wretched experience!

However, Su Yu's mind was still sober, and his mental acuteness wasn't affected by it at all. Besides, he had already suffered an equally great pain when his body was reborn when he reconstructed his Dantian.

In fact, that experience was many times more intense than this current one. Even though the Disastrous Flame was burning his whole body, after focusing his mind energy to withstand the intensity, he didn't find it too painful at all.

The young girl blinked her round eyes and said, "Wow! It seems that your mind's tolerance is indeed powerful!"

She found it slightly unbelievable, as many All Creation Old Monsters were so pained when they passed the fire tribulation that they almost wished for death, and most of them even fainted in the process. Yet, this Fairy had managed to grit his teeth and suffer through it. It was really baffling!

"It's better like this..." the young girl said, while she controlled the Disastrous Flame to spread to every part of Su Yu's body.

As a crackling sound echoed from his clothes, he looked down to see that they had just been burned into ashes. His white hair and all of his flesh were affected by the Disastrous Flame's intense heat. His flesh was being destroyed, but would then be regenerated quickly, and this same cycle continued over and over again.

Su Yu gritted his teeth and became more spirited. Slowly, he felt his body becoming more powerful. The whole process lasted for just enough time to drink a cup of tea, and when the Disastrous Flame was extinguished, Su Yu's body looked like burnt charcoal!

He slightly shook his body, managing to slough off its burnt surface of skin and revealing the supple skin beneath it. Although this skin was still aged, it had a faint red luster to it, which was the exact same color as the Disastrous Flame.

When Su Yu observed himself more carefully, he found that this newly uncovered skin, his internal blood energy channels, his bones, and his whole body had taken on the Disastrous Flame's aura. Su Yu mulled this over for a moment before he thrust his fist forward.

Immediately, a raging flame suddenly appeared on his fist. It wasn't as powerful as the Disastrous Flame, but it was still many times more intense than ordinary flames.

“After the Disastrous Flame burned your body, a part of it fused with it, thus infusing your body with its fire attribute. Now, when you choose a cultivation technique in the future or try to comprehend concepts, you must try to walk down the fire attribute road. In this way, you will be more likely to obtain higher achievements in the future,” the young girl said.

Su Yu nodded. He could feel that his fleshly body’s power had rise by a whole level. It had just four Elephants’ power before, but now, it had reached four and a half Elephants’ power, maybe even five Elephants’ power!

“There is still a wisp of Disastrous Flame left, and you must use it to temper your soul. It will be useful for strengthening your soul. This an opportunity that you are lucky to get, and it won’t come easily again.” The young girl looked at the last wisp of Disastrous Flame as she spoke.

There were very few ways to temper one’s soul in the Jiuzhou World, and most of them had already disappeared in ancient times. Thus, getting the chance to do so while making a breakthrough at the same time was extremely rare!

Su Yu nodded, and then the young girl imbued the Disastrous Flame into him through his forehead. After it entered his forehead, it went directly into his soul.

His soul was vastly superior to people’s at the same realm as him, and this was especially the case since his soul was protected by the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron. Luckily for him, the Divine Nine-Dragon Cauldron greatly lessened the pain that he had suffered from the wisp of Disastrous Flame when it burned his body.

As such, Su Yu didn’t furrow even his brows. He just felt a faint burning sensation in his head.

Upon seeing this, the young girl became even more curious about him, and she wondered... What’s wrong with this old man?

After the time that it would take to drink a cup of tea, the Disastrous Flame dissipated. As Su Yu opened his eyes, he felt quite rejuvenated. His soul’s power has also risen another level, thus reaching the Level Three Fairy Realm.

If most of the Disastrous Flame hadn’t scattered, his soul’s power would have risen even more drastically, but it was a pity that he had only two wisps of it left now.

“Can you tell me now... Where did this person go?” the young girl asked Su Yu as she pointed at Su Yu’s picture that depicted the other version of himself.

Su Yu replied, “The Red Blood Palace.”

The Red Blood Palace? The young girl raised her brows, then said, “That is quite likely, as he surely knew that it would be difficult for him to escape after killing my Uncle Blood Emperor, so it would make sense for him to try to hide in the Red Blood Palace.”

“Senior, do you plan to attack the Red Blood Palace?” Su Yu asked.

Upon hearing his question, the young girl was taken aback. Then, she shook her head and replied, “I mustn’t expose my identity.”

She had kept the Central Prefecture’s King in the dark, escaping to take revenge against Su Yu. So, if she exposed herself, the Central Prefecture’s King would surely send people after her to bring her back, and then she wouldn’t get to kill Su Yu!

“Since that is the case, why don’t you follow me and sneak into the Red Blood Palace, then look for him secretly?” Su Yu’s eyes flickered as he voiced his suggestion.

After all, the young girl was an All Creation Expert, and as Su Yu was worried that he would expose himself by mistake if he was not careful, thus allowing the young girl to see through him to the truth, he figured that he needed to keep a close eye on her. Besides, Su Yu still didn’t know how much she knew about him besides his physical appearance.

“Sneak into it and hide there? That seems like it might be a reasonable plan.” The young girl considered it seriously before finally finding the plan feasible. It seemed like she was still pretty inexperienced and a bit naive.

“Okay, bring me with you. Let’s infiltrate the Red Blood Palace before looking for that person. If you can find his trail, I will surely reward you generously,” the young girl said. “Okay, lead me into the Red Blood Palace!”

The corners of Su Yu’s mouth couldn’t help but twitch as he pointed at the top of her head and asked, “Does the Red Blood Palace dare to take in an All Creation Old Monster as an outer sanctum’s disciple?”

The young girl was startled, and while face became slightly flushed, she glared at Su Yu and said, “I know... You don’t need to remind me.”

As she spoke, the crown atop the young girl’s head disappeared, and as she restrained her cultivation, she revealed her cultivation level to be just at the Level Two Fairy Realm. This seemed surprisingly average!

Can you still read my mind now? Su Yu wondered as he looked at the young girl.

As she saw the strange expression that was now on his face, the young girl furrowed her brows and asked Su Yu, “Why are you looking at me like that?”

Su Yu heaved a sigh of relief inwardly. It seemed like even her mind-reading technique had been constrained along with her cultivation. Otherwise, he would be in grave danger if she could read his true thoughts at this moment.

Su Yu started to examine the young girl. She had round, blue eyes, pretty eyebrows, and long eyelashes, which were like thin fans. She also had fair and rosy cheeks. In fact, she was quite adorable and lovely!

She had a tall and curvy body, and the purple dress that she wore couldn’t hide her impressive body’s charm. If Su Yu wasn’t already aware of the fact, it would be difficult for him to believe that this young girl was an All Creation Old Monster.

Wait! Su Yu suddenly recalled something while he looked at her long, purple dress. He remembered that Xia Jingyu had once said that something purple would appear in his path, and if he could get ahold of it, it would probably solve his crisis and alter his fate.

He had assumed at the time that she was talking about a specific object. He never expected that it would be a person! It turned out that it was this young girl who erased the imprint, extinguished the Disastrous Flame, and saved Su Yu from such a crisis! It seemed like he didn't make a mistake by choosing to keep her by his side, and he knew now more than ever that he must surely keep her close!

"I'm Su Yuxian, and you are?" Su Yu asked.

The young girl replied, "Call me Han Xuan for now. I want to change my name, but I don't know what should I choose..."

Su Yu looked at her lovely purple dress and smiled as he suggested, "How about Zi Xuan?"

Zi Xuan? The young girl looked at her purple dress and revealed a faint smile as she replied, "Okay. I do love purple, so it can be just be Zi Xuan from now on then."

Early the next morning, beneath the dawn sky.

Madame Situ furrowed her refined brows slightly. The night had already passed, yet Su Yu still didn't hadn't back. This displeased her.

"Yingying, did your companion inform you about why he left?" Madame Situ asked.

Yuan Yingying shook her head and looked out at the distant river. She hadn't slept the whole night, so her eyes were slightly bloodshot.

Elder Li furrowed his brows and said, "Madame Situ, we can't wait any longer. Your family has already been waiting for three days for those two additional people, and we are quite pressed for time. If we don't reach the Red Blood Palace by noon, we won't make in time to apply for the test!"

Madame Situ became anxious when she heard this. She had barely managed, with great difficulty, to find two suitable people for Yan'er, yet such a problem had now appeared! She was frustrated as she wondered... Did he really flee just before the start of everything?

Madame Situ and Elder Li looked at the horizon at the same time. There, they witnessed two people flying through the air, approaching them from the end of the lake.

One of them was a Level Two Fairy, while the other was a Level One Fairy. When the pair neared them, the anger on Madame Situ's face disappeared and delight replaced it.

Su Yu had unexpectedly reached the Fairy Realm in just a single night! However, she had to wonder... Who is that purple dressed woman he brought with him?

When they landed on the ground, Su Yu cupped his fists in apology and said, "Madame Situ, Elder Li, I'm sorry for making you wait for so long. I went to meet my friend, and along the way, I went through a Heavenly Tribulation. This is the reason that I have returned so late."

Elder Li looked at Zi Xuan, examined her slightly, then looked at Madame Situ and said, "Madame, I can't just add another quota at will."

Madame Situ smiled and said, "It doesn't matter, as I left three quotas for Su Yuxian, and a single quota remains from those three. Hence, it can be given to this young girl."

At first, they were only allowed to bring two people with them, but as Su Yu had brought only a single person, and a single quota had been left vacant. Other people assumed that Su Yu went out just to meet with his friend, and it was only Yuan Yingying who knew otherwise.

Who is this delicate and lovely girl? Yuan Yingying was lost in her thoughts and felt a faint sense of crisis at the moment.

"Brother Su, I was worried about you." Yuan Yingying strode forward and hugged Su Yu intimately.

Zi Xuan looked at the pair calmly, then asked Su Yu, "Why is she calling you 'Brother?'"

Su Yu explained calmly, "I ran into an issue while I was cultivating, which caused my outward appearance to appear old, while in fact, I'm just eighteen."

Zi Xuan nodded to express her understanding. Her calm demeanor revealed that she didn't take it too seriously. After all, she had heard about similar conditions many times before.

"Since you are all here, let's set off." Elder Li didn't hesitate any further before he activated the bird puppet and headed toward the Red Blood Palace.

After half a day, in the Red Blood Palace's territory, in a fort that was situated among a boundless wilderness.

When they arrived at a fort in the Red Blood Palace's territory, they were impressed. This fort didn't have just a powerful formation, it was also overseen and protected by countless experts. Also, Su Yu detected that there were no less than ten Divine Masters' auras within it.

"This is the Red Blood Palace's outer sanctum, which is situated all by itself outside of the Fairy Confining Forest," Elder Li said. "It's only after you become an inner sanctum's disciple one day that you can then go to the inner sanctum. Before you do that, you will only be allowed to train and cultivate in the outer sanctum."

Su Yu then asked Yan'er, "What's the Fairy Confining Forest?"

Yan'er blinked her eyes and asked in surprise, "Brother Su, have you really never heard about it before? The Fairy Confining Forest is a primitive forest, which spans across most of the nine prefectures. It is boundless and endless, and even an All Creation Old Monster may not manage to reach its end."

She took a breath, then continued with wide eyes, "There are many powerful demonic beasts within it, and the deeper one ventures into it, the more powerful the beasts the he runs into become. Even All Creation Realm demonic beasts are there, and it's even recorded in ancient books that there was once a Demon Emperor there, whose cultivation surpassed the All Creation Realm!"

A Demon Emperor above the All Creation Realm? Su Yu's heart slightly shuddered at just the thought of it. He could scarcely believe that there was really a higher realm than the All Creation Realm!

“The Red Blood Palace’s outer palace is situated at the edge of the Fairy Confining Forest, while the inner palace is located at its depths. However, such a deep place is still considered to be just at the periphery of the Fairy Confining Forest.”

Su Yu nodded. Then, after the puppet landed, they all converged onto a stone pillar.

As Su Yu swept the surroundings with his gaze, he discovered that there were ten stone pillars outside of the palace, each which had a radius of several thousand meters. There were people on all of the other nine pillars, and Su Yu even saw people he recognized on one of the pillars.

These people were the Shangguan Family’s Master and his family’s juniors, as well as Zhang Fan and the Shangguan family’s brother and sister. They were also looking in Su Yu’s direction at the moment, but as Su Yu and Yuan Yingying had already changed their appearances, they didn’t recognize them.

“Well, Madame Situ, I hope that you have been well since we last met.” A warm voice drifted over from a nearby pillar.

After Su Yu heard it, he looked over and saw a blue-robed, middle-aged man, who was holding a jade fan. He had a majestic appearance and an outstanding bearing, but his eyes were restless and were looking frequently at Madame Situ’s most intimate parts. Those eyes even stared at her plump chest for a long while!

Chapter 772: Arrogant and Overbearing

Although Madame Situ was already middle-aged, she was still beautiful and charming. In her youth, she was a breathtaking woman.

In fact, she was a goddess, who was admired by many. Shortly after she married into the Situ Family, her husband died while he was on an expedition. Ever since then, she has managed the Situ Family all by herself.

To this day, men still lusted after her because of her beauty. Fortunately, she was extremely powerful, so average men wouldn’t dare to have presumptuous thoughts about her.

But, the man before them was an exception. He was the Shao Family’s Master, Shao Yueming.

In the past, he was an outer sanctum disciple of the Red Blood Palace like Madame Situ. He had admired her in his youth and still coveted her now. However, Shao Yueming was scheming and treacherous, so he had never managed to get her love in return.

Madame Situ wore a warm look as she said, “You don’t need to worry about us.”

Shao Yueming revealed a faint smile as he said, “Madame Situ, it seems to me like your Situ Family’s juniors aren’t strong at all. In fact, I heard that you spent a large sum in order to look for some talented people to escort and protect your family’s juniors. Since you were willing to ask for help from outsiders, why didn’t you ask me? I would surely have helped you because of our past friendship.”

Madame Situ sneered. She figured that, if she had really asked for his help, he would probably have had some presumptuous requests of her. She then replied, “There is no need for you to help. You should just take care of your own family’s juniors.”

After she finished speaking, displeasure appeared on Madame Situ's face. However, as Shao Yueming was focused on observing the Situ Family's juniors, he didn't notice her displeasure, and after he looked at Situ Yan, his gaze fell upon the two people beside her, who wore bamboo hats.

He then asked calmly, "Are they the people you are relying upon? They seem too weak, so why don't you let my family's juniors take Yan'er with them and protect her? After all, I know how much you love her."

His words had a threatening insinuation to them, which made Madame Situ's expression instantly turn ice-cold. She then said, "Shao Yueming, don't go overboard."

As she swept the Shao Family's juniors with her ice-cold daze, her heart couldn't help but shudder. They had around twenty people, the weakest of whom was a Level One Fairy. The rest of the group consisted of five or six Level Two Fairies, as well as two Level Three Fairies and one Level Four Fairy, which was now the greatest genius of the Shao Family.

However, what truly shocked her was that they had a Level Five Fairy woman! She had a longbow at her back and had a cold and aloof demeanor.

"Hehe, I forget to introduce her to you. She's one of my family's branch disciples. Shao Li, why don't you greet Madame Situ?" Shao Yueming revealed a faint smile.

Shao Li wore a cold look as she nodded calmly at Madame Situ. She didn't show the least bit of respect to her, while a playful expression even appeared on her face as she looked at Situ Yan.

Madame Situ's expression changed to one of gravity, as it was obvious that Shao Li had set her eyes on Situ Yan and wanted to kill her because she was the last descendant of the Situ Family's main bloodline.

"Shao Yueming, how dare you?" Madame Situ's eyes revealed a murderous aura.

Shao Yueming wore a mocking smile and said, "I didn't say anything, so why are you this agitated?"

He took a last look at Su Yu and Yuan Yingying, then said, "You should properly protect the Situ Family's eldest miss."

After he spoke, he turned around and left, while still wearing a satisfied smile. However, he suddenly heard a calm voice from behind him, "You don't need to worry about her. Instead, you should watch your Shao Family's juniors."

The people from the other factions and families, who were on the pillar, all looked at them coldly, none of them intervening. Even the Shangguan's Family just watched as the Situ Family was bullied. They didn't condemn them because the Shao Family was ranked higher than them.

If they excluded the eighteen great factions, then the Shangguan Yunque would be ranked second, while the Shao Family would be ranked first. As such, even though they couldn't bear to observe such a sight, they still didn't dare to condemn them. After all, if the Shao Family's came to resent them because of any intervention on their part, then they would be in great troubles if their juniors who participated in the test were beaten by them.

Many factions were angered by them, but they still didn't dare criticize them. But, this one reckless guy still dared to talk back to them!

They all looked at him with gazes that were filled with shock and astonishment. Then, all of the people looked at the man who wore a bamboo hat, who was standing beside Situ Yan.

Shao Yueming didn't expect that there would be someone here who dared to talk back to him. As he looked back at him, Su Yu, who wore a bamboo hat, revealed a faint smile.

