

## Overlord 1021

### Chapter 1021: Fluorescent Gate

Sun Lei was absolutely confident and assured about killing Yang Fei.

It's just that he couldn't kill him in front of Qin Yanyang.

It was even better not to do it himself.

Sun Lei couldn't help but think of Junior Brother Lu Chen.

To take out that lad without anyone knowing, Junior Brother Lu Chen was the most suitable.

Or Senior Brother Du Hui might work, but relatively speaking, Senior Brother Du Hui was more upright and probably wouldn't be willing to do such a thing.

But Junior Brother Lu Chen was different; he was both righteous and evil, and as long as he was given certain benefits, getting him to help kill this lad was not difficult. Besides, Junior Brother Lu was proficient in Rune Tao and Formations and could create an 'accident' specifically targeting this lad without being noticed.

With this plan in mind, Sun Lei gradually calmed down.

He now only wanted to meet Lu Chen as soon as possible and find an opportunity to communicate with him.

As long as he could get Qin Yanyang, this Top-grade Furnace, as a Dao partner, any price was worth it.

Li Yue attentively watched ahead, focusing on the journey.

He had no idea that Junior Brother Sun Lei behind him had developed a murderous intent towards Yang Fei.

This passage was indeed a Life Gate in the Nine-Nine Returning to One Array. After traveling for thirty minutes, the four of them didn't encounter any danger and had an unobstructed journey.

Soon, a faint light appeared in the distance again.

Li Yue exclaimed in joy, "We're finally out."

Sun Lei felt a joy in his heart as well.

He was secretly surprised that these Earth natives actually had such accomplishments in formations and could point out the real position of the Life Gate.

If it were only once, Sun Lei would still doubt it, but Li Yue mentioned that Yang Fei had chosen correctly once before as well.

Choosing correctly twice in a row is definitely not just luck.

It's important to know that both he and Li Yue chose wrongly three times before.

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang both breathed a sigh of relief inwardly.

Having been trapped in the depths of this vast mountain range for who knows how long, if they didn't escape soon, they would eventually be trapped to death here.

Although the exit was not far away, the few of them still didn't dare to use Divine Thought to explore.

There was a strong Power Law throughout the entire formation, and once you used Divine Soul Power to detect it, you would suffer backlash.

Yang Fei had been backlashed before, and according to Li Yue and Sun Lei's account, they also attempted Divine Thought probing and were likewise backlashed.

Soon, the few of them exited this deep, dark mountain passage, arriving at another cave hall illuminated by Luminous Pearls.

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang secretly breathed a sigh of relief that no other disciples of the Lingxiao Sect were trapped in this hall.

Li Yue and Sun Lei, however, were full of disappointment, with Sun Lei even saying, "The other brothers are not here; they either have already left or haven't made it here yet."

Li Yue nodded and said, "Yes, we don't know their specific location now, nor do we have a way to find them. We can only take it step by step, hoping they can eventually escape."

Sun Lei nodded.

Li Yue said to Yang Fei, "Brother Yang, there's another choice node here; based on your understanding of the Nine-Nine Reunification Illusion Array, how many of these choice nodes are left?"

Yang Fei shook his head and said, "I don't know either. The subtlety of the Nine-Nine Returning to One Array lies in the fact that if the person deploying the array is willing, they can set the Life Gate as a dead loop. Even if someone knowledgeable about the array enters, they might choose the correct Life Gate each time but still won't be able to get out."

Li Yue and Sun Lei's expressions changed.

Qin Yanyang also sensed that Yang Fei wasn't lying, and couldn't help but show a worried expression, asking, "In that case, aren't we going to be trapped here until we die?"

Yang Fei said gravely, "It's not certain yet. But you also don't need to worry too much. What I just mentioned is only a possibility. From my observation, combined with Brother Li and Brother Sun's previous experiences, it indicates that the mechanisms and Killing Arrays left within this array are not

too powerful. Therefore, the elder who set up this Illusion Array probably doesn't have strong malicious intentions, so they wouldn't leave an unsolvable deadly loop formation."

All three of them nodded promptly, feeling that Yang Fei's analysis made a lot of sense.

Li Yue said, "No matter what, Brother Yang, you just lead the way. Even if it's a dead loop, we have to go through it to find out."

Sun Lei also said, "Yes, let's just try it. Maybe after a few more checkpoints, we can get out of this Illusion Array?"

Yang Fei nodded without further words.

He continued to observe the caves around the hall.

With the experience from the previous times, he became more and more familiar with the Dao rhythm rules emanating from these caves. According to the array rules of the Nine-Nine Returning to One Array, he quickly found the location of the Life Gate here.

Li Yue and Sun Lei went in again.

Thus, after traversing six safe passages without any mechanisms or Killing Arrays, they arrived at another huge cave hall.

Inside this cave, there were finally no longer nine deep, dark entrances.

But before the four of them could feel happy, their hearts sank.

This cave had no exit passage at all.

When Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang stepped into this cave from the passage, even that passage disappeared.

The vast cave was like a dead end completely isolated from the outside world.

The previous caves had choices of passages, at least allowing people to see some hope of leaving.

But this cave, on the other hand, made people truly despair.

It didn't even have a single passage entrance.

Li Yue looked gravely at Yang Fei, seeing Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang bearing the same look of frustration and despair, knowing that Yang Fei didn't intentionally mislead them here.

"How did it become a dead end?" Sun Lei frowned deeply and looked at Yang Fei as well, but soon, like Li Yue, he understood that it wasn't intentional on Yang Fei's part.

Yang Fei took a deep breath, saying, "Let's look around first. Logically, it shouldn't be a dead end."

"Look over there quickly."

Just then, Qin Yanyang exclaimed, pointing to a spot.

The three looked in the direction she pointed, and their pupils suddenly shrank.

There appeared a glowing curtain of light.

The curtain was rectangular, like a Fluorescent Gate suddenly appearing on the cave wall.

The four instinctively walked towards it, wanting to see what it was about.

But suddenly discovered that in the other three directions, a flash of fluorescence appeared as well, and three other Fluorescent Gates appeared slowly.

Four people, yet there were four gates.

Yang Fei's expression changed, saying, "This is the gift left for us by the master of this formation."

