

## Old Gods 94

Chapter 94: Xiao Xiao Ruyi

Lu Ran unconsciously arched his back and tilted his head, yet still got splattered with blood.

He tapped his foot and drifted back lightly.

The Evil Demon's skeleton collapsed with a bang, kicking up a cloud of dust.

"Uh-huh." Lu Ran slightly raised his head, savoring the moment.

The Soul-splitting Demon's soul had already been detained in the God Demon Sculpture Garden, swallowed by the Evil Sculpture.

With one hand, Lu Ran reached to his neck, plucked the Divine Power Pearl, and pressed it against the Evil Demon's skeleton.

The Soul-splitting Demon's flesh rapidly dissolved into nothingness, turning into energy, which was absorbed into the pearl.

Only a Demon Crystal fell to the ground, which Lu Ran also picked up and tucked into his bag.

From the body to the soul, to the Demon Crystal formed by cultivation, Lu Ran appropriated everything for himself.

Such a scene, such actions...

It's hard to know who the real "Evil Demon" is.

While re-inserting the Divine Power Pearl into the choker's clasp around his neck, Lu Ran was also listening intently.

Then, he turned and left.

Indeed, having Human Clan companions limited my performance!

In the darkness, in the corners, in unnoticed places, that's where I can unleash my full firepower!

Truly...

I was the one who shouldn't be seen by others.

Lu Ran pursed his lips, his eyes scanning the surroundings like a dark phantom swiftly moving through the woods.

Finally, near the deep forest's edge, he saw the circling black crows in the sky.

Lu Ran's heart immediately felt much steadier.

After all, Cai Yunfei was not only an instructor but also a bodyguard.

Since he hadn't joined the battle, it meant that the team was not in major trouble.

"Yak!"

Cai Yunfei, seeing Lu Ran burst out of the forest, immediately shouted in relief, his hanging heart also set at ease.

The battle group split into two, and Cai Yunfei couldn't be in two places at once.

Fortunately, during the past ten-plus days, Lu Ran had performed spectacularly, which filled Cai Yunfei with confidence.

After entering the deep forest, the Soul-splitting Demon Clan was naturally obstructed from view.

Lu Ran, endowed with the top-notch talent "Hearing Wind," would surely thrive.

And with Lu Ran's terrifying speed, Cai Yunfei believed that the Immortal Sheep Believer must have shaken off the Evil Demons.

But...

When Cai Yunfei saw Lu Ran covered in blood, he couldn't help but be startled!

Cai Yunfei, of course, noticed the distant shaking of the mountains and the falling trees.

He naturally assumed that the Soul-splitting Demons, led into the Dark Forest, became like headless flies, crashing everywhere.

Then, when the trees stopped falling, it was likely that Lu Ran had escaped, disappeared, and the Soul-splitting Demons gave up the chase.

But seeing Lu Ran like this...

Could it be,

It wasn't the Soul-splitting Demons giving up, but Lu Ran who killed them?

Cai Yunfei hadn't ruled out the possibility that the blood belonged to Lu Ran.

But, looking at Lu Ran's agile posture, where did he seem wounded?

"Baa~~~"

Lu Ran ran out of the woods, stopped on his feet, and slid sideways to a halt.

The sheep's calls grew louder until, at a certain point, they finally caught the attention of the battle group and the Soul-splitting Demon.

"Ha ha!" Niu Zhengzheng laughed excitedly, even a bit wildly.

His big ax chopped fiercely through the air.

"Brother Lu is back!" Deng Yutang was equally exhilarated, and his attack speed increased.

At this moment, the battlefield was littered with Evil Demon skeletons.

The enemy had suffered more than half their casualties, with only six or seven Evil Demons stubbornly resisting in front of a row of lotus petals.

They fought more fiercely, devoid of any fear!

Why?

Because the Red Cloth Order Believer Deng Yutang kept casting the Divine Technique·Red Cloth Order!