He then said, "Hehe, you seem quite confident about your ability to protect Yan'er. Since we still have enough time on our hands, then why don't you have some matches against my Shao Family's juniors? It would be surely of help to you in the test, and may let you even have a greater chance of surviving."

Madame Situ had a cold look on her face as she asked, "Shao Yueming, why are you quarreling with such a kid? Do you still care about your reputation at all?"

Shao Yueming clearly didn't care about it as he replied, "Madame, you think too much about it. After all, they will just have some quick, harmless and friendly matches. Shao Hu, why don't you have a fight against their expert? But, you should still remember to go easy on him... Don't beat him to death!"

Swoosh!

A youngster with a tough and stocky build strode forward from among the crowd. Each step he took made the ground shake.

He was a Level Two Fairy, but from the inner strength that his body was emitting, it was obvious that he possessed a fleshly body that was no less powerful than two Elephants and a half. As such, few Level Two Fairies could face his fists head-on.

"Is this still considered a friendly match, since his opponent's cultivation is higher than his by a whole level?" Madame Situ asked through clenched teeth.

While she spoke, hate welled up in her heart. Shao Yueming clearly wanted to humiliate the Situ Family, while also venting his past resentment from failing to attain her affections.

Shao Yueming said with a smile, "I'm doing this just because I'm worried about Yan'er. If he can't confront such an opponent, then how could he properly protect Yan'er?"

He understood, just as Madame Situ did, that Shao Yueming just wanted to seize this opportunity to have a clear look at Su Yu's true power, so that they wouldn't end up falling by accident, while trying to kill Situ Yan.

Elder Li spoke calmly, "Shao Family's Master, the test will start soon, so you will need to leave all of the matches and fights until the end of the test."

Elder Li was the Situ Family's envoy, and he surely didn't want to see them being bullied by someone. Madame Situ looked at him with a gaze that was filled with gratitude.

However, when he finished speaking, an old man, who wore snake's scales and was wearing a silver robe, chuckled as he spoke, "Elder Li, holding such matches before the start of the test would let only make them more spirited, so it would be beneficial to them while they were trying to pass the test. Hence, why do you need to stop them?"

Elder Li's expression became gloomy as he looked at that man who had just spoken. He was the Shao Family's envoy, Elder Tong. His ranking in the outer sanctum was higher than his, so he didn't dare refute him.

As Su Yu saw that they were in an awkward altercation, he strode forward and revealed a faint smile. "This elder isn't mistaken, as it isn't really bad at all to exercise slightly before the start of the test. Madame, I will go there."

Swoosh!

Su Yu tapped the ground with the tip of his foot, then streaked across the air and landed gracefully on the Shao Family's pillar. The fact that he went to them courageously instead of cowering back astonished everyone.

"He's bold and valiant! All youngsters should be like this." An elder on another pillar, who was on Madame Situ's side, couldn't help but praise him.

It should have been the Shao Family that was challenging them, yet now, it seemed like it was now the Situ Family doing it. Shao Yueming looked at Su Yu calmly as he waved his hand and said, "Shao Hu, he seems quite strong, so you don't need to go easy on him. You may fight him with you full power!"

Shao Hu grinned. "Understood."

As he spoke, he strode forward and looked at Su Yu. "I will defeat you in one move."

He then shouted, "Iron Dragon Diving in the Sea!"

Shao Hu revolved his whole body's Vital Energy into his fists and concentrated his whole power, which equaled two Elephants and a half, within them. His attack would leave even Level Two Fairies injured if it struck them, let alone a Level One Fairy!

Madame Situ clenched her fair hands. Although she believed in Su Yu's choice, she had never once seen him fight, so she couldn't help but worry about him. It was only now that she would get to witness him fighting.

As Shao Hu thrust his fists at him, Su Yu felt strong air currents blowing at his white hair. But, his eyes, which were hidden behind his bamboo hat, remained calm.

His left feet strode forward one step as he revolved his Vital Energy in his right hand, then thrust it at him. One of the two contenders was a man with a stocky build, while the other one was a thin and aged old man. As such, there should have been a great disparity between their physical powers.

Crack!

When they collided, a scene that greatly surprised the crowd appeared. A cracking sound echoed from the arms of Shao Hu, who possessed peerless power, while his stocky body stumbled back. At that moment, he almost fell out of the pillar!

Thump!

Although he managed to stop himself from falling out of the pillar, he still stumbled and fell on his butt. He was in a pitiful and distressed state. Su Yu, on the other hand, was still calmly standing

motionlessly on his place. In fact, it seemed like Shao Hu's power didn't affect him in the slightest bit!

Su Yu took back his right hand slowly as he lowered his bamboo hat and spoke calmly, "It really ended in one move! I defeated you in one move!"

Delight appeared on Madame Situ's face. Su Yu was more powerful than she had expected! Shao Hu's fist's power almost rivaled a Level Three Fairy's, yet Su Yu had still managed to easily defeat him. Hence, it was obvious that he wasn't any weaker than a Level Three Fairy!

Elder Li let out a breath, while a faint smile appeared on his cold face. He felt quite comfortable as he swept his gaze over Elder Tong, whose expression was unsightly.

The faint smile that was plastered on Shao Yueming's face instantly disappeared as he looked at Shao Hu in disappointment. He then asked, "Didn't you attack him too ruthlessly?"

Shao Yueming looked at Su Yu, as he clasped his hands behind his back, then slowly engulfed Su Yu within his formless pressure. However, Su Yu didn't fear it, only retreated quickly by several steps to avoid such a wave of pressure.

Su Yu then asked calmly, "Shao Family's Master, shouldn't you thank me for sparing him? Unless you are blind, you should be clear about the fact that I stopped mid-way. Otherwise, your family's junior wouldn't have ended up with just his arms being fractured."

The Divine Masters all nodded at the same time. Perhaps Fairies couldn't have noticed it, but they certainly had! At such a crucial juncture, Su Yu had only used half of his power. If he hadn't held back, Shao Hu's life might have been in real danger!

Shao Yueming pretended that he didn't notice it, but instead blamed him. It was really somewhat too disgraceful of him!

Shao Yueming became somewhat angered as he felt all of the people looking at him. But, he still put on a gentle look as he asked, "Junior, you are really powerful, so may I know whether you are still interested in continuing to fight?"

When Madame Situ was just about to stop him, Su Yu spoke, "Let's do it. All of you Shao's juniors, who feel like you are talented enough, can step forward to fight me. It's only in this way that you can have a clear look at your own power and know which people in the test you can offend... And which ones you can't!"

Everyone couldn't help but smack their lips and comment when they heard such arrogant words...

"Isn't this guy too arrogant? Even if he looked down upon the Shao Family's juniors, shouldn't he, at very least, show some respect to Shao Yueming?"

"Tsk, tsk, it's fine that he's arrogant. In fact, he's quite to my taste! It seems like he's just a helper that was invited by the Situ Family, yet he still braced himself and stood for them when they were being bullied. He really has a good character."

All of the Shao Family's juniors were angered, and they all glared at Su Yu. They couldn't believe that he dared to look down upon them!

“Aren’t you too conceited?” A Level Three Fairy young girl, whose expression was gloomy, stood out for them and asked.

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Su Yu looked at the young girl, then shook his head. “I’m not arrogant. I’m just warning you. If you don’t want an accident to occur, which will make it so that you never get to come out again, then you better not cause trouble for me after entering the testing grounds. I’m saving your lives, after all!”

Upon hearing Su Yu’s brazen words the Shao family’s juniors were infuriated.

“Well then, let’s see about that!” the young girl yelled back, while looking at Su Yu coldly. Since the Shao family had just been insulted in front of everybody, she and her family were obliged to attack Su Yu and subdue him.

“Waves Rise Without Wind!” the young girl yelled as she weaved hand signs, unexpectedly using a magical ability.

At that moment, a formless cold wind appeared and surrounded the young girl’s body. Then, as she tapped the ground with the tips of her feet, she started drifting erratically about, like dust in the wind. Her movement technique was extremely fast.

As she was doing this, Su Yu just stayed in his place, sweeping his gaze over the surroundings. He then pointed his finger suddenly in the direction of a palace that was just beside him.

Bang!

At that moment, a soft noise echoed out, followed by a muffled groan. In that instant, the young girl, who possessed an extremely fast movement technique, was spinning around at a very high speed, which had caused her to stumble and fall down.

As blood seeped out of the corners of her mouth, her pretty face became ice-cold. “This still isn’t over yet!”

She then yelled, “Wind Controlling Finger!”

The young girl didn’t retreat, but attacked instead. While wind revolved around her fingertip, her fingertip became as sharp as a needle.

All the while, the wind still continued whirling beneath her feet, causing her to flicker around like a ghost. In this way, she reached Su Yu in just the twinkling of an eye.

Her sharp fingertip was just a meter from Su Yu. However, the latter thrust his fist forward at this moment, igniting several wisps of flames inside his body, which immediately engulfed his fist.

Crack!

As a crisp sound echoed out, the young girl’s index finger was completely fractured. Then, the powerful strength spread to her whole arm through her finger, fracturing all of her arm bones!

The young girl screamed miserably, while her face turned pale and she stumbled backward continuously. However, things didn’t end there, as the flame in Su Yu’s palm also spread to her body and started to burn her dress!

Although the woman revolved her Vital Energy quickly, trying to extinguish the flame, this particular flame was quite strange, so her Vital Energy could only obstruct it reluctantly, while half of her body continued to burn!

Upon seeing this, Shao Yueming's gaze became ice-cold. He waved his palm at the young girl, causing a Divine Master Realm's power to engulf her and extinguish the flames.

Many spots on her body were burned until they had become scarlet, while half of her dress was also burned. Her chest, which was hidden by her clothes before, was now slightly shivering, as it was exposed and bathed in the sunlight now.

"Ah!" the woman cried out sharply. She was ashamed and resentful, and she crouched down as she tried to cover her body.

As Su Yu took back his fist, the flames that were on it disappeared. He then said calmly, "It's obvious that I'm capable of causing you all to suffer an accident, and if anyone is unconvinced of this fact, he can step forward now."

Everyone was astounded to hear him say such a thing. They were already shocked by the fact that he had managed to defeat a Level Two Fairy with just a single punch, so seeing him defeat even a Level Three Fairy with a single punch was mind-boggling!

Everyone looked at Su Yu in shock, while wagging their tongues about him...

"Where did Madame Situ manage to find such an expert? His fighting prowess is probably at the peak of the Level Three Fairy Realm!"

"The Situ family is really lucky. Such young experts usually have their own ways for getting a recommendation, so how could he still need to accept a mission of protecting the Situ family's juniors?"

As the Shao family had now lost two times in a row, it was utterly disgraced.

"What? No challengers?" Su Yu swept his gaze over the Shao family's remaining four Level Three Fairies, as well as the one Level Four Fairy and the callous young girl, who was at the Level Five Fairy Realm. It seemed to the Shao family's experts like his gaze was a provocation.

"I will face him!" a Level Three Fairy shouted, unwilling to accept it Su Yu's bullying any longer.

"Ah!" However, just when they had started fighting, that Level Three Fairy was sent flying by a single punch!

"Count me in, too!... Ah!"

"Me too..."

"Ah! I still didn't finish my speech!"

The crowd then witnessed all of the Shao family's Level Three Fairies, who each stepped forward and challenged Su Yu before being sent flying by just a single punch! Su Yu's oppressive might made the crowd realize just how powerful Su Yu really was.

Upon seeing this scene, Madame Situ's eyes flickered, and it was clear that she was greatly delighted. That great sir really had found a devilish genius for them!

He was obviously just a Level One Fairy, yet he could still crush all of the Shao family's Level Three Fairies so easily. In fact, his fighting prowess had probably already reached the Level Four Fairy Realm.

The gazes of the Shao family's juniors all changed. At first, they had felt insulted and shocked, but now, they were afraid.

Now, none of them dared to step forward, and only the Level Three Fairy young girl was left. As she looked in fear at Su Yu, she stumbled backward unceasingly.

This Su Yu was too powerful! All she could think of at the moment was that she didn't want her clothes to be burned by him, thus forcing her to carry such a humiliation for the rest of her life.

"Are those the Shao family's most talented descendants? Shao Family's Master, you really should worry more about your family's juniors and leave the Situ family alone," Su Yu said calmly as he looked at Shao Yueming.

Shao Yueming's expression became gloomy after he witnessed his juniors being sent flying away, one after another.

The Shao family's two remaining people were the Shao family's young master, as well as the branch family's young girl. These two were the only people who still hadn't challenged him.

"I will fight you." A seventeen-year-old youngster clasped his hands behind his back as he walked forward. He wore an ice-cold look and didn't seem to have been affected by his family's defeat at all. Instead, his gaze was filled with great confidence.

"Young Master Shao!" Madame Situ squinted her eyes, while expectation appeared within them. After all, this was a good opportunity for her to probe both the Shao family's current young master's cultivation, as well as Su Yu's true power.

Expectation also appeared on the faces of all of the family' members.

Shao Yueming then raised his eyebrows, and said "Lingjian, don't be rash. It is still not time for you to fight." He said this was because he didn't want the people to see through his child's true power before the test, as it would be quite harmful to him during the test if this should happen.

Shao Lingjian clasped his hands together as he said, "I know what I'm doing. I will make just a single move. Then, I will give up, regardless of the outcome." He was aware of what was at stake here, so he didn't want to fight for too long because of that fact.

He looked calmly at Su Yu, then said, "Both of us need just one move."

Many families watched them with rapt attention. There were many rumors about Shao Lingjian's power, and the people had only witnessed him actually fighting a few times.

It was rumored that he had once defeated someone who had just advanced into the Level Five Fairy Realm. It was even said that he had once fought a Level Six Fairy and had matched him point by point! His true power was always a riddle!

Su Yu spoke carefreely as he yelled, "Make a move!"

Shao Lingjian, who had clasped his hands behind his back, took a step forward, and as his clothes fluttered, he slowly extended his right hand. At that moment, a sound that was as loud as a clap of thunder echoed forth from his arm bones. Its echo rang out more than forty-nine times.

"Hundred Bones Demonic Tempering Technique?" Madame Situ asked as she stared at him fixedly.

Her expression became slightly grave. Then, a faint sign of hatred appeared on her face as she said, "My husband went on an expedition with Shao Yueming in the past, and in the end, my husband died inexplicably, while the latter succeeded in bringing back with him a high grade legendary cultivation technique, the Hundred Bones Demonic Tempering Technique."

It was rumored that this cultivation technique was passed down from ancient times, and even though it was incomplete, it was still an extremely powerful body tempering demonic technique. After one managed to cultivate it successfully, his bones' density would increase drastically, which would then cause his body's power to also increase.

Shao Yueming was just an ordinary candidate for the young master position before, but after he had gotten that technique, he had managed to snatch the young master's position. He even defeated many families' masters. This was all due to the Hundred Bones Demonic Tempering Technique.

The death of Situ Family's Master was obviously related to this Hundred Bones Demonic Tempering Technique, as well as being related to Shao Yueming.

"If you block my punch head-on, your arm bones will surely break apart into forty-nine pieces. So, you had better prepare yourself for that," Shao Lingjian said.

"Break open!" Shao Lingjian then shouted, while he walked over and extended his other hand toward Su Yu's head. At that moment, a faint friction sound echoed in the air around his arm.

Su Yu felt a slight sense of danger coming from it at that moment, so he didn't take Shao Lingjian lightly. After Su Yu's body had gone through numerous destructions and rebirths while in the reverse time flow, as well as the tempering of Disastrous Lightning and Disastrous Flame, its power reached the Level Four Fairy Realm. Moreover, it was at such a level even when he wasn't using the First Dragon's Body!

As such, it would be difficult for anyone under the Level Four Fairy Realm to block even a single punch from him. However, Shao Lingjian's Hundred Bones Demonic Tempering Technique was no small matter, so Su Yu knew that he must deal with him cautiously. At that moment, his arm's internal blood energy channel became golden, while his arm's power rose drastically.

Bang!

He then thrust his fist forward and faced his opponent's fist head-on. At that moment, Shao Lingjian's calloused facial expression changed slightly, his calm gaze becoming slightly grave.

Thump! Thump!

He stumbled back two steps, while his left hand, which was now behind his back, had already taken back by him at some unknown time. He was no longer composed and confident at all like he had been before he had attacked Su Yu.

As for Su Yu, he also fell back two steps, as he was slightly startled. He had already used his whole body's power, having reached the Level Five Fairy Realm. Yet, he only managed to fight Shao Lingjian into a draw!

However, since pure physical power was Su Yu's most basic power, if he managed to cultivate the Buddhist Saint's Eight Characters Technique and then used it, even the young girl, who was at Level Five Fairy Realm, would be forced to dodge it!

Everyone's gazes became grave after they witnessed such a scene. Shao Lingjian was obviously powerful, but the mysterious bamboo-hatted genius shocked them all even more!

After all, he was just a Level One Fairy, yet he possessed a fleshly body that rivaled a Level Five Fairy's. Everyone had to wonder... What did this mean? Clearly, it meant that he was powerful to an outrageous degree!