Li Yue, Sun Lei, and Qin Yanyang all nodded.

As Yang Fei reminded them, the three also sensed the mysterious allure behind those four fluorescent gates.

Each gate sparked an innate greed from the depths of their souls.

At this moment, a thought emerged from deep within each of their souls: There is a great opportunity behind the gate that could change their fate.

"Hahaha, who would've thought that on this little planet with a severed Cultivation Civilization, such a great opportunity was hidden!" Sun Lei exclaimed excitedly.

Li Yue stared at one of the Fluorescent Gates, eyes burning with passionate light, and affirmed, "This gate is mine."

At the same time, Qin Yanyang also walked towards a Fluorescent Gate.

She directly let go of Yang Fei's hand and walked towards that gate.

Yang Fei was initially startled, but as he cast his gaze onto another gate, he completely lost concern for other matters, as if entranced, he walked over in big steps.

## Chapter 1022: Choice

When Yang Fei arrived in front of the Fluorescent Gate that attracted him the most, his powerful will brought him back to some clarity.

Something's strange!

After the appearance of these four Fluorescent Gates, it was as if they were imbued with magic, causing each of the four people to make their own choices.

Even Qin Yanyang let go of his hand and walked toward one of the Fluorescent Gates. Could this be another powerful trap formation?

He was suddenly startled, breaking out in cold sweat all over. With great willpower, he controlled himself, not to step through that Fluorescent Gate, and with difficulty, turned to look at Qin Yanyang.

Only to see Qin Yanyang already beside the gate she chose, reaching out to touch the gate.

Yang Fei exclaimed in surprise, "Yanyang, don't..."

Qin Yanyang seemed unable to hear him, completely ignoring, and directly touched the Fluorescent Gate with her hand, watching as her entire palm disappeared.

In the next moment, an extremely strong force behind the Fluorescent Gate pulled Qin Yanyang's body into it instantly.

Yang Fei was shocked and rushed over in an instant.

Although the Fluorescent Gate behind him attracted him the most, at this moment he resisted that huge temptation and decided to follow Qin Yanyang into the gate she chose.

In this place full of unknown dangers, he felt that the couple being together was the only safe option, even in death, they should die together.

However, when he reached the side of this Fluorescent Gate, the light flashed and the gate vanished.

His hand touched the moist cave wall, searching for a while, there was no passage at all.

The Fluorescent Gate was like a portal across a dimensional void, and when Qin Yanyang stepped in, she entered another space dimension.

Yang Fei's heart was hanging high.

He looked around, only to find that Li Yue and Sun Lei had also disappeared, along with their two Fluorescent Gates.

Originally, the four Fluorescent Gates that appeared in the cave, now only one remained.

Yang Fei took a deep breath.

This scene was truly too abnormal.

When the four of them first arrived here, it was a dead end, without any exit, even the passage they came through had disappeared.

Then the cave seemed to sense the arrival of four people, hence the appearance of four gates.

And each Fluorescent Gate seemed very specific; the four were only interested in one gate each, feeling nothing for the other three.

Now that Qin Yanyang, Li Yue, and Sun Lei have each chosen a gate and stepped through, only he remains, and only one Fluorescent Gate remains.



Yang Fei took another deep breath, his gaze once again fixed on the gate.

The Fluorescent Gate was still there.

When Yang Fei looked at it, the gate stirred a strong desire deep in his heart, making him irresistibly forget everything, just wanting to get close, wanting to step in.

It was as if a voice in the void was constantly calling out from deep within his soul, urging him to hurry inside.

Yang Fei's body involuntarily moved closer, the worry for Qin Yanyang within him vanished, at this moment, he seemed to have only one thought—to enter the gate that could change the fate of his future.

He moved closer step by step, his gaze gradually became blurry, as if he was losing himself.

Suddenly, the Fluorescent Gate flickered.

Then, the flickering became more frequent, as if urging Yang Fei to quickly enter, or else it would disappear.

Yang Fei instinctively quickened his pace.

But deep in his Sea of Consciousness, there was a final strand of reason telling him that something was wrong.

He mustn't enter.

The Fluorescent Gate flickered faster.

And the light grew dimmer.

Yang Fei's entire body trembled.

His body intensely desired to enter this eerie Fluorescent Gate, but the last strand of reason deep within his soul stopped him.

He struggled intensely.

He knew that this was a gamble.

Perhaps entering the Fluorescent Gate would bring a great opportunity awaiting him, enough to change his future fate.

And only by entering this Fluorescent Gate could he find an exit.

Yet he vaguely felt that this was a trap.

A maze set deliberately by the master who established this powerful formation.

Among the four people who entered, he was the only one who understood formations and Rune Tao. So, at the crucial moment, he sensed that there might be issues with the four Fluorescent Gates and tried to stop Qin Yanyang but was too late.

Now, only he remained, unsure of whether to stay or go.

At this moment, a silhouette suddenly appeared on the gate.

"Second Uncle!"

Yang Fei's pupils shrank as he exclaimed in shock, and his body, trembling from inner struggle, involuntarily rushed a few steps toward the Fluorescent Gate.

"Second Uncle, how can you be here?"

Yang Fei called out to the image of his second uncle appearing on the Fluorescent Gate.

Second Uncle Yang Changjin smiled slightly at him, without saying a word.

But Yang Fei seemed to hear Second Uncle saying, "Come quickly, by coming here, you can make up for the regret of my death because of you."

Immediately, a voice echoed deep within Yang Fei's soul.

Second Uncle died because of me. He should have lived safely with his family, waiting for Yang Hao and Huang Qiaoqiao to marry and have children, enjoying life with his family in his old age. But because of me, he was killed by Duanmu Yun and Duanmu Hai from the Hidden Sect Duanmu Family.

Though I later killed Duanmu Yun and Duanmu Hai, and even went to the Hidden Sect Duanmu Family to kill their father, avenging Second Uncle's death.

But deep inside, Second Uncle shouldn't have died prematurely, even if the entire Duanmu Family is exterminated, Second Uncle won't come back to life.

But now, I see the hope of Second Uncle being resurrected.

If I step through this Fluorescent Gate, I can save Second Uncle.

His breathing became heavy, and his steps grew firm toward the gate.