The battle cries not only helped boost the morale of his comrades but also maxed out the fighting spirit of the Evil Demon Clan!

Wasn't this a kind of inadvertent assist?

Listen to me: you can fight, you are strong, you fear nothing!

So... come and meet your death.

The Red Cloth Believer's battle cries were quite powerful and very effective!

But Lu Ran's appearance seemed to inspire spirits even more than the Divine Technique·Red Cloth Order!

Even though Lu Ran was enshrouded in darkness, invisible to others.

Yet that familiar sheep's cry exhilarated everyone who heard it!

"My brother is the best!" Qiao Yuanxi cheered, his five fingers suddenly opening.

A Firefly Cage flew behind enemy lines and exploded with a boom.

Joining it in explosion was a Bursting Flame Talisman flung by Jiang Ruyi.

"Boom rumble!"

Jiang Ruyi's feet were on a lotus petal, standing in the air.

As the commander, she kept a close watch on the battle situation and did not look for Lu Ran.

Yet, in her heart, she let out a huge sigh of relief.

"Whoosh~whoosh!"

Flying swords shuttled back and forth, slaughtering the Evil Demons under their master's guidance.

Guan Yiren stood in the air, her foot on a long sword.

Her face was expressionless, but those cold eyes twinkled slightly.

Being a proud follower of Sword One, she never thought that battling Stream Realm or Mist Realm Evil Demons was something to be honored for.

That lone Immortal Sheep Believer who lured away three River Realm-Evil Demons, was the true foundation of this victory!

Thinking this, Guan Yiren slightly furrowed her brow.

This feeling...

A sense of security, perhaps?

Quite interesting.

All along, within the trio led by Qiao Yuanxi, Guan Yiren was the one everyone counted on and relied upon.

"Flap flap flap~"

The black crow fluttered its wings, landing on Lu Ran's shoulder: "Are you hurt?"

"No." Lu Ran placed a hand in front of his face.

He slightly pulled up the red cloth that had slid up to his nose, re-covering his eyes.

Cai Yunfei: "What's with all the blood? Did you confront the Soul-splitting Demon head-on?"

"Shush!" Lu Ran tilted his head, his mouth making a silencing gesture.

Cai Yunfei: ???

Did you cover your eyes just to prevent me from asking questions?

"After the battle, we'll sum up," Lu Ran quickly walked off to the right front.

Cai Yunfei was taken aback, immediately taking to the air with a flap of his wings.

Lu Ran reached the southwest side of the battle group, positioned behind the pack of Soul-splitting Demons.

Shouting from this spot had an even better effect; once the Soul-splitting Demons got distracted, they would naturally turn around, exposing their backs to the Human Clan team.

In just a few short minutes, the remaining few Soul-splitting Demons were completely annihilated.

"Ha ha!" Niu Zhengzheng laughed out loud, slapping the back of his head, "What a thrill!"

From the initial fear, to the courageous resistance of the crowd, to the routing of the enemy...

Nothing was more exhilarating than the victory after an intense fight.

"Where's my brother?"

Qiao Yuansi called out the first thing.

"He's here." A familiar voice sounded, and a pitch-black figure emerged from the darkness.

His clothes were disheveled, stained with blood.

Suddenly, everyone's faces changed.

"Brother!" Qiao Yuansi quickly summoned a Firefly Cage.

This time, she held the lantern by the handle.

The eight-faced lantern, emitting a dark red glow, abruptly turned to a glowing green.

Lantern Divine Skill·Firefly Cage!

This was a healing technique: beings bathed in its light would see their wounds heal faster.

"I'm not injured," Lu Ran immediately said.

Qiao Yuansi had already run up to Lu Ran, her face showing concern.

Holding the lantern, she shined it up and down Lu Ran's body, thoroughly checking him.

Jiang Ruyi's expression was stiff, her voice unusually cold:

"Didn't I say no close combat for you?"