Shao Yueming's face became gloomy, and he finally began to take Su Yu seriously. As Shao Lingjian took a deep look at Su Yu, he retreated slowly. However, he still continued to fight.

"Can I give it a try?" the Level Five Fairy young girl, whose name was Shao Li, spoke coldly as she looked at Su Yu.

Shao Yueming waved his hand at her in refusal and shouted, "Come back!"

Shao Lingjian's attack already seemed like an act of bullying, and if another Level Five Fairy fought him, he was worried that everyone would just laugh at them. Even if Shao Li won, the Shao family would just get a bad name as being shameless sore losers. If she lost, the people would only mock them even more! Either way, it would be inappropriate for her to fight!

"Lad... Who are you?" Shao Yueming couldn't believe that a junior with such an amazing power would run for the Situ family as a mere guard.

He was baffled by this matter. Not only him, but all the people here were also baffled by it.

With the outstanding capability that he had just displayed, he shouldn't be just a nobody. He was someone all of the families would try to recruit to protect their family members in the test, just like what the Situ family had done. He wondered... Did the Situ family manage to find him by mere good luck?

On the Shangguan family's side

Shock appeared in Shangguan Yunque's eyes. "Father, that bamboo-hatted man with the Situ family is outrageously powerful. I assumed that we only were the only ones who invited a Level Five Fairy to help. I didn't expect that the Situ family would also have such a young expert on their side!"

The Shangguan Family's Master nodded when he heard him, then looked at the bamboo-hatted man and said, "It's really unexpected. Even if this genius doesn't manage to join the Red Blood Palace, the Situ family will surely recruit him and train him meticulously, which means that he will surely attain great achievements in the future."

He then added, "Yunque, you should look for an opportunity later on to chat with him. See whether he's willing to join our Shangguan family." The Shangguan Family's Master clearly appreciated the bamboo-hatted man a great deal.

Shangguan Yunque wore an embarrassed look as he said, "Father, it isn't good to steal other people's treasures away from them! Besides, the Situ family isn't faring well these days, so why are we still bullying them?"

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The Shangguan Family's Master unexpectedly replied with a smile. "We were fond of such a genius, and since it would be difficult for him to put his whole talent to use in the Situ Family, our Shangguan Family wanted to offer him a stage that was more suitable for him."

Similar words were uttered by all of the factions in the other pillars as well. Madame Situ was astute and sharp, and she wore a smile as she beckoned to Su Yu warmly. "Mister Su, come here."

The way she addressed him had subconsciously turned into 'Mister Su.' Since the Shao Family had already given up, then Su Yu felt no need to continue provoking them.

So, he said calmly, "The challenges will come to an end here. I will say it for the last time... Don't offend me, or I will guarantee that you will stay forever in the testing grounds because of some unexpected accidents."

Such an unveiled threat angered the Shao Family's juniors, but they didn't dare to retort. A moment ago, they had just threatened that they would kill the Situ Family's daughter, Situ Yan, and now, Su Yu had just threatened that he would bury all of them amid the testing grounds!

The battles that had occurred just now made it clear that he really did possess the power to make good on his threats. Moreover, once they were on their own in the testing grounds, then it would be impossible for any one of them to bear even two attacks from Su Yu.

When Su Yu heard Madame Situ calling him, he swiftly flew back to their pillar. Madame Situ started sizing up Su Yu once again enthusiastically, as his performance really had delighted her.

She had assumed that he just possessed a Level Four Fairy Realm power, yet he had managed to fight the Shao Family's young master. As such, Madame Situ could now see boundless potential in him!

"Mister Su, thank you for your hard work, but why did you need to offend the Shao Family? Knowing the Shao Family's Master's character, that will bring you troubles later on." As she spoke, Madame Situ's fair finger picked up a white pill, which shone in the moonlight.

It had an intoxicating fragrance and there were three stripes on it. It was a precious third-grade spirit pill!

Su Yu was startled to see this, while Situ Yan, who was beside him, chuckled. "Eat it. This is a special Vital Energy recovering pill that is possessed by only our Situ Family. It was personally refined by my mother." Madame Situ was also a primary alchemist.

Su Yu took the pill and swallowed it. Soon after, his body's Vital Energy started recovering, and shortly, it reached its optimum state. The pill really had an excellent effect!

As he looked at the beautiful Madame Situ, Su Yu could guess what she was thinking. She had informed him she hoped that he would join the Situ Family to get their protection.

Not wanting her to worry, Su Yu could only tactfully reject her kind offer as he tried to ease her fears, "Senior, you don't need to worry about me. I have a way of dealing with them, and I don't really fear them."

As long as he wasn't hunted by an All Creation Old Monster, then Su Yu was confident that it would be easy for him to escape, even if he couldn't defeat his opponent. A slight trace of disappointment appeared in Madame Situ's pretty eyes, while she blamed herself inwardly because she hadn't noticed Su Yu's talent before now. If she had known that he had such astonishing talent, then even if she couldn't rope him into joining the Situ Family, she could at least have tried to become closer to him.

"Since that's the case, then please be careful, and if you have any trouble, then you can look for Yan'er in the outer sanctum. Although my Situ Family has admittedly declined, it still has some influence in the outer sanctum," Madame Situ said.

Su Yu nodded, then returned to stand beside Yuan Yingying and Zi Xuan.

"Why are you meddling in other people's business?" Zi Xuan was baffled. "My teacher informed me that, while traveling through the world, one must avoid meddling in other people's business. Otherwise, he would end up dead!"

Su Yu replied with a question and a smile, "Then... Didn't your teacher inform you that you should use countermeasures beforehand? It was obvious that the Shao Family wanted to target us, and if we didn't show our power and deter them, then what awaited us in the future would only be endless trouble."

As he looked at the Shao Family's people, he found that there wasn't anyone who dared to face his gaze. This made him even more confident that they would surely not dare to cause trouble for him later on.

Zi Xuan didn't really understand his words. "It seems like you know many things."

Su Yu chuckled. "If you ever have anything that you can't understand, then you can just ask me."

Zi Xuan tilted her head sideways, then nodded after she pondered his reply for a moment. "Okay."

Elder Li, whose mood had improved, came over and praised him, "Lad, you were pretty good! I'm really looking forward to your performance in the next test."

Madame Situ was somewhat delighted, as it was well-known in the outer sanctum how strict Elder Li was. Since he treated Su Yu in such a way, then it was obvious that he thought highly of him. As such, it seemed like there was a great chance that he would manage to properly protect Situ Yan.

On the Shao Family's pillar, the Shao Family's Master looked at them coldly as he asked in a soft voice, "Elder Tong, did you finish preparing it?"

Elder Tong felt somewhat humiliated as he looked at the delighted Elder Li. His expression became quite unsightly. After all, he had done his best to instigate a fight between them, yet in the end, the Shao Family's people were too weak and ended up being beaten by the guy who wore a bamboo hat.

He looked with displeasure at Su Yu, before he transmitted his voice quietly, "Shao Family's Master, you can be at ease. The other families won't easily pass this test, so the number one place will surely belong to your Shao Family."

The Shao Family's Master's expression relaxed when he heard him. They had already received news that the person who took first place in this test would get an additional generous reward, and even the inner sanctum disciples were tempted by such a reward. It was only because of the relationship of the Shao Family with some people in the inner sanctum that they had learned about such news beforehand.

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Ding!

A bell sound reverberated through the vast outer courtyard, while an eagle flew above them. Its whole body emitted a powerful aura, which caused the blood of the Fairies to churn, while their expressions became grave.

"A Divine Master Realm's demonic bird!" someone shouted. All of the people here were astonished.

There was a white-robed old woman standing atop the eagle's head. She wore an amiable look and seemed quite nice, but the docile and giant eagle beneath her clearly knew how terrifying she was.

"The Outer Palace's Lower Master," someone exclaimed in a low voice, while respectful looks appeared on the faces of many families' masters.

The Red Blood Palace was divided into an Outer Palace and an Inner Palace. The Outer Palace was where the outer sanctum disciples were cultivating, and the Red Blood Palace's Master, Mo Tianxuan, had sent three Palace Masters to take charge of it. It had two Lower Masters and one Primary Master.

The cultivation of the three of them had already reached the late stage of the Divine Master Realm, and they possessed a great influence that could shake all of the factions besides the eighteen great factions. Even the overbearing Shao Family's Master became solemn at this moment, as he didn't dare be disrespectful.

The eagle landed on a giant boulder, while the envoys in the other pillar quickly flew to the old woman, then respectfully stood behind her.

"Hehe... This recruitment exam occurs just once every three years, so I hope that many excellent disciples will appear this year," the Lower Palace Master said.

The expression of many families' masters became odd when they heard her, as in the past ten years, not a single excellent disciple had appeared in the outsiders recruitment exam. Excellent disciples only appeared among the people that were recruited from the Red Blood Palace's branch factions. It was even rumored that the Red Blood Palace planned to reduce outsider recruitment quotas, while increasing their branches' quotas.

Many families became restless when they heard such news, as although it was just a rumor, if they couldn't recommend any outstanding disciples, then it might probably really occur.

"Palace Master Kong Chan, we will not let you down." Shao Yueming nodded.

Palace Master Kong Chan revealed a faint smile, then nodded.

One of the envoy elders then started announcing the test's rules, "The first exam will be the hunt of the Fairy Confining Forest's demonic beasts. It's used to test whether your fighting prowess is adequate or not. You must kill a demonic beast, whose cultivation is higher than yours by a level or kill twenty demonic beasts that are at the same level as you. The time limit is three days, and all those who can't return to the pillar in time will fail."

The elder then added, "This test will have a points calculation as well. The hunt of the Level One Fairy Realm demonic beast will count as one point, the Level Two Fairy Realm demonic beast will count as 20 points, the Level Three Fairy Realm demonic beast will count as 40 points, the Level Four Fairy Realm demonic beast will be 100 points, and the Level Five Fairy Realm demonic beast will be 500 points."

The elder glanced over the crowd, then said, "The points you accumulate will affect your overall ranking in the test, so I hope that you will remember to do your best. Also, it's forbidden to kill each other in this test, and all those who violate this rule will be severely punished. You may now begin competing."

All of the families' juniors within the nine pillars then rushed into the Fairy Confining Forest. The nervous Madame Situ looked at Su Yu and said, "Mister Su, I will entrust my Situ Family to you."

Su Yu nodded as he looked at Situ Yan and said, "I will protect her."

He was making it clear that he was agreeing at that time to protect Situ Yan alone, not all of the Situ Family's juniors. He didn't have enough energy to take care of all of them.

Then, Su Yu, Yuan Yingying, Zi Xuan and Situ Yan all entered the forest together. Madame Situ looked at her family's juniors and gave them a meaningful look, which they clearly understood meant for them to follow after Su Yu's group closely. In this way, they would be safer.

After they entered the forest, Situ Yan looked at the surroundings, then said, "Brother Su, I have a map of the surroundings." Situ Yan took an old map from her pocket. "It was given to me by my Situ Family's elders, who once participated in the test. As it has been improved and corrected many times, it can now accurately describe where numerous demonic beasts are, as well as how strong they are."

Su Yu took the map from her and started studying it. Situ Yan leaned closer to him, while pointing to several places with her fair fingers. Her sweet fragrance assaulted Su Yu's nostrils, while her head leaned against Su Yu's chest.

At some unknown time, Situ Yan had started calling him “Brother Su,” and she even stood with him intimately now. Seeing this, Yuan Yingying pouted and came closer to them.

“Su Yuxian, I will have a look at the surroundings. Let’s meet up again in three days.”
Zi Xuan squinted her eyes as she spoke.

Su Yu knew what she was going to do. She wanted to check to see whether Su Yu was participating in the test.

“Take care of yourself,” Su Yu said.

Zi Xuan rolled her eyes at him. “You’re the one who should take of himself. Don’t die.”

Yuan Yingying and Situ Yan were bewildered when they saw her leaving. After all, they thought that she had been invited here specifically to protect Situ Yan. So, they had to wonder... Why would she leave?

Su Yu sighed. If she hadn’t left, then he would have had his hands tied and been unable to act freely. Even so, he knew that he must still be prudent, as an All Creation Old Monster’s senses were powerful.

“We are now just in the entryway of the forest. The Hundred Beast Valley is in the southwest direction, and it’s famous for the great number of demonic beasts within it, which are both strong and weak. As such, many participants will go there to hunt them,” Situ Yan said.

Su Yu nodded, then said, “Situ Yan, the pieces of information that you have provided are really important. Let’s go to the Hundred Beast Valley.”

They would need to travel for half a day to reach the Hundred Beast Valley, and the deeper they proceeded into the forest, the more they could feel the demonic energy flowing through the air, as well as the demonic beasts’ auras.

All of a sudden, a horned rabbit jumped out of the shrubbery in front of them. It had a Level One Fairy Realm cultivation, and if it was within the Zhenlong World, then it would surely be a great demon, which could shake the whole world. But, as it was in the Fairy Confining Forest, it was one of the weakest demonic beasts here.

Situ Yan’s eyes lit up. “A Demonic Horned Rabbit! Surely, it’s quite suitable for me.”

Situ Yan took a small bow, and when she was just about to take aim at the rabbit, an arrow traveled several miles and penetrated the Demonic Horned Rabbit, utterly destroying its body in an instant!

Swoosh!

An aloof woman stepped upon the leaves as she traveled here. It was clearly her that had just shot the fatal arrow.

She had a tall body and a bow in her back. She wore an ice-cold expression. She was the Shao Family’s genius woman, Shao Li!

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Although Shao Li was only from a branch family, she still possessed a cultivation talent superior to even the current family's young master, Shao Lingjian. At the moment, Shao Li had an expressionless look as she cast a sideways glance at Su Yu.

She was collecting the Demonic Horned Rabbit's corpse into her spatial ring at the moment. She then turned to Situ Yan and said, "You should be cautious moving forward, as arrows are blind, and I won't take any responsibility if I end up shooting you!"

Situ Yan hid behind Su Yu, then peeked out her head and stuck her tongue out at Shao Li.

Su Yu then asked calmly, "Did you forget my warning to your whole family? If you dare to cause me any trouble, I will surely make you all regret it!"

Shao Li's expression became slightly cold when she heard his threat, and she responded rather mystically, "You won't be able to remain this complacent for long. And... When you are humbled, I hope that you can still come back alive!"

After she spoke, she turned and strode through the air, and as her body flickered, she left gracefully.

Situ Yan got slightly angry and said, "Brother Su, you must surely teach her a lesson the next time she shows herself!"

Su Yu shook his head calmly. "Let's go. If she really dares to attack us, I will make her regret it."

After Su Yu said this, he and the others proceeded forward. All of the low-grade demonic beasts that they met along the way were killed by the two women, as Su Yu didn't have any interest in them.

His targets were the higher grade demonic beasts, and he knew that he must do his utmost to hunt down as many powerful demonic beasts as he could to ensure their success.

Roar!

A roar drifted through the air and the grass shivered, while Situ Yan and Yuan Yingying covered their ears and bore the brunt of the blaring soundwave.

"It's a Level Two Fairy Realm demonic beast, a Lion Roar Beast!" Situ Yan rejoiced.

She was happy because she knew that she would be qualified for the next round if she managed to kill a Lion Roar Beast! However, it would only be counted if it she was the one who killed it. If she even let Su Yu help her in the least, it would be considered cheating and she would be eliminated.

As for how could they determine whether someone helped them or not, the Red Blood Palace had countless means and techniques of uncovering such secrets. As such, no family had ever managed to pass this test by cheating.

Su Yu's only role and duty was protecting her and preventing her from dying while she was fighting against the demonic beasts. Hence, he knew that he could not actively help her in her quest to kill the demonic beast.

At the moment, the three people quickly rushed over. The specific place where they were at was the entrance of the Hundred Beasts Valley. There were seven or eight demonic beasts here, which were fighting with a group of humans.

“It’s the Tang family, which is ranked ninth,” Situ Yan said, while pouting her lips. She was slightly frustrated by the fact that someone had gotten here first to fight with the demonic beasts.

The Lion Roar Beast was the only Level Two Fairy Realm existence among the seven or eight demonic beasts, and at the moment, a Level One Fairy Realm girl from the Tang family was trying to kill the Lion Roar Beast. The beast was clearly more powerful than her by an entire level, and due to this great disparity between them, the girl couldn’t even penetrate its fur. Moreover, her eardrums were now being torn by the Lion Roar Beast’s deafening roar!

“Ah!” she screamed miserably as she let go of her sword, thus losing all of her offensive power.

Leaving her no opportunity to recover from her pain, the Lion Roar Beast stepped forward and waved its giant paw at the young girl’s belly. Its sharp claws were like daggers, and they could tear the young girl to shreds easily.

“Eighth Sister!” One of her family’s experts, who was just here to provide support and who was a Level Three Fairy, immediately hacked at the Lion Roar Beast’s claw with his sword after he noticed that the girl’s situation was quite dire.

Ding!