Yet, just as his hand was about to touch the gate, he broke out in cold sweat again.

He hastily withdrew his hand.

The dead cannot be resurrected!

Second Uncle has been dead for over a year, with almost no remains left, how could he possibly come back to life?

He steeled his heart, suddenly closed his eyes, and his steps retreated continuously, moving away from the Fluorescent Gate.

Finally, the Fluorescent Gate flickered weakly one last time before disappearing.

The entire cave reverted to its previous state.

There was no exit.

Like a dead place.

Yang Fei broke out in a shower of sweat, his face showing a complex expression of conflict.

He didn't know why he chose to stay at the critical moment.

Now, trapped alone in this cave without any exit, he suddenly felt a pang of regret.

Did I choose wrong?

He immediately shook his head.

There's no reason for regret.

Life is like this, do not regret any choice you make, for every choice is the decision you believed to be the most correct after careful consideration at the time.

Regret is denying your life.

He glanced around, discovering that indeed there was no exit in the cave, so he sat cross-legged, closed his eyes, and prepared to practice cultivation to reduce energy consumption.

Just as he sat down and entered cultivation, his state of mind at its most peaceful, the entire cave suddenly emanated a golden light.

Yang Fei sensed something and abruptly opened his eyes.

He saw around the vast cave, the cave walls adorned with golden inscriptions leaping into his sight.

#### Chapter 1023: Insight

Seeing these golden inscriptions leaping into view, Yang Fei's eyes lit up, and a look of surprise appeared on his face.

It truly is like mountains and waters resting quietly—when in doubt, a secluded village suddenly appears.

Those four fluorescent gates before were indeed just illusionary tricks; the real treasures should be inside this cave.

"Tao Longevity Scripture!"

Yang Fei's gaze swept over the dense golden inscriptions and astonishingly locked onto five characters at first glance.

These inscriptions were in the ancient seal script from the Pre-Qin period, the same kind of script as the words 'White Jade City,' which Yang Fei already knew.

Of course, Yang Fei wasn't particularly knowledgeable about these characters. Yet, for some reason, all the golden inscriptions appearing here at this moment, even those he hadn't seen before, clearly manifested their precise pronunciation in his mind, as if recognizing pictograms—comprehensible at first sight.

However, upon seeing these five bold characters, "Tao Longevity Scripture," Yang Fei was momentarily dumbfounded.

Really?

Scenes from his first trip to the Hidden Sect with Xu Jian and Wang Lei abruptly flashed in his mind.

At that time, they encountered Qi Hongshao, who had stolen a secret manual from the Giant Sword Manor, and that book was coincidentally also called Tao Longevity Scripture.

Yang Fei also remembered that the author of that book had the Taoist name 'Master Miao Jian.'

Furthermore, he had read the content of that book, which mainly detailed the soul-transfer Body Seizing Technique recorded in Taoist traditions.

Abandoning an old body, seizing another's soul, thus achieving longevity in spirit and soul awareness.

So now, upon seeing the words 'Tao Longevity Scripture,' Yang Fei was truly stunned in place, feeling utterly bewildered.

He instinctively couldn't believe that such a powerful illusion array left by a predecessor would contain such a secret manual.

Could this be Master Miao Jian's cave dwelling?

With immense doubt and unwillingness in his heart, Yang Fei's gaze swept over the other characters.

"Pursue my great Tao, and one may attain longevity!"

Amongst the dense golden inscriptions, these eight characters jumped forth first, growing somewhat bolder.

Merely seeing these two statements, Yang Fei's heart shook, as if a dominating righteous energy had come charging towards him.

He was usually arrogant, yet at this moment, he felt that the predecessor who left these inscriptions was even more so.

No, it was not just arrogance, but a kind of absolute confidence.

He continued reading.

"The Tao that can be told is not the eternal Tao; the name that can be named is not the eternal name..."

Yang Fei was again dumbfounded.

His previously eager heart suddenly turned as bad as eating a dead fly.

This can't be a joke, can it?

Tao Te Ching?

Damn!

I came here with great effort, and you use this to fool me?

He nearly couldn't hold back from cursing out loud.

But as he grudgingly continued reading, he suddenly felt a chill.

The character for 'name' changed to the inscription character for 'inscription.'

No, wait.

The entire script had changed.

Especially the character for 'Tao,' which seemed imbued with life, with each 'Tao' transforming into different rune scripts, conveying distinct power rules to Yang Fei.

Most importantly, the subsequent content differed entirely from the Tao Te Ching version on Earth he was familiar with.

The subsequent sentences were profoundly esoteric, with each character injected with the powerful law of the writer, and the power and rules expressed by these combined characters were unfathomable.

After a full thirty minutes, merely pondering the first four sentences, Yang Fei realized a truth.

There is no inherent Tao in the world; the strong create their own.

Whether it's a truth or the cultivation path, it's determined by the strong.

The same Tao, discovered by different individuals, results in different realizations.



At this moment, Yang Fei's understanding of all things and truths in his mind underwent a groundbreaking transformation.

He felt he no longer needed to be constrained by any rules or truths.

Body unbound, mind unrestricted.

He was no longer just an entity between heaven and earth, not because there was heaven, humanity, and parents that there was him.

But rather, because of him, there existed his parents, humanity, this world, and heaven and earth.

Enlightened!

Yang Fei, already of great insight and exceptional cultivation talent, now quickly entered some profound state, guided by this 'Tao Longevity Scripture.'

All the inscriptions came alive before him.

Even the most ordinary inscription character embodied and contained some supreme Tao, captivating him utterly.

These characters seemed to possess supreme magical power, not only giving him a new understanding of the cultivation path but directly elevating his comprehension and knowledge of the Rune Tao to an unprecedented height.

Previously obscure sections of ancient runes on the Six Changes Wood Box materialized.

Gradually, as he continually grasped the five thousand golden inscriptions, he discovered that each character contained profound Taoist resonance.

So powerful!

Yang Fei stood solemnly respectful, genuinely admiring.

The predecessor who left these inscriptions was undoubtedly a heaven-sent genius, no wonder their words were so arrogant, boldly leaving the words 'Pursue my great Tao, and one may attain longevity.'

Yang Fei first reviewed all the inscriptions in his mind.