"Uhm..." Lu Ran slightly lowered his head, "The battlefield is ever-changing, and I ended up there."

Lu Ran didn't blame Jiang Ruyi.

After all, she was concerned and worried that Lu Ran might encounter accidents.

What was more important is that they didn't share the same information.

Jiang Ruyi only knew that Lu Ran was an Immortal Sheep Believer, how could she know about the God Demon Sculpture Garden behind him?

Everyone was clear about what the Divine Technique of the Immortal Sheep sect was.

Naturally, Jiang Ruyi believed that Lu Ran had fought the Soul-splitting Demon head-on, and the blood-soaked through his clothes supported this.

How could she know that Lu Ran was casting spells from a distance?

Lu Ran used... well, he bit through an eyeball with Evil Teeth, feverishly gnawing on the head of a cow.

The Soul-splitting Demon struggled desperately, trying to fight to the death, but Lu Ran did not give it a chance.

He stepped forward first, activating the Evil Technique-Soul-splitting Demon Hoof.

Lu Ran was truly cautious in battle.

"Did... you kill the River Realm Soul-splitting Demon?" Niu Zhengzheng's eyes widened in disbelief as he stared at Lu Ran, "All three of them?"

Everyone looked at Lu Ran.

Especially Jiang Ruyi, she was really angry and terribly frightened.

"No, no." Lu Ran quickly waved his hands, whispering, "Two got away."

Niu Zhengzheng: ???

What do you mean?

If those two hadn't run away, did you plan to kill them too?

"I was very careful, don't worry," Lu Ran defended himself, "There's no light in the forest, the Soul-splitting Demons can't see clearly, which lowers their threat."

Suddenly, Qiao Yuansi reached out and pulled off the red cloth from Lu Ran's face.

Lu Ran was a little stunned, looking down at his sister.

In Qiao Yuansi's beautiful big eyes, there was also a hint of annoyance: "Don't do this next time, do you want people to worry themselves to death?"

"Sorry, my mistake." Lu Ran repeatedly apologized.

A cold voice suddenly interjected: "An extraordinary person does extraordinary things. Don't worry excessively."

"Hey, Sister Yiren!" Qiao Yuansi stamped her foot in frustration, turning to look at the Female Sword Immortal, "Why are you speaking up for him now?"

Guan Yiren slowly descended and said no more.

"Cough cough." Lu Ran noticed the awkward atmosphere and lightly coughed.

He placed a hand on Qiao Yuansi's head, smiling, "Let's give me some face and talk about it when we get back, okay?"

"Hmph!" Qiao Yuansi shoved the Firefly Cage into Lu Ran's arms and turned away.

"Puff~"

The Firefly Cage suddenly shattered, turning into countless green light particles that showered over Lu Ran's body.

Lu Ran felt refreshed as if basking in the spring breeze.

"Let's clean up the battlefield, and we'll return without going deeper into the forest," Lu Ran's gaze swept over the rest.

Niu Zhengzheng, Deng Yutang, and Tian Tian immediately followed orders and got moving.

Even though Lu Ran wasn't the captain or the commander, his words carried significant weight.

Only Jiang Ruyi remained, her residual anger still present after the fear, looking at Lu Ran.

Seeing Jiang Ruyi's stubborn look, Lu Ran smiled apologetically:

"You too, there are so many people here, wait until we get home before you scold me, alright?"

Jiang Ruyi: ???

Who said anything about going home with you.

She took the Divine Power Pearl and turned to absorb the Soul-splitting Demon skeletons.

Lu Ran casually twirled a knife in his hand, sighing inwardly.

In the end, it's still because my strength isn't strong enough... well, maybe that's not right?

No matter how powerful I become, she can't help but care and worry, right?

Looking at Jiang Ruyi's graceful figure, Lu Ran's face revealed a smile.

Little Ruyi,

I'll eventually bring you home.