Sparks flickered when his sword hacked the claw, and he managed to just barely cut through the demonic beast’s fur. The Lion Roar Beast roared loudly in pain, while becoming even more ferocious. It then swept its paw forward and tore the young girl’s belly into two pieces!

“Ah! Eighth Sister!” The young man was infuriated to see this, and he shouted angrily as he brandished his sword and started fighting.

It was only after he exchanged dozens of moves with the Lion Roar Beast that he managed to find its weakness. He stabbed its eyes with his sword, then killed it.

His cultivation was obviously higher than the Lion Roar Beast’s, yet it still took him quite some time in order to kill it. After that epic battle, he could then only watch helplessly as his Eighth Sister was killed.

His Eighth Sister had wanted to get this done once and for all, so she had asked him to protect her while she went to give it a try. She never expected that the young man in charge of protecting her wouldn’t be able to save her from the demonic beast’s claws.

So, sadly, she had ended up being torn apart by the merciless beast. What was even more lamentable was that the young man was a Level Three Fairy, so killing the Level Two Fairy Lion Roar Beast was meaningless to him.

After this tragic event, the fighting spirit of the whole family weakened drastically, causing all of the family members to fall into a pit of despair. They just couldn’t shake their anguish after witnessing their Eighth Sister’s tragic death.

Similar scenes unfolded in every corner of the Fairy Confining Forest. A single mistake was enough to cause one's death, either from being destroyed by a demonic beast's claws or by some other tragic event.

As they made their ways, Su Yu and the others just passed by them and entered the valley. The Situ family's juniors weren't far behind them, and they killed many demonic beasts as they followed behind them.

The Hundred Beasts Valley was extremely vast, and it was located within a giant hole that had been caused by the fall of a meteorite. Due to the fact that this meteorite had been filled with countless precious materials from space, this region's spirit herbs were luxurious and lush.

As time passed, many demonic beasts were attracted to this region, and they flocked here in droves to come and occupy this place. That was when it first became known as the Hundred Beasts Valley.

The valley was divided into an outer section, a middle section, and an internal section. There were usually just Level Two or Level Three Fairy Realm beasts in the outer section, while the middle section was occupied by Level Four Fairy Realm beasts.

As for the internal section, it was an extremely dangerous region, which was occupied by Level Five Fairy Realm beasts. It was rumored that even powerful Level Six Fairy Realm demonic beasts appeared here every now and then! As such, no one dared to step into it, and any of those who did, died within it.

Su Yu got lost in his thoughts after he heard about the region. If he was by himself, he would be at ease, even in the internal section. But now, as he had Yuan Yingying and Situ Yan with him, he knew that he must consider every move that he made very carefully.

After all, he had already witnessed the terrible death of the girl from the Tang family. Demonic beasts' bodies were vastly more powerful than humans', which meant that their fighting prowess was also far greater. Hence, just a single careless mistake could cost one his life.

While he was still pondering this, their group stepped into the outer section, where they could faintly see traces that had been left by some of the previous families' activities. Specifically, demonic beasts' roars were echoing out constantly, along with humans' shouts.

"Brother Su, let's hunt here!" Situ Yan yelled at once, clearly eager to give it a try.

Su Yu nodded. This region's demonic beasts were suitable for them, and if they continued to proceed this same way, they would surely run into more powerful beasts, which they couldn't kill so easily.

"Oh! Three Horned Wolves are rushing out!" Situ Yan cried.

They could see that, in the distance, three Horned Wolves were flying out of the outer section. The wolves seemed panicky and flustered.

When they noticed Su Yu and the other two, all of whom were in the middle of the road, they pounced at them ferociously. The Horned Wolves were Level Two Fairy Realm demonic beasts, and if they could manage to kill them successfully, they would meet their requirements!

“Let me face the one in the middle!” Stars appeared in Situ Yan’s eyes as she exclaimed with excitement. She then sucked in a deep breath as she took a white formation flag from her pocket and stuck it into the ground.

Su Yu raised his eyebrows as he thought... A formation flag? The white formation flag was surrounded by a white halo, and as a sizzling sound echoed out, the flag fired a lightning bolt, which struck one of the Horned Wolves.

The Horned Wolf’s whole body was paralyzed, yet it only became more savage, and as it roared, it pounced at Situ Yan. Fear appeared on Situ Yan’s face immediately, but she gritted her teeth and forced herself to remain calm as she took a scarlet formation flag from her pocket and thrust it in front of her.

As the scarlet formation flag shone brilliantly, it shot flames at the Horned Wolf. The Horned Wolf howled miserably in pain, and its eyes shone with an ominous glint, as it exerted all of the strength in its legs to charge forward.

There were just sixty meters between them now, but Situ Yan took two formation flags, one blue and one silver, and stuck them in the ground before her. Now, they were both arranged in an orderly straight line, along with the previous scarlet and white flags.

At that moment, all of the four pocket-sized formation flags of four varied colors fired very different attacks. The white one attacked with lightning, the silver with thunder, the scarlet with raging flames, and the blue with a hurricane.

As such, they had four of the world’s natural powers, which were wind, fire, lightning and thunder. However, they were all quite weak, and they would only be slightly effective against a Level One Fairy. They were much too weak to deal with the Horned Wolf!

However, as the four formation flags attacked it quickly and unceasingly with burning, paralyzing, and obstructing attacks, the Horned Wolf howled in pain before it turned around and fled. Delight appeared on Situ Yan’s face, and as she took an earthen yellow formation flag from her pocket, she stuck it into the ground.

Rumble!

Then, several ten-meter-long clay pillars rose from the ground at the feet of the Horned Wolf. They then formed a cage, which trapped the wolf inside it.

Although the Horned Wolf tried to fight it off, its efforts were in vain, and it howled unceasingly as it was trapped inside the cage. Meanwhile, the wind, fire, thunder and lightning of the four formation flags attacked it unceasingly. In the end, the Horned Wolf was tormented to death by these attacks.

“Hahaha, my Four Divisions Great Formation was highly successful!” Situ Yan put her hands on her hips and laughed loudly.

Envy, stubbornness, and a slight bit of jealousy appeared on Yuan Yingying’s face as she asked, “Are you actually a Formation Master? It’s no wonder that they are willing to pay such a large sum to get you into the Red Blood Palace!”

A Formation Master? Upon hearing these words, Su Yu became slightly curious about her, and he wondered... Did Situ Yan have a hidden talent in such an aspect?

Situ Yan stuck out her chest, which wasn't really big, then raised her snow-white neck up high as she said, "That's right! Since my Four Divisions Formation was a success, it's obvious that I have already become a Primary Formation Master. As such, I will surely get adequate training in the Red Blood Palace!"

Yuan Yingying pouted and glared fiercely at the Horned Wolf, which was at this moment charging toward her. The ferocious Horned Wolf didn't even let out a single howl before its eyes dimmed and it fell weakly to the ground.

Situ Yan was taken aback when she saw this, and she couldn't help but ask, "What technique did you just use? How could a Half Fairy like you kill a Level Two Fairy Realm beast so easily?" She found this to be utterly inconceivable!

Yuan Yingying stuck out her plump chest proudly and said with great satisfaction, "Brother Su taught that to me, and I can kill even Level Three Fairies with it, let alone a Level Two Fairy!"

Situ Yan widened her eyes, and stars even appeared in them out of adoration when she looked at Su Yu after hearing this explanation. She hugged Su Yu's arm, then shook it as she exclaimed, "Brother Su, I also want to learn this technique!"

Yuan Yingying regretted her actions now as she witnessed Situ Yan hugging Su Yu's arm so intimately. She was so infuriated that her chest heaved up and down as she yelled, "You! You are shameless! Let go of my Brother Su! He isn't even close to you, so why should he teach such things to you?"

Situ Yan glared at her with her big eyes and retorted, "I was asking Brother Su, not you."

Yuan Yingying was infuriated by her impertinent response, so she hugged Su Yu's other arm and glared back at Situ Yan. At that moment, black lines appeared on Su Yu's forehead.

The two girls were clearly ready to rumble! However, even though they wanted to fight, they still had to consider where they were. It would be highly inappropriate at the moment.

Surprise suddenly appeared on Su Yu's face and his expression became grave as he looked into the deepest part of the valley. The two women immediately detected the change in Su Yu's expression, so they stopped squabbling with each other.

When they had completely calmed down, they detected that the ground beneath their feet was shaking slightly, while the sand upon it had started to rise up in waves. A great wave of pressure soon surged over from the deepest part of the valley.

Fright appeared in the eyes of the remaining Horned Wolf, and it charged out madly. At the same time, the insects in the deepest part of the ground drilled their ways out of it and fled toward the outer boundaries of the valley. They all seemed greatly alarmed and frightened.

"What just happened?" Situ Yan and Yuan Yingying asked in unison, as each one held onto one of Su Yu's hands nervously.

Su Yu's gaze became grave, and as he shook his head, he said, "I don't know, but we must all leave this valley immediately."

Swoosh! Swoosh!

When they were retreating swiftly, they witnessed a large number of people suddenly charging out of the depths of the valley. These people were mostly the disciples of the best-ranked families.

Their faces were deathly pale, and they were all fleeing toward the outer boundaries of the valley. They were even using their magical treasures to increase their speeds or to teleport away.

Chapter 776: The Sudden Arrival of the Beast Tide

After roughly estimating their number, Su Yu determined that there were roughly several hundred people here. It was really a spectacular sight.

Su Yu finally found a group of demonic beasts in the valley. Some of them were birds, and they covered both the sky and the land. There was such a vast number of them, they looked like an incoming tide.

“A Beast Tide.” Situ Yan’s body trembled and she shook all over as she uttered those two words.

Yuan Yingying’s pretty eyes contracted till they became as thin as needles, while her small hands shivered with fright. It was obvious that this was one of those Beast Tides that were described as great disasters in their history books. In fact, there were many records in Jiuzhou that detailed great cities or factions, which had been destroyed by such Beast Tides.

The Fairy Confining Forest was the source of the majority of Beast Tides. In fact, nine-tenths of all Beast Tides came from the Fairy Confining Forest.

Beast Tides were extremely terrifying, as no matter how powerful an expert was, he couldn’t face such a great army of innumerable beasts. If he was surrounded and outnumbered by them, then there wouldn’t be even a corpse left! The only way for a human to survive after running into a Beast Tide was by escaping at all costs.

Su Yu’s expression became grave. Even if a Divine Master was to face such a tremendous Beast Tide, he would still be forced to simply escape. Seeing this, Su Yu shook his head and sighed.

“Let’s quickly leave.” Su Yu didn’t give it a second thought before he pulled the waists of the two girls and turned around to swiftly escape.

He instantly crossed a thousand miles, but when he took a look behind him, he found that, not only didn’t he manage to distance himself from the Beast Tide, but it was gradually closing on him!

“Ah!” Countless miserable screams were echoing behind him as the people flying in the sky were overtaken by swift birds and torn into shreds, then devoured.

Even those people who were running on the ground couldn’t escape from the powerful beasts. This was because the beasts possessed such alarmingly swift movement techniques.

“Ah! I will risk my life against you.” A Level Three gifted youth, who noticed that he couldn’t escape from them, turned around and fought them head-on.

Each of his hands held a sword, and he imbued the swords with his Vital Energy as he started fighting the beasts. A bloody trail of blood followed him, as he killed all of the demonic beasts that charged at him.

However, the demonic beasts that were beside him, as if they went crazy, quickly surrounded and engulfed him. At that moment, a miserable scream transmitted from him for just a moment before he was utterly silenced.

Miserable screams continued echoing out, as one person after another was buried within the Beast Tide. A moment ago, there were still more than 100 people here, but now, only 40 were left alive, and even they were quickly being engulfed by the Beast Tide.

At the moment, the beasts were gradually closing in on Su Yu. Such a situation would have been extremely difficult for him, even if he was by himself, let alone now that he was taking two other people with him.

“Brother Su, just leave me here. I will escape by myself.” Yuan Yingying bit her rosy lips and her worry for Su Yu was evident in her tone. “You should just take Situ Yan with you, as that way, you will have more hope of escaping.”

Situ Yan’s face became pale upon hearing this. She then clenched her teeth and said, “Brother Su, just leave me here too. The appearance of such a Beast Tide is an unexpected matter, and my mother wouldn’t blame you if I ended up dying because of it.” They both knew that they were just burdens to Su Yu at this point.

Su Yu’s expression became gloomy. At first, he had intended to just wait, without doing anything. However, a sharp cry reverberated through the sky at this moment. It shook the body of the gifted youths, who were fleeing, and caused the Vital Energy that was flowing in their bodies to congeal.

All of those who were fleeing on the ground stumbled and fell, then were quickly engulfed by the Beast Tide’s great army and stamped to death. The fate of those flying in the sky was worse, as after they lost their Vital Energy, they fell to their deaths and were turned into meat paste or were torn to shreds by birds and devoured.

In the twinkling of an eye, most of the gifted youngsters had suffered atrocious deaths, and those who had survived by luck couldn’t escape, as their bodies Vital Energies were coagulated. Hence, they also died.

Su Yu’s Vital Energy had also been coagulated, but it was fortunate that he was flying at a low altitude, so he was safe and sound after he tumbled on the ground, along with the two young women, who had been in his embrace. However, as they’d already lost their Vital Energies, they were like frail ants that couldn’t escape. Clearly, they were in a very dangerous situation!

Su Yu’s heart sank as he looked at his internal blood energy channel. As it turned out, it wasn’t because his Vital Energy had coagulated that had made him incapable of revolving his Vital Energy. Instead, it was his Dantian!

The lake in Su Yu’s outer Dantian was coagulated, as if it was frozen by ice. But, he was grateful to see that his inner Dantian was still safe and sound.

He immediately used his inner Dantian to make the Vital Energy within his body become lively once again. He turned his palm over and took out a pair of white wings, which he dipped a drop of his blood upon.

The wings started to become fuzzy, then turned into a phantom image, which fused with Su Yu's body. Just after this, the muscles in his back started wiggling, while a pair of snow-white wings grew out of them.

As he flapped the wings, a strong wind surged around him. It even swept the Beast Tide away, while Su Yu and the other two women safely teleported away!

An angry roar transmitted from the deepest part of the Beast Tide. It was the beast who had frozen the gifted youngsters' Vital Energies. It was clearly angered by the escape of Su Yu and the other two women.

A blood-red ray shot out of the Beast Tide and chased after Su Yu, while the Beast Tide became crazier and charged out of the valley. A million miles from the valley, three people suddenly appeared. They were Yuan Yingying, Situ Yan, and Su Yu.

Situ Yan's eyes lit up in resplendent colors as she looked at Su Yu's giant wings. "Blue Water Nine Heaven Wings? Brother Su, I can't believe that you even have such a precious treasure, the price of which rivals the worth of a whole city!"

Her big eyes were filled with curiosity, and she extended her hands and started stroking the wings. "My mother intended to look for a pair of these wings for me, but they were extremely rare and couldn't be bought in the market. Besides, the only faction that possessed them was the Shangguan Family. As such, I really didn't expect that even you could possess them!"

Yuan Yingying snorted, then asked, "What's so baffling about it? My brother Su has many amazing qualities, many of which you can't even imagine."

Situ Yan glared at her. "Big-breasted girl, why are you talking as if you are someone special to him?"

"Ah? Did you just call me Big-breasted girl? Well, I shall call you 'Flat-chested girl!'" Yuan Yingying widened her eyes and started making threatening gestures.

Situ Yan immediately poked her. "How dare you curse me? I will bite you to death!"

"Come on! I will poke you to death!" Yuan Yingying didn't take the insults lying down.

The two young girls, who were on each side of Su Yu, started fighting with each other like children.

Su Yu chided them, "Misses, can you please move away from my body before quarreling like children?"

The two of them were still in Su Yu's embrace until now, and their faces became flushed when they heard his rebuke. They quickly lowered their heads in shame and took back their hands.

Su Yu looked back at the valley with a grave gaze as he said, "Such a Beast Tide wouldn't occur all by itself, so there is surely a reason behind it. Hence, let's retreat for now and wait until the Beast Tide comes to an end before returning to hunt the demonic beasts."

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As Su Yu expected, after half a day, Lower Palace Master Kong Chan led the outer palace's envoys into the Hundred Beast Valley. More than ten Divine Masters worked together to deter the beasts and force them to return to the deepest part of the valley.

Palace Master Kong Chan and the envoys then went to a cave in the valley, which had powerful demonic energy left within it. It also had a large amount of soft beast skin in its deepest part. The fishy smell of a broken egg was drifting from the beast skin.

"Palace Master, it's that Level Six Fairy Realm beast king, the Devilish Eye Scarlet Marten... It laid its eggs here!" As Elder Li spoke, he waved his sleeves and created a light wind that flipped the sole egg over. A part of the egg was cracked open and egg yolk was seeping out of it.

"The egg is broken." Elder Li's expression became gloomy. "Each time the Devilish Eye Scarlet Marten lays eggs, it will surely lay two of them. One of them is broken, while the other one has disappeared. It seems like someone has already intruded here and stolen the other egg."