Then, worried the manifestations would have a time limit and might suddenly vanish, he read them several times.

Even though reaching the Foundation Establishment Stage almost granted photographic memory, these characters were too esoteric and obscure, taking him four or five reads to truly memorize them all.

After memorizing them, he began to understand and comprehend each one.

Slowly, he realized there were many imperfect aspects in the Profound Sect cultivation techniques he had been practicing. Based on the analysis of cultivation essence in this Tao Longevity Scripture, he found his cultivation techniques had room for improvement.

He could now see some of its defects and felt that by calming down to reflect, he could modify them to become the most optimized cultivation method.

This Tao Longevity Scripture wasn't just a generic cultivation technique but a profound understanding of Tao, runes, heaven and earth rules, and even spatial dimension laws.

Memorizing these inscriptions could truly enlighten the practitioner, opening the real door of cognition to heaven and earth laws and Tao.

Because Yang Fei had practiced Profound Sect techniques from a young age, he resonated highly with this Tao Longevity Scripture. Thus, upon comprehending it, he discovered that his cultivation methods could be further improved, fundamentally enhancing future cultivation efficiency.

Of course, what made this Tao Longevity Scripture truly remarkable was that each character represented a profound understanding of the laws of heaven and earth and spatial dimensions. Observing these characters was like listening in person to a Saint imparting the Tao.

The words of a Saint encapsulated the true principles of the Great Tao, and listening in person could enlighten one to the Great Tao.

Now, as Yang Fei viewed the inscriptions left by a Saint, he too had the sense of immediate enlightenment as if hearing an imparting in person.

And so, immersing himself in it, Yang Fei continually comprehended the Tao Longevity Scripture, oblivious to the passage of time outside.

When, suddenly at a certain moment, while Yang Fei was still engrossed, the inscriptions vanished.

Yang Fei woke from his enlightenment.

Although he clearly remembered all the text of the scripture in his mind, upon losing these glittering characters from before his eyes, he found his perception of the Tao wasn't as intense.

As he was feeling dejected internally, changes ensued again within the cave.

#### Chapter 1024: God's Perspective

The entire cave was filled with a golden glow, as a screen as large as a cinema screen appeared.

Just like an AI-generated animation, the figure of a child appeared on the big screen.

This child was born in the distant Pre-Qin period, and during his youth, he accidentally obtained a fragment of a Daoist scripture, allowing him to step into the cultivation world.

The boy's name was Li Er, who was the legendary Taoist riding a blue ox from Han Valley, a historical legend left by the Pre-Qin civilization of the Divine Continent.

The images on the screen flickered continuously, depicting Li Er obtaining the Daoist scripture fragment and stepping into the cultivation world, constantly growing, and eventually becoming one of the top powerhouses of that era. To find the ancient Shanhai civilization, he rode the blue ox out of Han Valley, wandering through the Nine Provinces and Four Seas.

On this big screen, the process of Li Er searching for the ancient Shanhai relics was reenacted from Li Er's perspective for Yang Fei. From this, Yang Fei understood why Gonggong was angered into crashing into Buzhou Mountain and why Emperor Zhuangxi severed the connection between high-level cultivation civilization and Earth's secular civilization.

He also learned that the three small worlds of the Hidden Sect, Heaven, and the Penglai Realm were actually the creations of Li Er and his disciples and successors.

Through these three small worlds, Li Er completely concealed the aura of Earth's space, making it impossible for the cultivation civilization to detect Earth's existence.

Not only that, but after establishing these three mini-world planes, Li Er used a powerful array to seal the source of Earth's spiritual energy, 'White Jade City,' in the Arctic Deep Sea, thereby completely cutting off earthly secular cultivation.

As for so-called immortality, Yang Fei was not particularly interested at the moment.

So he didn't think Li Er was wrong for severing the path of cultivation for humanity on Earth.

Just as the Tao Te Ching, which Li Er left to be spread among the secular world, said:

Heaven and Earth are ruthless, treating all things as straw dogs.

A saint is ruthless, treating the people as straw dogs.

Powerful cultivators pursue immortality, shedding human emotions and desires, forsaking human nature, eventually breaking emotions and righteousness, losing all humanity, which Li Er believed was not the path humanity should take.

Humanity is beautiful, and the world is wonderful because people have emotions, righteousness, love, and the atmosphere of smoke and fire.

The divine skills controlled by powerful cultivators are too against the natural order for ordinary people. Once many powerful cultivators fall into demonic paths, it would lead to widespread devastation among worldly beings, which in Li Er's view, goes against the Tao and harms harmony.

Yang Fei completely understood this.

Just like the major nuclear-armed nations around the world signing a treaty to prohibit nuclear weapons before the catastrophe.

The existence of nuclear weapons is already against harmony.

Once released for use, human civilization could be wholly annihilated at any time.

For ordinary people, powerful cultivators are no different from nuclear weapons once they lose control.

Therefore, Li Er severed the connection between the cultivation world and Earth, sealing Earth's cultivation civilization while preserving some cultivators in the 'Hidden Sect,' 'Heaven,' and 'Penglai Realm.'

His sole purpose was to let humanity develop and thrive in a world without cultivators to see what they could achieve.

After a long period, if a human world without cultivation civilization develops well, then cultivation civilization would not be needed.

If it develops poorly, even worse than when there were cultivators, then let the Earth restart its cultivation civilization.

However, doing so would mean that after the restart of cultivation civilization, the seal on Earth would completely disappear, and more advanced cultivation civilizations could sense Earth's existence, potentially reestablishing spatial connections with Earth.

At that time, human beings on Earth would face an unprecedented racial crisis.

Li Er, therefore, left his life's legacy at the source of Earth's spirit vein.

The 'Tao Longevity Scripture' that Yang Fei obtained while staying here was exactly the insight and comprehension from Li Er's lifelong cultivation.

Then, the big screen suddenly flickered, as if cut, revealing a nine-box grid.

Yang Fei was directly dumbfounded.

The nine-box grid unexpectedly displayed nine different images.

Just like surveillance footage, the scenes showing Qin Yanyang, Li Yue, Sun Lei, and six other Lingxiao Sect disciples trapped in different caves were clearly projected into his line of sight.

After a brief moment of horror, Yang Fei's gaze immediately locked onto the image of Qin Yanyang.