He then added, "Moreover, the intruder shattered one of the eggs on purpose to infuriate the Devilish Eye Scarlet Marten, instigating it to order a grand number of demonic beasts to form a Beast Tide and kill the participants outside!"

It appeared that this Beast Tide wasn't a natural disaster, after all, but was man-made! Moreover, almost all of the families' juniors who had entered into the Hundred Beast Valley had died because of it!

"It seems like there is a family that won't stop at anything to get the number one position in this exam, as they could concoct such a vicious plan!" Elder Li spoke in a deep voice.

It was obvious that this scheme was concocted by some vicious family, as it had killed almost half of the participants of the test. In fact, the casualties of this recruitment test might even set a new record.

Palace Master Kong Chan spoke in a deep voice, "Let's leave. Since this is the scheme of someone evil, they would surely not leave any clues here. So, we must find the Devilish Eye Scarlet Marten's other egg in order to find the person behind this."

Since such a person dared to cause such trouble in the Red Blood Palace's exam, then they would surely not let him off.

Elder Li then asked, "What should we do after we find the person behind it?"

Palace Master Kong Chan replied immediately, "We must surely exterminate his whole family, as supporting another family to rise in order to take such a vile family's place won't be a difficult matter for us."

It was really difficult to believe that such a cruel and ruthless decision as a whole family extermination would come out of the amiable and kind-looking Palace Master Kong Chan. But, as this was a serious matter, mercy was not an option.

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After suffering through the Beast Tide, the number of participants had been greatly decreased, while the forest became filled with a great amount of lone demonic beasts. Su Yu led the two women as he ran around the forest, looking for appropriate demonic beasts to hunt.

One of the two women was depending upon her soul power, while the other one was depending upon her formations' power as they killed demonic beasts. In this way, they soon met the test requirements and were now just trying to get more points to obtain better rankings.

In the afternoon on the second day, Su Yu, and the other two women were now pursuing a snow fox that possessed an unusually high speed for a Level Four Fairy Realm beast. According to the rules, they could get a 100 points by killing it, which was just what Su Yu needed.

When the snow fox was just about to rush into the shrubs, Su Yu raised his hand and shot four beads at its head. Each of the beads shot out a light beam, which formed a light screen that trapped the fox. The snow fox was extremely ferocious, and it tore the light screen with just a wave of its claws. Just when the fox was about to flee, Su Yu descended from the sky and thrust his fist at the fox.

An all-out attack of Su Yu's fist was as strong as a Level Five Fairy's blow, so the snow fox's head was directly crushed by it. Unsurprisingly, the snow fox was killed instantly. Su Yu then threw the fox's corpse into his spatial ring.

Situ Yan and Yuan Yingying looked at him in shock, then both went into a daze. They couldn't believe that even the Level Four Fairy Realm snow fox was so easily killed at his hands!

"Wow! Brother Su, you are too amazing." Situ Yan's eyes were filled with stars.

She saw many talented youths in the Situ Family, but never once had she seen someone as astonishing as Su Yu. So, she couldn't help but admire and respect him.

When Su Yu was just about to utter some modest words in reply, his ears heard some noises and he said, "There are some signs of activity over there. Let's go have a look."

After the time it would take to brew a half a cup of tea, before a verdant mountain.

The Shangguan Family's juniors were all gathered. They had managed to escape from the Beast Tide because they hadn't gone to the Hundred Beast Valley early on. Hence, they got lucky and didn't suffer any casualties. However, their current state was still not reassuring, as they were now encircled by a bunch of Blaze Leopards!

Blaze Leopards were Level Three Fairy Realm demonic beasts that were fond of living together. There were now nine Blaze Leopards that were surrounding the eighteen people here, forcing them inside the mountain cave and leaving them without any room for escape. As such, the people could only confront them head-on.

Shangguan Fei and Zhang Fan were at the front of the group, and they did their bests to confront the Blaze Leopards as they tried to pounce at them. Zhang Fan's state was still fine, as he was a Level Four Fairy. So, he could reluctantly confront them.

As for Shangguan Fei, his current state was terrible. His body was covered by many injuries and he had lost most of his Vital Energy. Hence, it would be difficult for him to continue persevering much longer.

“Brother Zhang, how long can we persevere?” Shangguan Fei’s expression became gloomy, as their situation was far from good.

Zhang Fan, whose expression was equally gloomy, shouted back in a soft voice, “How do I know? It’s all because your Shangguan Family was conceited and drove out all of the powerful people and left only your family’s juniors, which are only burdens, that we are in this mess!”

In the past, Zhang Fan wouldn’t dare to speak to Shangguan Fei in such a way, but now that it seemed impossible for them to survive such a crisis, he freely vented all of his resentment. Hearing him, bitter emotions welled up in Shangguan Fei’s heart.

He also spoke resentfully, “No, it’s all because of the Shao Family’s b*stards! If they hadn’t ambushed us and killed the Level Five Fairy who was in charge of protecting us, a trifling bunch of Blaze Leopards wouldn’t dare to hunt us down!”

The Shangguan Family had also invited a Level Five Fairy Realm genius to the test. He came from the Soul Seizing Palace and was ranked third in the Soul Seizing Palace’s outer sanctum ranking. Even if he didn’t participate in the outsiders recruitment test, he could still pass the insiders recruitment test and enter the Red Blood Palace.

The Shangguan Family had spent a large sum to invite this somewhat famous outer sanctum disciple. As such, it should have been a move that assured them absolute safety, but no one expected that he would die from a sneak-attack of the Shangguan family, being shot dead by an arrow strike! After they lost his protection, they ended up being hunted down by such a group of demonic beasts!

“It’s useless to discuss this now. What I really regret the most was that I didn’t leave with Su Yuxian.” Remorse filled Zhang Fan’s heart. “I’m more powerful than him, and I have brighter prospects than him, yet I will be the first to die in the Fairy Confining Forest. Hehe, fate always toys with people!” Zhang Fan was quite conceited, and even now, he still looked down upon Su Yu.

All of a sudden, the Blaze Leopards stopped their attack and started retreating, while they condensed flame balls in their mouths.

Seeing this, Zhang Fan’s expression changed to one of gravity. “That’s awful! They are planning to burn us alive in this cave!”

They could bear such flames for a short while via their Vital Energy, but they surely couldn’t bear them for long.

“Will I really die here?” Shangguan Fei murmured, while his face was filled with grief.

He had left proudly and grandly and had even sworn that he would surely enter the Red Blood Palace. Yet now, it seemed that he would just be burned alive by a group of beasts!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Some disturbance echoed out from outside the cave as three Blaze Leopards were consecutively attacked by an afterimage, which tore them into shreds immediately. A person wearing a bamboo hat appeared at the same time. Each of his hands was holding a Blaze Leopard, and as he clenched his hands, they were both forcibly torn apart.

In this way, five Blaze Leopards were killed in the twinkling of an eye! Such powerful techniques shocked Zhang Fan and the others greatly. Half of the Blaze Leopards, which were about to take their lives, were killed in just the twinkling of an eye, while the other ones escaped in fear as they noticed that they were in grave danger.

Thump!

Just after that, Zhang Fan and the others witnessed a scene that frightened them. The fleeing Blaze Leopards' whole bodies shook, and they all weakly fell to the ground and screamed miserably as their bodies started convulsing. They shortly died just after that.

"Brother Su, this is for you," two young girls said in unison.

They had just arrived from a distant place at that moment. One of them had a cute face and a voluptuous body, while the other one had a pretty face and a slim body. They both carried two Blaze Leopards, which they gave to Su Yu obediently.

Su Yu opened his spatial ring and collected all of the Blaze Leopards that were on the ground. A Level Three Fairy was worth 40 points, so nine of them were worth 360 points!

"Situ Yan?" Shangguan Fei's pupils contracted. "Is this person in a bamboo hat the freak who beat the Shao Family's juniors?"

Respect appeared in Zhang Fan's eyes as he came out of the cave and bowed to Su Yu. "Brother, thanks for saving our lives."

Shangguan Fei also came over and was also quite respectful. Su Yu took a look at them before he looked at the other Shangguan Family's juniors, who were all in distressed states, while they came out, one after another.

Su Yu then replied expressionlessly, "I saved you for Shangguan Yunque."

Because of my big brother? Shangguan Fei was somewhat startled by his words, but after a few moments, he understood Su Yu's meaning. Shangguan Yunque had a large circle of friends, and this person, who hid his identity, must surely be one of the great factions' outer sanctum's disciples.

"Let's leave." Su Yu said before he turned around to leave.

Shangguan Fei asked quickly, "Wait! Can you please tell us your great name?"

Su Yu smiled upon hearing this. My great name? I'm just a person, who was driven out by the Shangguan Family...

"You wouldn't want to know it." Su Yu waved his hand at him, without turning back.

However, Shangguan Fei still spoke to him hurriedly, "Brother, we just ran into the Shao Family's juniors a moment ago, and they asked us to tell you to go to them quickly, as their current situation is far from good."

Situ Yan's expression became tense. "Why is it far from good? Speak clearly."

Shangguan Fei spoke in a grave tone, "They were hunted down by the Shao family. We wanted to help them, but we couldn't even protect ourselves."

What? The Shao family attacked them? Situ Yan clenched her fists and became quite anxious. "Where are they now? When did such a matter occur?"

Shangguan Fei replied, "Two hours has already passed since then, but if they were lucky, then they may still have not been overtaken by the Shao family's people. They had announced that you were already killed in the Beast Tide, which caused the Situ family's juniors to lose their fighting spirit. So, you should go quickly, or they will be in grave danger."

Hearing this, Su Yu furrowed his brows slightly. Since the Shao family's people didn't go to the Hundred Beast Valley, he wondered how they could know whether or not he had died there. There was clearly something fishy about this matter, and he had to wonder...

Was the Beast Tide caused by the Shao family?

He suddenly recalled what happened when he ran into Shao Li just after entering the forest. She had said in a meaningful tone that it would be impossible for him to leave the forest alive. It seemed to him now that the Shao family was the most suspicious of them all!

A cold glint appeared in Su Yu's eyes as he thought of such a fact. That Beast Tide almost took his life, and he was even forced to waste the Blue Water Nine Heaven Wings, which were worth a 100,000 crystals!

The Shao family was really daring, as he had already warned them repeatedly to not provoke him. It seemed like the warning that he gave them on the pillar wasn't enough, so he must pay them back with blood!

"Yan'er, Yingying, let's leave," Su Yu, whose expression was calm, spoke in a grave tone.

Situ Yan spoke hurriedly, "Brother Su, you must save them! Please save them."

Yuan Yingying also sympathized with them somewhat. Although she quarreled with Situ Yan constantly, she didn't dislike her. "Brother Su, please help her..."

Su Yu held each of their waists with one of his hands, while a faintly cold smile appeared at the corners of his mouth. "How's it enough to just save them? Since the Shao family believed that it could dominate everything because its fist was the strongest, then I must teach them what true despair looks like."

Yuan Yingying's eyes flickered. "Brother Su, what do you plan to do?"

Su Yu replied calmly, "I obviously want to start a blood purge. They were quite confident in their performance in the test, but let's see how many of them will leave the Fairy Confining Forest alive!"

Chapter 777: Hunting Down the Shao Family

In the southwestern region.

Eighteen of the Situ family's youths were flying with great difficulty within the Fairy Confining Forest. They were all in low spirits, and grief and sadness were apparent on all of their faces as they were running through the muddy forest.

Still, they could be considered fortunate in comparison to those families' disciples who had entered the Hundred Beasts Valley. They had all tagged along with Su Yu, and when they had just reached the valley's entrance, they had discovered that a Beast Tide had just erupted within it.

Luckily, they had managed to escape in time due to this foreknowledge. Meanwhile, Situ Yan, Su Yu, and the others, who didn't exit at that time, were assumed to have died in the Beast Tide.

However, they fell into a dangerous situation because they were discovered by the Shao family's experts. The Shao family's experts, who were led by Shao Lingjian, started to hunt them down.

If Su Yu was still alive, they might still restrain themselves slightly because they dreaded and feared him, but now that they believed that Su Yu had already died in the Beast Tide, they no longer had any of their previous misgivings.

One of their female relatives didn't manage to escape in time, so she was killed on the spot by them. Moreover, another man in their family was taken away by a Poison Wind Serpent, which had fled out of the Beast Tide. Thus, the man had become the demonic beast's food!

There were people behind them that were chasing after them, while the remnants of the Beast Tide were on all sides. What lay before them was just the boundless Fairy Confining Forest. Upon realizing this, their hearts gradually sank.

"You should all leave." Their leader, a Level Three Fairy Realm from the Situ family, came to a sudden stop. As he turned and addressed them, he had a grave and stern look on his face.

"Big brother Jiu, we only need two hours more in order to successfully escape from the Fairy Confining Forest. Also, if we were to be found by the Red Blood Palace's people, they wouldn't dare attack us," one of his relatives spoke up in alarm. He was already aware of what Situ Jiu planned to do.

Situ Jiu shook his head slowly, then said, "We don't have enough time. The Shao family's power is greater than ours, and if we continued to flee like this, none of us will be saved. I will stay here and attract their attention, so you can use this time to flee further away."

Grief welled up in all of the family members' hearts upon hearing his words. They were juniors of the Situ family, yet they feared that their fates might still have them being slaughtered here. As they thought of this, they also wondered... If Su Yu didn't die in the sudden Beast Tide, how could the Shao family dare to cause us such trouble?

"Big brother Jiu, please take care of yourself," one of the family members said as he saluted him respectfully. The family members then made use of the forest's darkness to fly away stealthily.

Situ Jiu sucked in a breath of air, tapped the ground with the tip of his foot, and flew into an ancient tree. From that high perch, he surveyed the surroundings with his bright eyes.

He held a sharp black arrow in his fingertips, and he then put it calmly against the string. He wanted to be ready to immediately fire it if he discovered anyone from the Shao family nearby.

“It’s still worth it, even if I manage to kill just a single person from the Shao family before my death,” Situ Jiu muttered.

All of a sudden, a black shadow flickered in the forest below him, causing Situ Jiu’s gaze to become cold. While he pulled back his bowstring, he lowered his head and looked before him. It was at this moment that a cold wind blew in from behind.

“How awful! I fell into their trap!” Shock appeared Shao Lingjian’s face as he yelled out in shock. The outer party had already discovered him, and the person below him was being used as a lure, while the true attacker was above him!

At that moment, Situ Jiu thrust his palm toward him subconsciously, while he heard a cold snort and a loud voice declaring, “You overestimate your power!”

Bang!

A torrential power bombarded him and cracked his arm open, while the outer party’s palm still continued on, striking his shoulder through his armor.

Crack!

Half of his body’s bones started breaking apart from his shoulder downward, and even his flesh and blood were exploding outward, like lava. Situ Jiu lost his balance due to the pain, causing him to fall from the giant tree.

As he fell, he got a good look at his attacker. It was Shao Lingjian, the Shao family’s young master!

He wasn’t willing to accept such an outcome, and anger, resentment, and grief welled up in his heart. However, Situ Jiu was still at a disadvantage as he fell heavily against the ground.

The intense impact almost caused his torn body to crumble. As an intense pain transmitted downward from his head, it caused him to faint on the spot.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Many of the Shao family’s juniors rushed over in the darkness and stood respectfully around the tree.

“Humph! Even death can’t wipe away his crimes! He was already on the brink of death, yet he still sought to plot against us! It’s fortunate that Brother Lingjian detected his dirty schemes beforehand!” A Level Three Fairy Realm young girl kicked the unconscious Situ Jiu.

If Su Yu was here, he would have surely recognized her, as she was the same young girl whose clothes had been burned by his punch.

Swoosh!

Shao Lingjian lowered his hands and clasped them behind his back, while he looked calmly at Situ Jiu. He then glanced in the direction that the Situ family had fled as he said calmly, “You shouldn’t

blame us for being this relentless, as you only have yourself to blame for being unreasonable. The death of Situ Yan alone should have been enough to deter you, but you all continued to struggle against us. So, we are now obliged to exterminate all of you as well.”

In their minds, the reason why the outer party should suffer such an extermination was simply due to the fact that they hadn’t surrendered. Moreover, they had used Su Yuxian to embarrass the Shao family!

The young girl, whose clothes were once burnt, gritted her teeth and said, “Big Brother Lingjian, let’s quickly go after them and kill them all. Our Shao family has never suffered such humiliation, and the Situ family must surely pay for this with its blood!”

Shame appeared in all of the Shao family’s juniors’ eyes, while worry also appeared in the some of their eyes as well.

Shao Hu, who was crippled by a punch from Su Yu, spoke up after hesitating for a moment, “Shouldn’t we first check to see whether the bamboo-hatted man is really dead? It will be fine if he’s dead, but if he isn’t, we will surely be in danger after he learns that we are hunting the Situ family’s talented youths!”

Many people agreed with his suggestion. They were all incapable of getting rid of the shadow that Su Yu had left in their hearts, at least not without first seeing his corpse with their own eyes.

Slap!

The young girl went over at him and slapped him all of a sudden. Her pretty face was distorted with rage at this moment as she exclaimed, “You are praising our enemy and disparaging us! Even if he didn’t die in the Beast Tide... So what? He’s just one person, while we have a large number of people. Why do we still need to fear him?”

She then added in a stern tone, “If he’s still alive, I will surely tear him apart with my own hands!”

However, an apathetic voice drifted over from above them at this moment, “Well, why don’t you split me apart right now then?” It seemed like such a sudden apathetic voice had been transmitted toward them from all directions, and they couldn’t discern from where it came exactly.

The faces of all of the Shao family members stiffened when they heard this familiar-sounding voice. They couldn’t be mistaken... That voice most certainly belonged to the bamboo-hatted man!

He still isn’t dead! Shao Lingjian’s eyes flickered, and he looked at the forest behind him as his pupils contracted slightly and he stammered, “You didn’t die?”

A black-clothed person in a bamboo hat walked out from the eerie forest like a ghost. Two pretty young girls were following closely behind him, one on each side. The one on his right side was slim and delicate. She was none other than Situ Yan!

Su Yu looked at him and chuckled calmly. His chuckle give them all an eerie feeling.

He then said, “No I didn’t die! Are you disappointed? Or, may I ask you, Shao family’s young master, why did you think that we died in the Hundred Beasts Valley? I don’t remember running into your family’s people before entering the valley.”

Horror appeared on the faces of many Shao family members when they heard his question. They were all clear as to the reason why the Beast Tide had occurred. It was for this very reason that none of the Shao family members had died in the valley!

Shao Lingjian looked at Su Yu coldly and replied, "I'm not disappointed, as I only need to beat you to death once again to remedy the situation. As for why we knew that you entered the Hundred Beasts Valley, I have nothing to say about that."

After Su Yu witnessed all of the people's expressions, he curled the corners of his mouth up into a smile and said, "Sure enough, the Beast Tide really was caused by you all."

A chilly air, as well as an intense killing intent, slowly spread through Su Yu's body, then surged forth from it. All of the Shao family members became solemn instantly, as if they were facing a great enemy.

They looked at Su Yu and were filled with fear. Su Yu's fighting prowess seemed monstrous to them.

The young girl, who was standing behind Shao Lingjian, shivered as she looked at Su Yu with hatred. She then pointed the sword that was in her hand at him, while gritting her teeth. "You shouldn't have forgotten who am I... Did you?"

Su Yu cast a casual glance at her and replied, "Oh... That's right... I remember that you are the one whose clothes were burned."

His words provoked her to the point that she almost went crazy. "Then... You should also be aware of what I will inflict upon you!"

Su Yu shrugged his shoulders carelessly, while he squinted his eyes and swept an apathetic gaze over her and all of the other Shao family members. "You surely didn't forget my warning to you all, did you? Don't cause me any trouble. Otherwise, you will suffer an unimaginable accident in the Fairy Confining Forest."

He then added calmly, "I assumed that you would heed my previous warning, yet it seems like you are all too confident in yourselves and won't obey. That leaves me not choice but to convince you with more stern means."

The young girl was so infuriated by his threat that she laughed madly and asked, "Why don't you have a close look at your current situation? Did you assume that we will fight you one at a time, like in the duels?"

Su Yu shook his head. "I surely didn't assume that, but if your greater number is your only advantage, you should reconsider your position."

"Can you alone... Ah..." The young girl was so angered that she laughed, unable to finish her sentence.

Her body then fell weakly on the ground and her eyes dimmed quickly, while the same expression as before was still plastered on her face. In this strange way, a solemn Level Three Fairy had just in front of everyone! All of the Shao family members felt like they had fallen into an ice hole, as their whole bodies began to shiver.

Shao Lingjian's pupils contracted, and he finally started to take Su Yu seriously. He then exclaimed, "That was a soul attack! You... You have a soul innate talent!"

Su Yu didn't respond, but only began unleashing endless soul attacks upon them. Yuan Yingying joined him immediately, using her own soul attacks alongside Su Yu.

They started by first attacking the Level Three Fairies, who all started begging for mercy as they frantically tried to flee...

"Ah!"

"Don't kill me! I admit my mistake! Ah!"

"I will leave the test! So, please let go! Ah!"

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In just an instant, the other four Level Three Fairies' souls were extinguished, and they all died on the spot. Upon seeing this gory scene, the Shao family's juniors shivered. They were extremely frightened!

"Ah!"

"Ah!"

"Ah!"

Suddenly, numerous alarmed shrieks echoed through the air as the frightened Shao family's juniors started to flee. They scattered out in every direction, frantically trying to escape.

"Don't separate!" Shock appeared on Shao Lingjian's face as he shouted at them hurriedly.

After all, the remnants of the Beast Tide were still lurking in every corner of the forest, and it was only when they stuck together and had such a large number of people gathered that the demonic beasts didn't dare to attack them.

Just as his words echoed out, a Fairy girl, who had escaped and gone off on her own, was bitten by a hideous earthworm, which had suddenly drilled out of the ground! It then dragged her down by into the deepest part of the ground!

Similar scenes started unfolding quickly, which only caused all of the people to become even more frightened and flee more frantically in an attempt to get further and further away. The crowd was already scattered all around, so it was impossible for them to rally together once more.

Shao Lingjian's gaze became ice-cold as he looked at Su Yu with an intense killing intent and screamed, "Su Yuxian! You will die at our hands!"

Su Yu simply shrugged his shoulders, then turned and said to the two girls, "Yingying, Yan'er, bring Situ Jiu with you and go after the Situ family members. You should all return to the stone pillar, as the forest still have many powerful demonic beasts scattered all around it."

Since they had both already managed to kill their targets successfully, this meant that they had officially passed the first round of the exam. So, they didn't need to continue risking their lives in the forest.

"Brother Su, please be careful. I will wait for you at the stone pillar." Situ Yan bit her rosy lips, while worry appeared in her eyes.

In the twinkling of an eye, they both left, leaving Su Yu and Shao Lingjian alone.

"I should have taken your life back at the stone pillar." Shao Lingjian's gaze was brimming with killing intent, and his legs flickered as he charged toward Su Yu.

Crack! Crack!

Instantly, the cracking sound of his bones echoed from his body, echoing more than fifty-eight times, which was higher by nine times than when they were fighting at the stone pillar. Su Yu had clearly hidden some of his power at that time!

"Die!" Shao Lingjian then thrust his palm at Su Yu.

His palm strike had an imposing momentum, and his body was slightly more powerful than even a Level Five Fairy's. If he was facing another, more ordinary person, that person would find himself in grave danger while facing such great power. But, it was a pity that he was facing Su Yu.

Seeing that there wasn't anyone else within the nearby surroundings, Su Yu wore an evil smile as he declared, "I can finally fight you without any restraints!"

Chapter 778: The Devilish Eye Scarlet Marten

Hein? Shao Lingjian furrowed his brows, "If you were really powerful, then why don't you just use your full power?"

Su Yu chuckled and clenched his fist, absorbing air into his palm, then compressing it into black ribbon-like objects.

"Compressing air to the extreme? Is this a legendary cultivation technique?" Shao Lingjian asked.

As Su Yu uttered the word "fight," the black sphere formed in his palm and shot toward Shao Ling. Both of them used legendary cultivation techniques, however, Su Yu had mastered his cultivation technique's first level, while Shao Lingjian had just mastered the lowest tier of his technique's first level.

Bang!

As the black sphere was exposed, it emitted powerful sound waves that swept through the surroundings and caused a powerful wind, which uprooted the ancient trees nearby. Even Yuan Yingying and Situ Yan, who had already flown several hundred miles away, could still feel these powerful sound waves. Upon hearing them, they couldn't help but turn their heads and look toward them.

Shao Lingjian, who bore the brunt of the sound waves, didn't retreat, but instead strode forward. He shouted softly as he used his powerful fists to burst open the sound waves.

After the sound waves scattered, some air currents still circulated around Shao Lingjian, and apart from his robes, which were slightly torn, and his fists, which had some blood seeping out of them, his body didn't sustain any other injuries.

Su Yu obviously had greater mastery over his legendary cultivation techniques by two tiers, yet they were still evenly matched in this confrontation. This was because the Buddhist Saint's Eight Characters was a middle-grade legendary cultivation technique, while the Hundred Bones Demonic Tempering was an incomplete high-grade legendary cultivation technique.

"Who are you? Why does a wandering cultivator like you possess a middle-grade legendary cultivation technique? It would be difficult for even the eighteen great factions' outer sanctum disciples to get one of them, and apart from the eighteen great factions, only my family possesses a legendary cultivation technique of such a level!" Shao Lingjian's pupils contracted as his expression became grave.

Legendary cultivation techniques were rarely seen in the Eighteen Blessed and Heavenly Lands. Most of the eighteen great factions' outer sanctum disciples were cultivating only low-grade legendary cultivation techniques. Hence, the middle-grade or high-grade ones were still out of their reaches.

There was a great difference between low-grade, middle-grade, and high-grade legendary cultivation techniques. This could easily be seen from their confrontation just now.

A mastered middle-grade legendary cultivation technique could be used to kill even Level Seven Fairies, but it was still just barely capable of rivaling the lowest tier of a high-grade legendary cultivation technique. As such, it couldn't be denied that Shao Lingjian really had an astonishing power, which rivaled even Level Seven Fairies'. However, it was a pity that his deadly strike was easily blocked by Su Yu.

"I will first capture you before interrogating you." Shao Lingjian's expression became gloomy as he took a charm with his right hand, which emitted a powerful spiritual pressure.

In fact, a Divine Master Realm's power could be sensed emanating from it. This wasn't an offensive charm, but was just a sealing charm.

"This is a charm that my father bought in the black market for 300,000 crystals, and it would be impossible for anyone below the middle-stage of the Divine Master Realm to escape from its powers. It was given to me so that I could trap my enemy and escape whenever I found myself in danger. But now, I will use it to capture you!" Shao Lingjian threw all caution to the wind.

Su Yu's expression was calm as he nodded slightly. "We should really put an end to this fight quickly, as I mustn't expose myself for long."

Shao Lingjian's heart became somewhat restless as he wondered... Is he still hiding some of his power?

Shao Lingjian immediately poured his Vital Energy into the charm, then tried to activate it. At the same time, Su Yu moved and shouted, "Time Stop!"

Shao Lingjian, who was just about to crush the charm and use it, was stopped in his tracks, utterly incapable of controlling his body or making any movement. Su Yu came over to him calmly and took an extremely sharp and fine silk out of his sleeves.

As Shao Lingjian felt a chilly feeling in his neck, his head flew away and rolled onto the ground! Fear and shock were still apparent on his face, as even until his dying breath, he still couldn't understand why he had been killed this easily! If he had known that the All Creation Realm Blood Emperor and many Almighty Divine Masters had died at Su Yu's hands, then he wouldn't have wondered.

Su Yu took the charm back into his hands as he chuckled contentedly. Such a charm, which could confine even an early stage Divine Master, would be quite useful to him.

As he took back the thread of silk, he lightly tapped Shao Lingjian's corpse and head, instantly turning them into ashes before he took his ring for himself. After he finished all of this, Su Yu didn't loosen his vigilance as he swept his southeast side with his cold gaze, while revealing a cold smile.

"Beast, are you disappointed?" he murmured.

Swoosh!

At that moment, a scarlet marten, which was behind two mountains, flew away in fear. Its speed was extremely fast, so even Su Yu's Soul Eyes couldn't catch more than its afterimage.

This scarlet marten was, all along, following him from a distance. It had hid its aura completely and maintained a certain distance from him.

It had assumed that its concealment was flawless, but it did not know that Su Yu's Soul Eyes were capable of seeing through everything, so even if there were ten mountains between them, he could still clearly see it.

While Su Yu had chased after the Situ Family, he had already detected that it was following him, but he didn't pay attention to it. But now that he had already taken care of everything, he could no longer tolerate its presence.

"Are you trying to escape?" Lightning flickered though Su Yu's whole body as he turned into a lightning bolt and chased after it.

Sizzle!

Ten thousand miles away, a lightning bolt suddenly appeared before the fleeing scarlet marten, startling it completely.

"Since I'm already here, do you think that you can still escape?" Su Yu opened his hand and used the Dry Cloud Five Elemental Formation, which formed a light screen that trapped the marten.

However, the scarlet marten reacted quickly, opened its mouth and tearing apart the light screen. However, just when it tore it, the space before it fluctuated, and three small golden swords suddenly appeared there and hacked its body!

Ding! Ding! Ding!

When the small golden swords hacked it, they didn't manage to penetrate its fur. Its fur was as if it was made from powerful iron! However, they still managed to send it flying away.

The scarlet marten was infuriated by this, and its ferocious nature was stirred, so it charged at Su Yu. As it was charging, a ferocious ray appeared in its green eyes and it emitted an incomprehensible sharp cry.

Surprise appeared on Su Yu's face. "Did you assume that I was the person who stole your egg?"

The scarlet marten was startled by his question, and its green eyes became filled with shock as it grumbled, "Can you understand the Demon Clan's language?"

"I can understand it roughly," Su Yu replied. He had knowledge about various clans' languages that had been previously studied by Tian Jizi, and the Demon Clan's language was one of them.

The scarlet marten stopped and glared at Su Yu, then spoke with resentment, "Despicable human, give me back my egg!"

Su Yu had already guessed the scarlet marten's identity at this moment. It was the rumored Level Six Fairy Realm's beast king in the Hundred Beast Valley. The Beast Tide must have been launched by it, and the mysterious light ray that congealed their Vital Energies must have also been emitted by this same scarlet marten!

Su Yu shook his head. "I don't know anything about it, but you have been mistaken, as I did not steal your egg. That was done by another clan of humans in order to irritate you, so that you would launch a Beast Tide and kill the other humans."

The scarlet marten suddenly looked like it had been enlightened, while most of the resentment in its eyes disappeared. It then asked, "Is that really the case?"

Su Yu nodded calmly. "Yes, and since this is the case, then I can spare your life. But, if you ever dare to follow me again, then don't blame me for being ruthless."

He then raised his hand and took back the three small golden swords. However, when Su Yu had just loosened his vigilance, two thick vines shot up from the ground, and wound around his feet!

The scarlet marten then raised its head and said, "Foolish human! Even if you didn't steal the egg, it still happened because of all of you stupid humans!"

After it spoke, it jumped and extended its claws, then waved them at Su Yu's chest. It actually didn't feel that Su Yu had spared it out of kindness, but was just feigning being relieved by his words in order to take him by surprise!

The vines under them belonged to a tree demon, which it had called in secret, asking it to put Su Yu's lower body under its control! All of this happened so suddenly, yet Su Yu's expression was still calm and indifferent, and a faint trace of disappointment flickered in the deepest part of his eyes.

He then said, "I gave you an opportunity."

Swoosh!

A yellowish blue pearl suddenly appeared in Su Yu's palm. He then snapped his fingers and threw the pearl at the marten.

The scarlet marten emitted a miserable scream as the pearl shattered its chest and penetrated through it before leaving through its back. When the pearl landed on the ground, it shook the ground.

"Ah! You were on your guard against me?" The scarlet marten's eyes were still filled with resentment, even when it fell on the ground.

Su Yu shook his legs, which caused a miserable scream to transmit from underground. As the scream quickly became weaker, the vines that had been wrapped around his legs loosened.

Su Yu waved his hand and took the pearl into it, then asked calmly, "What do you think?"

After he spoke, he took a wisp of silk out of his sleeves and cut off the scarlet marten's head. He then placed the head in his spatial ring.

Su Yu forgave this beast for all of the awful things that it had done because of the fact that it had just lost its child. But, he never would have expected that it would repay his kindness with wickedness!

He shook his head and flew up into sky, then left this place. Su Yu didn't know that, just a short while after his departure, Zi Xuan suddenly appeared at the place where Shao Lingjian had died.

Her gaze was ice-cold and she was clenching her teeth tightly. "Time power, as well as a sound wave technique... It's him... Su Yu... He was really within the Red Blood Palace."

During the next day, Su Yu hunted demonic beasts in the forest. He only hunted Level Three Fairy Realm beasts or weaker ones, and he got an ample harvest because the Beast Tide had just occurred, which meant that many demonic beasts were wandering here.

In fact, he managed to kill more than 30 demonic beasts! Moreover, if he ran into any of the Shao family's disciples, he would cripple their cultivation bases! It was obvious what their fates be after losing their cultivations in such a forest, which had demonic beasts running amok!

As Su Yu looked at the sky, he found that three days had already shortly passed! He tapped the ground with his feet softly, then flew back to the pillars.

In another place in the forest, Shao Li furrowed her brows as she stood on a giant boulder. Three days had passed, yet none of her family members had come back here. They had all agreed to converge in this place after three days, but now, she was the only one here.

"What happened? Even the young master didn't come back?" Shao Li murmured in confusion.

She felt that this matter was fishy...

The Shangguan family's Level Five Fairy was killed, while the man who wore a bamboo hat, who was from Situ Family, died in the Beast Tide. So, there shouldn't be anyone left to threaten them.