Qin Yanyang was at this moment in a bright cave, and particular characters also appeared on one of the cave walls.

However, these characters were not gold but silver-white.

It was also an outline about the fundamentals of understanding cultivation. Comprehending these characters could significantly help cultivators perceive the Heaven and Earth Power Law, which would be greatly beneficial for future cultivation.

Yang Fei only looked for a while before feeling a jolt in his heart.

He realized that there were still many inadequacies in the cultivation insights Qin Yanyang was looking at.

At least according to his current understanding of cultivation, he felt that the cultivation insight he was seeing could be improved a lot.

However, he was shocked to find that Qin Yanyang could thoroughly comprehend this piece of cultivation insight, and he could clearly feel Qin Yanyang's understanding of cultivation, and her grasp of the Heaven and Earth Power Law was improving at a remarkable speed.

It could be said that the insights she was reading were incredibly useful to her, as if it opened a new door to cultivation for her.

According to Yang Fei's understanding, those silver shimmering characters should have been difficult and hard to understand for Qin Yanyang, as she could not recognize a few Pre-Qin characters, but at this moment, those characters seemed to manifest themselves, and their meanings completely integrated into Qin Yanyang's comprehension, allowing her to master them naturally.

What exactly is going on?

Yang Fei was uncertain and curious, but suddenly felt a jolt in his heart, and a large amount of information about Qin Yanyang surged into his mind.

Among them, many things Qin Yanyang had told him, which he knew, but some things Yang Fei did not know.

What shocked Yang Fei was that he could even clearly perceive Qin Yanyang's goals and aspirations.

This feeling was even clearer and more intuitive than when the two of them were in sync.

Yang Fei took a deep breath, feeling shocked and uncertain, when suddenly a terrifying premonition arose in his heart, and he sensed a strong killing intent.

As if sensing something, Yang Fei's eyes directly locked onto another 'surveillance' image.

The person in that image was Sun Lei.

Sun Lei had not obtained any secret books or manuals in that cave, but he had obtained one treasure.

Yang Fei was aghast to find that he could also sense Sun Lei's thoughts at this moment.

At this moment, Sun Lei was thinking about killing him.

After entering this cave, Sun Lei found a treasure, a top-grade treasure named 'Soul Binding Rope,' capable of forcibly extracting others' primordial spirit souls.

It could either directly obliterate the enemy's divine soul with this technique or imprison and torture them within the Soul Binding Rope, making it an invisible innate treasure for killing.

At this moment, Sun Lei had just learned to use this treasured artifact, and the first person he thought to kill was Yang Fei.

This ability to directly perceive Sun Lei's inner thoughts left Yang Fei both shocked and delighted, as well as furious.



He had long suspected that Sun Lei was not a good person, and indeed, this guy intended to kill him.

Moreover, the reason the other party wanted to kill him was to obtain Qin Yanyang.

"No wonder Yanyang has such high talent; when I dual cultivated with her, both our cultivation speeds were accelerated several times. It turns out she possesses a top-grade Earth Spirit Root."

By reading Sun Lei's memories and awareness, Yang Fei learned of Qin Yanyang's special circumstances and murmured to himself.

Soon, Yang Fei set his gaze on the 'surveillance' image showing Li Yue.

He was pleasantly surprised to find that he could also read Li Yue's memory and consciousness.

Here, it seemed he had unlocked a god's perspective on others, allowing him to access all the information about those in the surveillance images.

#### Chapter 1025: Ancient Fierce Beast

Based on the memory and consciousness reading of Li Yue, Yang Fei discovered that in the Lingxiao Sect, Li Yue is considered a rather upright person.

He was born into a scholarly family, and at the age of twelve, he was detected to have a Spirit Root, allowing him to cultivate, so his entire family rallied together to support him, trying to obtain basic cultivation techniques for him.

At fifteen, Li Yue stepped into the second layer of the Qi Refinement Realm. At this point, his family sent him to participate in the sect's test at Lingxiao Sect, and eventually, Li Yue was admitted into the Inner Sect.

After switching to more powerful cultivation techniques in Lingxiao Sect, it took Li Yue seventeen years to reach the peak of the Qi Refinement Realm.

For the following ten years, he cultivated diligently and, with the help of sect elders, successfully established his foundation.

Establishing a foundation at forty-two is not considered exceptional talent in the cultivation world, but it is above average, perhaps even superior.

In addition to Li Yue being humble and upright, he was well-liked among his generation of disciples in the Lingxiao Sect, and many elders favored him.

After reading Li Yue's information, Yang Fei discovered that when Li Yue previously spoke about recommending him and Qin Yanyang to join Lingxiao Sect, it turned out to be his genuine intention.

"This person is worth befriending," Yang Fei nodded silently.

Meanwhile, Yang Fei also discovered that Li Yue obtained a set of Solidifying Spirit Techniques here.

As long as this technique is practiced, it can make the cultivator's Divine Soul stronger and bind it more securely to the body, making it difficult for external evils to invade and greatly reducing the occurrence of heart demons.

Yang Fei's gaze moved towards the fourth person.

That person was Du Hui.

"Huh?"

Yang Fei couldn't help but express surprise.

He found Du Hui looking haggard, his clothes in tatters, hair disheveled, his whole being appearing somewhat embarrassed.

Most importantly, the cave where this person was located had no inheritance or treasures; he was merely trapped in a cave with many outlet passages.

Yang Fei hastily looked at others.

Ye Wuya, Linglong, Gan Qian, and others, like Du Hui, had all scattered, trapped in different caves, each looking haggard, facing the nine different passages, expressing deep fear and fatigue, unsure of which exit to choose next.

Yang Fei suddenly understood, muttering to himself: "So only those who entered this cave where I am could obtain their respective opportunities. Others didn't reach here, thus didn't have any..."

Before finishing speaking, he couldn't help but let out another exclamation.

"This person... what he comprehended turned out to be Rune Tao and Arrays!" Yang Fei couldn't help exclaiming aloud.

His gaze finally fell on Lu Chen.

Similarly, he could also read all the information about Lu Chen.

It seems that those who obtained Li Er's inheritance and treasures as benefits in this mountain Array were all under his God's perspective surveillance.