Did they already go back without me?

After she pondered over this a bit more, Shao Li, who had a giant bow on her back, left this place.

Back at the pillars.

Madame Situ's face was filled with gratification, as her family's casualties were far lower than she had expected. Situ Yan had managed to come back safe and sound, while twelve other people had managed to pass the first test. The only distressing matter was that Su Yu still hadn't returned.

In contrast, the Shangguan family's members were all distressed, as not even eight juniors had managed to pass the test, while the Level Five Fairy they had invited was killed! This whole situation would be quite difficult for them to explain to the Soul Seizing Palace! The only good thing was that they almost had no casualties, and this was all because of the man in the bamboo hat had helped them and saved them from a crisis.

"Father, that man in the bamboo hat is really powerful, and he managed to kill nine Blaze Leopards all by himself!" Shangguan Yunque said.

The Shangguan Family's Master nodded. "If that's really the case, then all of us really underestimated his power. It seems that he didn't have just the power of a Level Four Fairy Realm, but that he probably possessed a Level Five Fairy Realm's prowess. Yunque, you should invite him here, as I want to have a talk with him. Such a genius must be roped in!"

Shangguan Yunque wore an odd look. "Fei said that this person saved them just for me. Was he one of my old acquaintances?"

The Shangguan Family's Master revealed a faint smile. "Let's hope that's the case, as who would expect that you had befriended such a talented expert?"

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At this moment, a man in a bamboo hat flew here. It was Su Yu!

Shangguan Yunque's eyes lit up, and he intercepted him, then looked at him curiously before cupping his fists at him. "Brother, thank you for saving them. I'm expressing my heartfelt thanks to you on behalf of the whole Shangguan family. Brother, may I ask you your great name?"

Su Yu was startled by this, and he didn't know whether he should laugh or cry at such a moment.

Chapter 779: You Got into Trouble

Shangguan Fei's expression became tense. He had asked this question many times, yet he had gotten just a single odd reply.

The eyes of many people flickered as they examined the mysterious man in the bamboo hat curiously. He had left a deep impression on them when he displayed his great prowess and crushed the Shao family.

Madame Situ furrowed her brows. The Shangguan family's intentions were clear, and it was obvious that they wanted to snatch a genius like Su Yu away.

As the everyone's gazes fell upon Su Yu, he found himself incapable of evading everyone's attention once again. He hesitated for a moment before he took off his bamboo hat as well as his raincoat, and revealed his true appearance.

His aged face stood out among the numerous youthful geniuses like a tall crane amid a flock of little chickens. Everyone was shocked.

The Lesser Palace Mistress, Palace Mistress Kong Chan, who was sitting on a nearby boulder, couldn't help but also look at him in surprise. As for Madame Situ, the Shao Family's Master, and many of the talented youths present, they were also stunned, and everyone started exclaiming at once...

"Why is he an old man?"

"Impossible! This is the Red Blood Palace's recruitment exam, and it's only open for the younger disciples who are less than twenty! Had the Situ family gone mad? Are they daring to try to cheat here?"

"It isn't surprising that this person is so strong, even though his cultivation is average. With how old he is, and seeing how broad his experience and techniques are, he would obviously be able to surpass us in battle! Thus, the defeated Shao family's talented youths were really treated unjustly!"

The crowd was bewildered, and their commentary reflected as much. Situ Yan opened her mouth wide in surprise. She assumed that Su Yu's seemingly old voice was just due to his unique tone.

"Big-breasted girl, why is Brother Su this... This..." She started hesitating while she was speaking, and it was obvious that she had suffered a great shock.

"Why is he this old? Is that what you wanted to ask, flat-chested girl?" Yuan Yingying pursed her lips and smiled. "If you dislike him, just don't approach Brother Su again."

In fact, driving out the flat-chested girl was just what Yuan Yingying desired, and it would be ideal if she could even drive out Zi Xuan along with her!

Situ Yan glared at her angrily as she said, "It's you who dislike him! I was just surprised. Why should martial artists like us even care about someone's age?"

Along with one's length of cultivation, one's appearance wouldn't always conform to his actual age, and to add to this enigma, the martial artists weren't as sensitive to one's age as mortals.

However, the most truly shocked people here were the Shangguan family members. Shangguan Yunque was startled, and his pupils contracted as he wore a bitter smile and asked, "Brother Su? Is it really you?"

He couldn't believe that the person, which his father had asked him to invite into the Shangguan family, was none other than their past guest, Su Yu! He had almost become one of the exam's geniuses, who was recommended by the Shangguan family, but his situation changed slightly, causing him to be deprived of his quota. So, in a certain sense, it could be said that he was driven out by the Shangguan family.

Shangguan Fei's expression became complicated at this moment. He was clearly dumbstruck, and he couldn't believe what was happening in front of his very eyes.

He really couldn't link the current Su Yu with the old man they had driven out in the past. Still trying to reconcile the matter in his mind, he stammered, "Why? How? It's you?"

The Shangguan Family's Master raised his brows in surprise at first, as he found the person before him to be slightly familiar. He felt as if he had once seen him somewhere, and it was only after a long while that he finally recalled that he was none other than the youth who was recommended to the Shangguan family by Shangguan Yunque.

His expression became complex for a while after this realization, and his face soon flushed red. Then, a dark cloud seemed to appear over him, turning his countenance gloomy.

After all, Su Yu, who they had driven out, unexpectedly possessed great potential! Remorse, self-blame, embarrassment, and myriad other emotions welled up in his heart.

Su Yu looked at Shangguan Yunque, then said with a smile, "I'm really sorry. I didn't have enough time to disclose it to you before now."

Upon hearing this, Shangguan Yunque looked back at his father, whose face was scarlet one moment and dark the other. He shrugged his shoulders, then said, "Brother Su, I thank you on behalf of the Shangguan family for saving them."

As matters had unfolded, they had all come to understand why the man in the bamboo hat had saved the Shangguan family's juniors for Shangguan Yunque.

Su Yu waved his hand at him as he said, "Brother Shangguan, it was your Blue Water Nine Heavens Wing that saved my life, so what's saving your family members in comparison to that?"

As Su Yu was chatting with him for a while, a sweet fragrance drifted over to him. He looked up and saw Madame Situ coming toward him.

She wore a bright smile as she said, "Mister Su, thank you for protecting Yan'er! You should go back to rest and recuperate, as the second round of the exam will begin shortly."

Su Yu nodded at Shangguan Yunque, then went back to the stone pillar. Shangguan Yunque wore an odd look as he went back to his family's stone platform. Each person's expression was peculiar now, especially the Shangguan Family's Master's, as he felt too ashamed to even meet his son's gaze.

Shangguan Yunque felt somehow vindicated now. He had entreated his father many times then, yet his father had obstinately clung to his choice and had driven Su Yu out. But now, Su Yu had astonished everyone with an amazing feat, causing the Shangguan family to become a laughingstock.

"Yunque, why didn't you inform me earlier that Mister Su was so extraordinary?" The Shangguan Family's Master asked, clearly embarrassed.

Shangguan Yunque shrugged his shoulders and replied, "Well... I told you about his potential, but you were stubborn and wanted to take care of our family's juniors instead, so what could I do?"

The Shangguan Family's Master's eyes flickered, and he raised his eyes after a short while and looked at Su Yu. He then let out a long sigh and said, "It seems that I misjudged him."

It was already nearly impossible to invite Su Yu and get him back again. After all, it was easy to drive someone out, but inviting him in again was a different matter entirely. It was much more difficult.

Su Yu went back to the Situ family's side, consumed Madame Situ's elixirs, and recuperated quickly. Situ Yan went over to him and chatted with him.

She also questioned him endlessly. She was curious about the strange state of Su Yu's body.

Madame Situ said, "Mister Su, I'm not really talented but I am slightly skilled in alchemy. Why don't you stay in my Situ family? If you do, I will look for a way to help your body recover." She clearly still wanted to bind Su Yu to the Situ family.

"Madame, thank you for your concern, but I already found the source of my problems, and as long as my cultivation continues to advance and I can supplement my life span, my body will recover to its previous state on its own." Su Yu tactfully declined her offer.

Madame Situ had no choice but to accept his answer, but she still sighed inwardly. She was really imposing herself on him by asking him to stay in the Situ family.

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Time elapsed slowly, and after a long while, almost all of the participants had returned. As the Shao Family's Master looked out at the Fairy Confining Forest, his eyes became filled with anxiety.

Not one member from the Shao family came back, but he still wasn't really worried, as they had Shao Li and Shao Lingjian with them, and with their combined powers, they shouldn't be in any danger.

However, when it got to be almost noon, he still hadn't seen any of them return. This finally made him become uneasy.

"There are only ten minutes left," Palace Mistress Kong Chan said calmly.

Swoosh!

A woman flew back at this moment. It was Shao Li!

The Shao Family's Master relaxed slightly, and as he went toward her, he said, "Li'er, you came back! But, what about Lingjian and the others? Why are you the only one who has returned?"

Shock appeared on Shao Li's face, which was slightly pale, as she replied, "Family Master, didn't they come back before me?"

The Shao Family's Master's whole body stiffened at this moment, and he felt like his heart had fallen in a bucket of cold ice. "They didn't... Didn't you all agree to meet back in a specific place before returning together?"

Shao Li's face turned pale and her lips shivered as she replied, "I hunted the high-grade demonic beasts alone according to your request before going to join them in the appointed location. But, when I got there, I didn't see anyone! I assumed that they didn't wait for me and had returned in advance."

Bang!

The Shao Family's Master's mind was reeling, as he was greatly shocked to hear such news. "Where are they?" he stammered.

Shao Li became slightly restless, but she forced herself to calm down as she attempted to console him, “Family Master, don’t worry! There isn’t anyone capable of harming them, not with how powerful Lingjian is! They were just probably moving at a slower pace than me. Surely they are still running around in the forest.”

The face of the Shao Family’s Master recovered some luster with great difficulty, and he determined to await their arrivals calmly and expectantly, while believing for the best. As such, his eyes, which were still filled with anxiety, looked to stare in the Fairy Confining Forest’s direction.

All of a sudden, someone flew toward them from a distant place. The pupils of the Shao Family’s Master contracted, but when he looked at the person arriving, he noticed that it was Zi Xuan, the person who was hired by the Situ family.

She flew around confidently and with great ease before she landed at Su Yu’s side. She then said to him, “Let’s have a talk alone after the end of the exam. I need to talk to you about something.”

Su Yu’s heart thumped as he wondered... Did she discover my true identity?

“There are only five minutes left.” Palace Mistress Kong Chan announced as she swept her gaze over the Shao Lingjian’s stone pillar. She was bewildered to see it so empty!

All of the families’ disciples had suffered grave casualties due to the Beast Tide, and more than two-tenths of the participants had died. But luckily, there were still some survivors.

However, only one person from the Shao family came back, which is why their stone pillar seemed so empty and isolated. It was very conspicuous!

Time elapsed slowly, while the Shao Family’s Master’s eyelids became heavy. He was exhausted, but he kept his eyes locked on the Fairy Confining Forest, hoping that Shao Lingjian’s group would come back soon.

However, the Fairy Confining Forest was calm and completely silent, not even a rustle occurred among its leaves.

“It’s time,” Palace Mistress Kong Chan announced calmly before standing up slowly and instructing, “Envoy elders, start counting people who passed the test.”

Thump! Thump!

The Shao Family’s Master stumbled back in shock and despair when he heard this, as his last glimmer of hope had just been extinguished. Shao Lingjian and the others had surely suffered an accident, which must be what had prevented them from coming back. There were only two explanations for where they were now... They were either trapped somewhere... Or they were dead!

“Li’er, do you any idea about what happened to them? Do you know who attacked them?” The Shao Family’s Master’s tone was gloomy and somewhat terrifying.

Shao Li’s whole body shivered, and as she shook her head, she surveyed the surroundings. She suddenly noticed Su Yu and asked in surprise, “Who is this old man? Why didn’t I see him before?”

“His name is Su Yuxian, but don’t bother yourself about him. I asked you... Who is responsible for this?”

“What? He’s the bamboo-hatted man? Impossible!” Shao Li’s eyes flickered as she connected the dots. “He was in the Hundred Beast Valley when the Beast Tide erupted, and even if he was more powerful, it would still be impossible for him to have escaped such a situation alive!”

Shao Yueming’s raised his brows and looked at Su Yu fixedly, while he asked in a deep voice, “Well.. Do you mean to say that it can’t be him?”

“I’m not sure, exactly. But, we still can’t rule out either possibility. After all, he might have wanted to take revenge against the Shao family. Out of all the talented youths, he was the only one who let Shao Lingjian and the others suffer troubles that would prevent them from coming back!” Shao Li spoke coldly, as she found Su Yu to be quite suspicious.

Shao Yueming’s eyes flickered with a ferocious glint. He then took a step forward, went over to the Situ family’s stone pillar, and took big strides toward Su Yu as he asked, “Where are my Shao family’s juniors?”

While he stood before Su Yu, he tried in vain to use his imposing aura to put pressure on Su Yu’s mind. As she saw this, shock appeared on Madame Situ’s face, while her body’s Divine Master’s power surged forth and extinguished his aura.

She then furrowed her refined brows and chided, “Shao Yueming, you are bullying us too much!”

He then went directly to their stone pillar and started interrogating her people, without giving any due respect to her Situ family! He then said, “Madame Situ, all of my Shao family’s talented youths have gone missing, and if you want to try to obstruct me from finding out the truth behind this matter, I don’t mind fighting you!”

Shao Yueming’s eyes were bloodshot, and he behaved like a cornered wild beast. Seeing his current mood, Madame Situ shuddered and clenched her teeth.

When she was about to try to obstruct him, Su Yu shrugged his shoulders, while wearing a bewildered look, and said, “Shao Family’s Master, you are really baffling! Each of your Shao family’s youths had peerless talent, so why are asking me why they didn’t manage to come back?”

Shao Yueming replied in a deep voice, “Lad, I won’t blather on pointlessly with you here any longer. I’m just asking you... Where are they now?”

Su Yu looked at him calmly and said, “I don’t know.”

Shao Yueming repressed his killing intent and surveyed the Situ family’s juniors. He then asked them coldly, “As for you all, did any of you see them?”

A confused look appeared on all of the faces of the Situ family’s juniors. They had being hunted by the Shao family, and it was only because of Situ Jiu that they had managed to escape. So, as they were too busy fighting to survive, they couldn’t possibly be aware of the Shao family’s juniors current situation!

It was Situ Jiu alone whose gaze flickered at this moment. Even though he had lost consciousness, he still faintly knew that it was the bamboo-hatted man, Su Yu, who had appeared and saved him.

In other words, the bamboo-hatted man was the last person to come into contact with the Shao family's juniors. So, Situ Jiu couldn't help but wonder... Was it him who...

As a Divine Master possessed great eyesight, even the subtle changes on Situ Jiu's face couldn't escape from Su Yu's eyes.

Swoosh!

Immediately, Shao Yueming's body flickered as he appeared before Situ Jiu and held his shoulders. He then shouted sharply, asking him, "What do you know? Speak!"

Situ Jiu was shocked, and as he faced a Divine Master's powerful aura and interrogation, his knees went soft and he almost fell to the ground. He then stammered a reply, "I... I don't know anything. Our Situ family's disciples were hunted down by your Shao Lingjian, and I was heavily injured by Shao Lingjian and lost consciousness. When I woke up, I found myself here!"

When all of the families heard this, they all gasped and began to wonder...

How could Situ Jiu do such a thing?

What?

Did they hunt down the Situ family's disciples?

The Red Blood Palace still prohibited such things. Thus, the Shao family might be in big trouble if that information was divulged here.

"Impudent fool! You are slandering our Shao family! Do you have a deathwish?" Shao Yueming looked at him angrily and shouted at him in a deep voice. This scared Situ Jiu greatly, causing his whole body to shiver.

Situ Yan was also afraid of him, but she still bit her rosy lips and said, "What a joke! How can your mere words prove anything? Were our Situ family's dozen juniors blind, not knowing even who was hunting them?"

Upon hearing her bold words, Shao Yueming looked over at her with an admonishing gaze. On the Shangguan family's side, after Shangguan Fei got a suggestion from his Family Master, he summoned his courage and said, "Our Shangguan family can also testify to truth of this matter. The Shao family's disciples hunted us too, and they even assassinated our Level Five Fairy! Afterwards, we witnessed them hunting the Situ family!"

After this declaration, the truth was clear. After all, testimonies from two sides was undeniable proof.

Palace Mistress Kong Chan's eyes snapped open slowly, while a cold glint appeared in them. However, she still wore an amiable yet dignified expression as she said, "The outer sanctum Law Enforcement Division will investigate this matter, and if they confirm that the Shao family violated the rules, they will surely be punished."

She then added, "As for now, Shao Family's Master, please go back to your stone pillar. In a short while, the Law Enforcement Division will go into the Fairy Confining Forest and look for your family's disciples. We will reconvene to debate this issue then."

Internal strife was a common occurrence in the Red Blood Palace, and as such, the powers that be weren't willing or able to look into every little squabble. Moreover, since not one of the Shao family's disciples had returned, there was a high possibility that they had all been killed. At the moment, all they could do was wait, leaving the matter unsettled for now.

However, Shao Yueming wasn't willing to accept this, and he glared at Su Yu like a wild beast. He knew that the disappearances of Shao Lingjian and the others was surely related to him somehow.

But, as he knew that he couldn't deal with him at the moment, he returned to his family's stone pillar unwillingly. Then, while still holding onto a glimmer of hope in his heart, he said, "Li'er, you should focus on passing the exam, while I go into the forest to look for them. If Lingjian suffered any harm, I will be sure that kid suffers a tragic end!" After all, Shao Lingjian was the Shao family's sole inheritor, so it was vital that he mustn't suffer any harm!

The envoys' inspection started. As they all inspected the juniors on the stone who they were responsible for, Elder Li wore a faint smile. He was clearly feeling quite proud of the juniors as he examined the corpses that they brought.

When it was Situ Yan's turn, Elder Li said kindly, "You are a Level One Fairy. Thus, you must kill twenty demonic beasts at the same level. Were you able to get enough? Take them out for me to inspect."

Situ Yan smiled at him craftily and announced, "I only killed one."

Elder Li's face stiffened, and as he looked at Madame Situ, he shot her a look of deepest apologies. As they were now in front of Palace Mistress Kong Chan, he couldn't help them at all!

Swoosh!

However, when Situ Yan took out the Level Two Fairy Realm Demonic Flame Snake, Elder Li's pupils contracted slightly. He immediately took it in his palm and stuck a talisman on the Demonic Flame Snake's corpse.

At that moment, a peculiar scene occurred. Countless specks of light appeared on the Demonic Flame Snake. Specifically, they were all on its wounds, which were the results of numerous attacks.

"All of the light specks are the same color, and the Vital Energy's fluctuation on them belong to Situ Yan. This inspection confirms that it was killed by Situ Yan alone, and that no one intervened to help!" Elder Li declared this shocking news in front of everyone.

If someone had helped, even if he had just constricted the demonic beast, he would still have left a different Vital Energy fluctuation on the demonic beast. Thus, the light specks wouldn't be all the same color. Hence, if anyone had intervened to help, it could have been easily detected.

When the crowd heard him, they weren't at all surprised by the fact that Situ Yan had managed to pass the test, but they were amazed by the fact that she was capable of killing a demonic beast that was higher than her by an entire level!

The Shangguan Family's Master looked at Situ Yan in awe and asked, "It's rumored that the Situ family's current generation's main descendant is adept in formations. Is this really true?"

Shangguan Yunque was startled by his question. "Formations? This is a talent that is highly valued by the Red Blood Palace. If this is true, an extraordinary genius has indeed been born into the Situ family!"

The reply to this question was clearly written on Madame Situ's face as she looked contentedly at her daughter. Elder Li also wore a smile as he continued inspecting the Situ family's disciples one by one.

There were eighteen people altogether, and in the end, twelve of them managed to pass the test. This number was higher by a whole fold than it had been in the past several years.

This was due to the Beast Tide, which had caused a large number of low-grade demonic beasts to roam all over the place. Thus, killing them was easier. Otherwise, the number of people who passed the test would be much lower, at least by half.

However, Su Yu's appearance still caused many families to dread them, and they didn't dare attack them in secret. This was the most important reason for their restraint.

Finally, it was Su Yu's and his two companions' turns. Zi Xuan threw out a Level Two Fairy Realm Purple Lightning Deer casually. When Elder Li inspected it, he found it to be slightly baffling, as he couldn't find any wound upon it. Clearly, it had suffered a very strange death, but as the Vital Energy's fluctuation that was left on it clearly belonged to Zi Xuan, he passed.

Yuan Yingying also managed to pass, and when Elder Li inspected the beast, his pupils contracted slightly as he asked for confirmation, "A soul attack?"

He then took a deep breath and looked at Yuan Yingying, while revealing a faint and amiable smile. Elder Li's gaze then fell upon Su Yu as he said, "Take out your corpses."

Su Yu looked at the surroundings, then said, "There isn't enough space here. Elder Li, you can just have a look at my spatial ring."

All of the people were startled when they heard him say this, and they couldn't help but wonder... There isn't enough space? How many demonic beasts did he kill?

Elder Li was also flabbergasted. Then, when he received the spatial ring and looked at its contents, his pupils couldn't help but contract. There weren't really many demonic beasts there, as there were just thirty. But, each beast was a high-grade demonic beast, which had a giant build!

Moreover, the weakest was still at the Level Three Fairy Realm, and there were nine Blaze Leopards, which Su Yu had killed quite casually! As for Level Four Fairy Realm demonic beasts, there were fifteen of those!

Shock appeared in Elder Li's gaze when he witnessed the four Level Five Fairy Realm demonic beasts especially. If he knew that Su Yu had only hunted beasts for a single day because of various reasons, he would have probably been even more shocked!

Elder Li sucked in a breath of cold air. He rarely witnessed such a large number of killed high-grade demonic beasts!

We seem to have found a talented child indeed!’ Elder Li thought, trying hard to conceal his excitement and remain neutral.

When Elder Li started counting the points that Su Yu had gained, he suddenly discovered an unremarkable scarlet corpse among the heap of giant demonic beasts. It was a scarlet marten!

“A scarlet marten?” Elder Li was startled. He then muttered as he was thinking back about it, “Marten demonic beasts only appear in the depths of the Fairy Confining Forest! Moreover, there is...”

All of a sudden, shock appeared on Elder Li’s face and he broke off in mid-sentence, as if he had just recalled something important. He then exclaimed, “A scarlet marten? The Devilish Eye Scarlet Marten?”

Shock was apparent in his shining eyes as he stared at the Devilish Eye Scarlet Marten’s corpse. His gaze was filled with shock, yet it was also grave for some unknown reason.

Elder Li quickly averted his gaze from it and looked at Su Yu. He then said, while wearing a solemn expression, “After the end of the second test, you must stay behind alone, as Palace Mistress Kong Chan may have something to discuss with you.”

Su Yu was taken aback by these strange instructions, so he asked, “Did I make a mistake?”

Elder Li hesitated for a while before he replied in a grave tone, “Yes... You made a grave mistake. You shouldn’t have killed this Devilish Eye Scarlet Marten. It had a special status, and now you have brought great trouble upon yourself by killing it.”

Su Yu’s expression became grave upon hearing such bad news.

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Su Yu intended to spare the beast, but since it sought death by itself, then it couldn’t blame him for being merciless.

“Okay.” Su Yu nodded composedly.

After they finished inspecting the people on each pillar, the envoys started counting the results of each person. They then presented them to Palace Master Kong Chan. After the time it would take to brew a cup of tea had passed, all of the participants’ results had been collected.

A faint smile appeared on Palace Master Kong Chan’s aged face when she saw the test’s results. “I really didn’t expect that, not only did the Beast Tide not cause a grave amount of casualties, but it also let the number of people who managed to pass the test be far greater than the past years’ tests!”

After counting them, they found that around 40 people had passed the test, while in the past years’ tests, the number would usually not surpass 20!

“This is especially the case for the Situ family, as their people make up almost half of these successful scores.” Palace Master Kong Chan couldn’t help but take another look at the Situ family as she revealed a faint smile and nodded.

Her words and actions filled many people with envy, as such a glance from her meant that she was quite satisfied with the Situ family’s performance.

“I will now announce the amassed points rankings, but I will announce just the five top ones,” Palace Master Kong Chan said. “Shan Qilin is at the fifth place. She hunted 20 Level Three Fairy Realm demonic beasts and earned 800 points.”

She smiled, then continued, “Chen Yu is at the fourth place. He hunted 23 Level Three Fairy Realm demonic beasts and earned 920 points. Zhang Fan is at third place. He hunted 20 Level Four Fairy Realm demonic beasts and earned 2,000 points.”

Hearing this, Zhang Fan nodded slightly, as it was still acceptable for him to end up just in the third place.

“Shao Li is at second place. She hunted 20 Level Five Fairy Realm demonic beasts and earned 10,000 points.” When they heard this score, everyone present went into an uproar. This was because the only Level Five Fairy here had hunted down 20 demonic beasts that were at the same realm as her!

Shao Li furrowed her brows slightly, finding it hard to believe that she was just in second place. It was slightly out of her expectations, and she couldn’t help but look at Su Yu and think that it must be because of him.

She then announced, “Su Yu is in first place. He hunted nine Level three Fairy Realm demonic beasts, 15 Level Four Fairy Realm demonic beasts, and five Level Five Fairy Realm demonic beasts, which earned him 3,010 points.”

Such a strange ranking startled all of the people here, as he had just 3,000 points, yet he was ranked ahead of someone who had ten thousand points! Everyone wondered what was going on! Even Madame Situ was startled and bewildered.

“Do you have any issues with this score? If not, then we can start the next test now,” Palace Master Kong Chan said expressionlessly.

Shao Li clenched her teeth and braced herself as she spoke, “Palace Master, may I ask why someone who has less points than me is ranked ahead of me? Was the ranking decided upon another factor?”

Palace Master Kong Chan shook her head slightly. “There isn’t such a thing. The ranking is decided only according to points.”

“Then, why...” Shao Li wasn’t willing to accept such a strange ranking.

Palace Master Kong Chan spoke calmly, but firmly, “It’s because Su Yuxian killed another demonic beast, which wasn’t aforementioned in the test. He killed a Level Six Fairy Realm demonic beast.”

What? All of the people, including Madame Situ, were greatly startled by this news.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Many gazes suddenly looked toward Su Yu. They had already attached great importance to him because he could fight to a draw against Shao Li, but now it seemed like they had still underestimated this freakish genius!

Even Shao Li wasn't capable of killing a Level Six Fairy Realm demonic beast all by herself! Shao Li herself was greatly shocked, and she looked at him with a gaze that was filled with dread for the first time.

However, as she was instructed by Shao Yueming to get the first place in both tests by all possible means, she continued to be reluctant to concede. "Palace Master Kong Chan, there aren't any points associated to Level Six Fairy Realm demonic beasts, so even if he killed one of them, he would have just killed it in vain. So, I'm afraid that such a ranking is somewhat inappropriate." Shao Li braced herself and spoke.

The people present here couldn't help but smack their lips, as it seemed like the Shao family wanted to get the first place at any price, since Shao Li dared to question even Palace Master Kong Chan's decision!

Palace Master Kong Chan looked at her calmly and didn't try to intimidate her like what most of the people expected. Instead, she just gave a reasonable explication to her, "The Fairy Confining Forest's test was set to test the participants' powers, and since he was capable of killing a Level Six Fairy Realm demonic beast, then he should obviously take first place."

She then added, "If you possessed such a power, then we would also place you in first place. So, do you still have any issues with the rankings?"

Shao Li's face became hot with shame. She raised her head and glared at Su Yu viciously, but said nothing.

"If you don't have any issues with it, then let's start the next test, which is called 'Carp Leaping over the Dragon Gate.' Elder Li, please announce the rules," she said.

Elder Li wore a respectful look as he shouted loudly, "Sirs, let's leave the pillars."

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

All of the people left the pillars, then looked at them from a distant place. There was a vast stage that had been set up in the middle of the nine pillars. At the moment, a fissure was opening on it, while water vapor surged out of it.

As they were engulfed by the water vapor, many disciples felt like their heads would burst open from the intense and unbearable pain. Even breathing became strenuous for them.

Su Yu's pupils contracted slightly as the water vapor fell on his body. He found it to be extremely heavy. Moreover, it wasn't his body alone that felt its weight, but the water vapor had a suppressive effect on his soul too.

Rumble!

When the central stage was thoroughly opened, a circular giant pit was revealed. It seemed to be a giant well. Clear and serene water was at the bottom of this giant well, and even though the well was intensely shaking, the water within it was still calm and waveless.

"The test will start now," Elder Li announced.

The water started gradually lessening before the juniors' curious gazes, and it continued on until there wasn't even a drop of it left. It seemed like it had been absorbed by something.

Just after that, an amazing scene appeared, as the well's water started being shot out of the nine pillar's summits before covering each pillar entirely! Then, a flight of steps appeared on each pillar, which stretched from its bottom to its peak.

There were ninety-nine steps on each of the flights of steps. It seemed like the nine pillars had absorbed the well's water, then sprayed it out of their summits.

"Carp Leaping over the Dragon Gate rules are as follows... You must start ascending the pillar from its lowest step, and you mustn't use your Vital Energy or fly while ascending. All those who violate these rules will be expelled from the exam. You need to just get past the first 10 steps to pass the exam, but you can still get 1,000 points for each step thereafter. You may start the test now," Elder Li said.

The expressions of the talented juniors became extremely grave when they heard him. This second death test was far more terrifying than the first one, and its death rate was two times higher!

They must ascend the flight of steps, while bearing the brunt of the water that was being sprayed on them. If they made just a slight mistake, they might be swept away by the surging water and killed on the spot!

This was even more cruel and dangerous than the Fairy Confining Forest! As such, many of the participants who had passed the first test hesitated, not daring to step forward.

Swoosh!

However, while some people were still hesitating, some daring and over-confident people stepped forward. A white-clothed young girl tapped the ground with the tip of her leg as she jumped to the bottom of the pillar like a graceful butterfly, then took her first step.

This young girl had fair skin and was extremely pretty. She was Shan Qilin, who had taken fifth place.

After she took the first step, the surging water that was flowing out of the pillar's peak became even more dreadful, and it fell upon her like a heavy rain. The white-clothed girl's whole body was instantly drenched by it, and as such drops, which were as heavy as rocks, fell on her body, she couldn't help but groan in pain.

As the water soaked her clothes and seeped through them, she felt her body become extremely heavy. She felt as if she was carrying a 10,000 pound boulder!

Shock appeared on her face, which was filled with confidence just a moment ago, and as she raised her head and looked up, she found that the higher one reached, the denser the water became! Moreover, as she looked down, she saw the boundless well, which made her instantly realize that once she was swept away by the water into it, she would surely die a horrible death!

"I give up!" the white-clothed young girl said through clenched teeth as she took back her right foot, which she had just extended toward the second step. After she considered such a matter for a moment, she had decided to give up.

She went back to her starting place resentfully, while she inwardly grumbled... The test is extremely harsh! Aren't disciples recruited from outside considered to be people in their eyes?

It was rumored that the disciples recruited from inside didn't need to pass any tests to enter the Red Blood Palace's outer sanctum, while outsiders needed to pass numerous dangerous tests, which would kill many of them!

As the first one to try have given up, and she was the same woman who got such high results in the first test, this made many people, who were previously eager to try, become low-spirited and start to lose their nerves.

"I will try it." Yuan Yingying took a look at Situ Yan before she decided to try to pass the test.

As Situ Yan felt Yuan Yingying's provocative gaze upon her, she stuck her chest out and said, "I will also try!"

Madame Situ clenched her fists tightly, while her gaze flickered for a moment, but she didn't try to stop her. However, Palace Master Kong Chan suddenly blanked for a moment as her ears slightly twitched.

"Both of you don't need to try to pass the second test, as there are outer sanctum's elders who want to meet you. Congratulations, Elder Li, take them to the external affairs division." A faint smile appeared on Palace Master Kong Chan's face.

The expressions of all of the people changed when they heard her words. Jealousy appeared instantly on their faces as they wondered...

The juniors here must put their lives at risk and pass such a death test, while those two young girls are exempt from it just because some outer sanctum's elders picked them?

It was indeed unfair, but they were still helpless against it, as they were from the Red Blood Palace.

"It's expected that Situ Yan would be fancied by some elders, as she was a rarely seen formation master and would have a high position in the Red Blood Palace," someone explained. "But, who's that young girl, Yuan Yingying? Why was she also picked by an elder?"

Many people posed the same question as they spoke amongst themselves...

"She should have also revealed some astonishing talent, shouldn't she? The first test was observed in secret by many of elders, and if someone revealed an unusual talent in some aspect, then he would be picked by them and be received into the sanctum. That should surely be the case for that woman, too," someone guessed.

The two young girls were startled and shocked by such happy news. "Brother Su, I passed the exam!" Yuan Yingying said as she wept tears of joy. She looked at Su Yu, while gratitude welled up in her heart.

She had never once expected that she would have such a day. In the past, her whole world had existed within the small Yuan family, and what she sought and pursued was none other than receiving the Yuan family's approval.

She had never once imagined that she would one day become a disciple of such a colossal faction! Her whole life had changed because of Su Yu!

“Lassie, go there, then cultivate properly after entering it. We will see each other again.” Su Yu rubbed her head, while warmth appeared in his eyes.

Situ Yan pouted. “Brother Su, goodbye. I will surely look for you.”

Su Yu chuckled and bid farewell to the two young girls. Without them here, Su Yu could finally relax, as he wouldn’t need to worry about them.

“I should also pass this test quickly,” Su Yu said, while he flew over to the bottom of the pillar.