He could not only see these people's appearances but also read their soul memories.

This was really incredible.

While excited, different information appeared on the big screen.

This information turned out to be the methods to restrain those who obtained other inheritances from Li Er.

The cultivation techniques each person practiced and the methods to counter the magic treasures they obtained clearly appeared in Yang Fei's Sea of Consciousness.

Furthermore, to his delight, he discovered he could reverse engineer based on the restraining methods to deduce all the opportunities those individuals had received.

Why is this happening?

Amidst delight, Yang Fei was also puzzled.

At this moment, the 'split-screen' situation on that big screen disappeared, and lines of large words appeared in his sight.

"Those who inherit from me must do their utmost to protect the Human Clan of this planet; if there are any with different intentions, you may eliminate them!"

Yang Fei suddenly understood.

And he genuinely admired Li Er.

Yet another doubt arose in his heart.

How could Li Er determine that he could wholeheartedly protect the Earth Human Clan?

Could he have foreseen everything happening today, knowing that the one who truly inherited his legacy was himself, an Earth human?

Also, since Li Er had such vast divine skills, how many years ago did he live?

Is he still alive now?

If cultivators can truly achieve immortality, then Li Er should be alive.

If so, why doesn't he guard the Earth he wishes to protect by himself?

One question after another emerged in his mind, causing Yang Fei to ponder deeply.

But it wasn't long before he shook his head, deciding not to think about these questions without immediate answers.

He thought about how to truly leave here.

The vast cave inside this mountain was a powerful Nine-Nine Reunification Illusion Array. After much effort to get here, he thought it was the exit, the end, but it turned out to be a dead end.

Now that he has received Li Er's inheritance, how can he escape from here?

Also, what was with those three Fluorescent Gates Qin Yanyang and they entered, and where are they now?

While pondering, Yang Fei tapped and knocked around the cave walls, trying to find some sort of mechanism.

Searching for a long time yielded nothing.

Though he obtained Li Er's inheritance, sensing that his understanding of Heaven and Earth Power Law had improved many times over, feeling that with effort, his future cultivation speed would be like a rocket's.

But now trapped here, unable to exit, and not yet completely fasting, he faced only certain doom.

"Boom!"

Suddenly, a loud noise suddenly entered his ears.

The entire cave seemed to shake violently.

Many fragments of the cave wall were shaken loose, falling to the ground.

Yang Fei's heart was stirred; following the direction of the loud sound, he walked over.

Boom!

Another low rumbling sound came.

From the same direction.

Yang Fei did not hesitate any longer, throwing a punch at that cave wall.

Bam!

A loud noise erupted, debris flying, and that cave wall was punched into a large pit.

It seemed to have heard the response from Yang Fei's side, and from that direction outside, an even denser rumbling echoed.

Moments later, with a burst of intense shaking, the entire cave wall was pierced through by two people's joint efforts from inside and outside.

Yang Fei swept with his Divine Thought, wanting to first see who the other party was.

"Bang!"

Another loud sound came from the front.

The next moment, Yang Fei's pupils shrank, and a look of shock appeared on his face.

A basketball-sized hole appeared in the cave wall ahead, and through that hole, a huge furry gray hand appeared.

Despite just a glance, Yang Fei could see that the claws at the end of this giant hand were extremely sharp, each claw being more than ten centimeters long.

"Roar~~~"

A roar, seemingly sealed for thousands of years and like that of an Ancient Fierce Beast, instantly passed through the hole into the cave, shaking Yang Fei's state of mind, causing dizziness and faintness, making him lose consciousness in an instant.

"Bang!"

A loud crash sounded as the massive beast claw tore through the thick cave wall, and thereafter, a huge creature forcefully squeezed into this cave.

## Chapter 1026: A Sense of Familiarity

The fierce and terrifying aura of antiquity rushed towards him.

Yang Fei was already a Foundation Establishment Cultivator. In his life, he had gone through many things, and his state of mind was very strong; it was difficult for anything to frighten him.

But at this moment, he felt a strong sense of fear.

This fear came from deep within his soul, like it was something encoded in the ancient genetic memory of humans.

"Roar!!!"

A deafening roar of antiquity sounded again, making Yang Fei's chest feel like it was clutched tightly, and he spat out a mouthful of blood.

Not only that, but he also felt as if his eardrums were shattered, causing him immense pain.

The most terrifying thing was that this enormous Exotic Beast suddenly barged into the cave, its size so huge that it seemed to fill the entire space. Yang Fei's body was instantly pushed against a wall by a mass of soft, fluffy fur.

Then, he felt the giant beast struggle and twist violently, seemingly trying to carve a path within the cave.

Thus, he was repeatedly squeezed and twisted against the cave wall.

Fortunately, the beast's body was warm and soft. Besides, he was already a Foundation Establishment Cultivator, and his Physical Body Realm defense was quite strong. Although the mountain wall pressed against him strongly, it didn't harm his body.

The only injury was from the loud roar earlier.

He felt his internal organs had somewhat ruptured; the soundwaves produced by the roar were too terrifying and bizarre that he couldn't resist at all.



He didn't know how much time had passed when, along with a series of intense tremors, the enormous pressure on his body suddenly disappeared.

He quickly looked up, only to see a massive, furry shape right in front of him.

A giant beast was clawing vigorously at the cave.

A large amount of dirt and rocks fell, and to avoid getting covered in dust, Yang Fei focused his mind. Power Elements surged around him, forming an invisible barrier above his head.

"Roar!!!"

Suddenly, the giant beast roared again.

Although Yang Fei was somewhat prepared this time, he still felt dizzy, almost passing out.

As he regained his senses, his pupils suddenly contracted.

The giant beast suddenly lowered its head and looked at him.

Yang Fei felt a chill run down his spine, and his whole body went numb.

A fear of being watched by Death emerged instinctively.

For some reason, even though his character wouldn't bow down to any opponent, in the face of this suddenly appearing giant beast, he had no desire to resist.

It was as if his subconscious decided he wasn't this creature's match and resisting would lead to a quicker death.

He looked up.

The beast also lowered its head, looking for him.

Its eyes were as big as basketballs, the pupils glowing faintly blue, not blank or clueless like an animal, but rather seemed very intelligent, giving the impression that it was quite smart.

Yang Fei couldn't describe the appearance of this beast.

It looked somewhat like a bear but not quite.

It seemed a bit like a primate.

Yet compared to the monkeys and apes he had seen on Earth, it didn't resemble them particularly well either.

The giant front limbs had paws somewhat similar to bear paws, but they appeared more agile, especially with the sharp claws exuding an eerie glow that sent chills down one's spine.

Uh!

Holy crap!

As Yang Fei stared at those claws, he suddenly felt the claws were getting bigger and closer.

He quickly maneuvered to dodge.

"Roar!"

Another roar sounded.

However, this time the sound was not as angry as before, more like a form of comfort or greeting.

"Boom!"

The ground shook, and the spot where Yang Fei had been standing was struck by the giant limb, sinking a meter deep into the ground.

Although he narrowly avoided the blow, Yang Fei suddenly had an illusion in his mind. He felt that the beast's paw coming down on him didn't seem like an attack but rather... a caress?

While he was lost in doubt, his eyes suddenly widened.

He saw the gigantic ancient beast slowly shrinking.

Yang Fei saw it clearly and also felt a strange energy field appearing around the beast.

It slowly shrunk to a height of just two or three meters, making the entire cave spacious again.

"Roar!"

The beast roared at Yang Fei.

This time, the sound was even smaller than before, as if greeting, saying hello.

Yang Fei twitched his mouth, raised his hand and waved, not knowing what to say.

The beast's eyes fixed on Yang Fei, constantly examining, as if scrutinizing something.

Yang Fei even saw a hint of confusion in the faintly blue light of its eyes.

"Ahem, do you know me?" Yang Fei asked.

The beast let out a low growl, seemingly understanding, and shook its head.

Yang Fei didn't sense malice from it, feeling much more relaxed, and his thoughts became clearer.

It crossed his mind suddenly, thinking of Li Er.

Is this Li Er's pet?

No way, wasn't Li Er's legendary pet a blue ox?

This wasn't a blue ox; it was a beast he had never seen before.

At this moment, the beast suddenly opened its mouth towards the backpack behind him.

Then Yang Fei was surprised to find the Spirit Stones he had painstakingly dug up flying into the beast's open mouth.

He reached out to grab them, but all the dozen Spirit Stones were swallowed by the beast.

The speed was too fast for him to react.

The beast seemed to have an innate ability to devour Spirit Stones, instantly absorbing them into its belly.

Roar!

The beast showed a look of unfinished greed and called out to Yang Fei.

Yang Fei twitched his mouth and tentatively asked, "You want more?"

The beast nodded.

Yang Fei spread his hands: "No more. I barely managed to get those few."

Upon hearing this, the beast showed a hint of disdain.

Then it lifted its right arm and pointed outside.

Yang Fei asked in confusion, "Go out?"

The beast nodded, showing a look of "You're not completely dumb."

Yang Fei took a deep breath, trying to calm his emotions.

Ever since the Outer Realm Cultivators came to Earth, nothing surprised him anymore.

Now encountering this highly intelligent Exotic Beast, he calmed down from initial fear and fully accepted it.

In fact, he vaguely had a bold guess deep inside.

The reason this beast was so friendly was that he had obtained Li Er's legacy.

When he released Divine Thought to control the Power Elements, he had unconsciously revealed Li Er's understanding of the Tao, making the beast feel a sense of familiarity and closeness. Thus, the beast did not attack him but instead showed affection and friendliness.

#### Chapter 1027: Breaking Free

With this hypothesis in mind, Yang Fei said to the mythical beast, "Are we friends?"

The mythical beast nodded, then pointed outside, meaning it wanted Yang Fei to take it out of here.

Yang Fei looked in the direction it pointed, trying to feel something, but found nothing.

This cave is an absolute dead end with no exit at all.

But since the mythical beast kept pointing in that direction, wanting him to take it out, it seemed that direction should be the exit.

Yang Fei released his Divine Thought, trying to penetrate the cave wall to see if he could sense anything.

However, as soon as he released his Divine Thought, there was an intense shockwave in his Sea of Consciousness.

It was that terrible backlash power again.

But compared to the first time his Divine Thought was backlashed, this backlash power was much weaker. Yang Fei even vaguely felt that the backlash power weakened after identifying him, otherwise, he might have suffered a Divine Soul injury again.

It seemed that after receiving Li Er's legacy, this formation left by Li Er had a certain degree of recognition towards him and did not treat him as it would others.

But even so, why couldn't he find an exit here?

For a moment, Yang Fei fell into deep thought.

The mythical beast was staring at Yang Fei from the side. Seeing that Yang Fei wasn't making any moves, it couldn't help but show some urgency and even nudged Yang Fei with its giant paw.

Yang Fei stumbled from the nudge.

The mythical beast made a sound again, and when Yang Fei looked at it, he actually found a bit of disdain on its face.

Damn.

Am I being looked down upon and despised by a mythical beast?

Grr!

The mythical beast made another low roar when seeing Yeh Fei glance at it, pointing again to the front cave wall.

Yang Fei blushed slightly.

He felt that the mythical beast had placed high hopes on him, believing that he could take it away from here.

But he had no way to do so.

What to do, should he really lose face in front of this mythical beast?

Yang Fei felt his pride was somewhat hurt. Suddenly, he steeled himself and thought to himself, "Since it trusts me this much, it means I can take it away; I cannot give up and must try as much as I can."

Thinking of this, he no longer used Divine Thought to explore the area but instead recalled the insights he gained from Li Er's Tao Longevity Scripture, perceiving the surrounding Power Elements and combining them with his knowledge of Talismanic Array to analyze what opportunities might exist in this situation.

The mythical beast sensed the aura released from Yang Fei's body and surprisingly calmed down, no longer as restless as before.

It seemed to thoroughly enjoy the atmosphere when Yang Fei was perceiving the Heaven and Earth Power.

As if from Yang Fei's state, it too could gain something.

Unknowingly, time passed, and suddenly a flash of inspiration came to Yang Fei's mind as he opened his eyes wide.

"I got it."

Yang Fei said to the mythical beast in surprise, "I think I know how to get out of here."

The mythical beast gave a sound and nodded, seemingly long convinced that Yang Fei could take it out of here.

"Since here is the Nine-Nine Returning to One Array, to leave this place, I also need to set up such an array to find the exit," Yang Fei mumbled to himself.

But to set up an array, even just a small array as a lead, he needed talismans.

Where would he get the Jade to engrave the talismans in here?



Oh yes, there are those Spirit Stones.

But then he showed a grievance expression and said to the mythical beast, "You swallowed my Spirit Stones; now I can't make talismans to establish the Nine-Nine Returning to One Array."

The mythical beast seemed to understand Yang Fei's words, let out a dissatisfied roar, with an unhappy and conflicted expression on its face.

After a moment, it roared again with increased intensity, and with that roar, Yang Fei's eyes brightened— it spat out a heap of Spirit Stones.

What shocked Yang Fei the most was that there were dozens, even hundreds, of Spirit Stones, not just the ones he had harvested, and many of them were of excellent quality, rich Spiritual Energy emitting from them.

Yang Fei was dumbfounded.

He suspiciously looked at the mythical beast.

This guy can swallow Spirit Stones and spit them out?

Amazingly, those Spirit Stones didn't have any filth or stickiness when they came out of its mouth; they were clean.

Yang Fei even felt the Spirit Stones became plumper and rounder after being nourished by its body.

What kind of mythical beast is this?

Grr!

The mythical beast saw Yang Fei standing in a daze as if he had never seen the world; it growled again, showing some impatience, urging him.

Yang Fei regained his senses, immediately selected nine relatively larger Spirit Stones, then took out a special steel knife from his backpack, cutting these Spirit Stones into smooth surfaces with great power.

With nine well-shaped pieces of Spirit Stone ready, Yang Fei began inscribing runes onto their surfaces using the sharp tip of the steel knife.

The material of Spirit Stone is much harder than Jade, making it very challenging to carve runes on them.

Fortunately, compared to the time when Yang Fei formed the Cloud Mist Mountain Array, his Cultivation Realm had increased significantly, and his Rune Tao level had also improved several times.

Now, in the spiritually rich depths of the mountains, having just received Li Er's Taoist legacy, even without a talismanic knife at hand, he used the special steel knife to swiftly complete one talisman.

Afterward, he quickly inscribed nine pieces of Spirit Stone into talismans, a faint charm talisman emitted from them as if resonating with some mysterious force.

Yang Fei seemed to feel something in his heart and felt a little excited inside.

Holding these Jade Tokens, he placed them at different locations within the cave according to the Eight Trigrams Position.

As the last Jade Token entered the ground at the center of the cave, Yang Fei recited a spell, and shouted, "Array activate!"

As he finished speaking, a gale surged within the cave; the concentrated Power Elements whipped fervently.

The magnetic field rules of the entire cave changed instantly.

At the same time, as the small Nine-Nine Returning to One Array formed within the cave, the cave walls flashed fluorescently, and a gate appeared.

What surprised Yang Fei was that the position where the Fluorescent Gate appeared was exactly where the mythical beast had been growling to go.

Yang Fei looked at the mythical beast, secretly amazed; this mythical beast was quite something.

"Grr."

The mythical beast roared at Yang Fei, then its figure shrank significantly again.

It extended its paw to push Yang Fei towards the Fluorescent Gate.

Yang Fei did not hesitate and went straight in.

He then looked back at the mythical beast and saw that it had followed him through but did not proceed immediately; instead, it turned back and roared into the cave.

With that roar, the whole cave trembled violently, and the small array directly collapsed.

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh...

All the Jade Tokens shot out from the soil and fell into the mythical beast's mouth.

Yang Fei twitched the corners of his mouth.

Really, even bothered to retrieve the Jade Tokens inscribed with Spirit Stones before leaving?

## Chapter 1028: The Ferocious Beast That Eats Spirit Stones

The exotic beast had just rushed into the passage where the fluorescent gate was located, and the previous cave suddenly disappeared.

In front of Yang Fei appeared only a pitch-black cave passage.

"Roar."

The exotic beast growled lowly at Yang Fei, seemingly urging him to hurry up.

Yang Fei was worried that something might change in this passage, believing that the exotic beast knew something, so he dared not delay. With a thought, he used the Fireball Technique learned from Li Yue to illuminate and quickly ran forward.

The exotic beast followed closely behind.

Just like that, one person and one beast sped through the cave.

The passage extended upward, and after running for about thirty minutes, a faint light suddenly appeared ahead.

Yang Fei's heart was filled with joy, and he accelerated forward.

Moments later, the light grew brighter, and as they approached, Yang Fei could smell a refreshing breeze blowing against him.

It was indeed the exit.

Having been trapped inside this enormous Spiritual Ore Mountain Range for an unknown period, although the spiritual energy was abundant, the air was slightly damp, which made Yang Fei uncomfortable.

Now, breathing the fresh air outside, he felt revitalized.

Finally, they were out.

Yang Fei couldn't help but let out a long breath of relief.

"Roar!"

The exotic beast following Yang Fei also raised its head to the sky, letting out a roar.

This sound had a terrifying penetrative power, seemingly tearing the sky, and Yang Fei, standing beside it, felt his eardrums about to burst, prompting him to cover his ears with his hands.

What exactly was this exotic beast? Its mere sound was unbearable, and if other Earth Martial Artists encountered it, the beast wouldn't need to attack; such fearsome roars could shatter the internal organs of Innate Realm Martial Artists with sound waves alone.

Moments later, the sound wave's resonance faded, and Yang Fei looked at the exotic beast, seeing it happily rolling on the ground.

He couldn't help but chuckle, looking around.

He found himself in a valley surrounded by towering, steep mountains, and the trees on the mountains were lush with species he hadn't seen much before.

Perhaps due to human absence in the Deep Sea World, most trees were great ancient ones over a hundred meters tall, dwarfs human beings to the size of ants beside them.

What surprised Yang Fei the most was feeling faint waves of spiritual energy from these ancient trees.

It was a dense Power Element of Wood Attribute.

These ancient trees had grown on this immense top-grade spiritual ore, absorbing day and night for hundreds or even thousands of years and becoming high-grade spiritual plants.

Previously, when flying over the trees with Qin Yanyang to the top of White Jade City Peak, he hadn't noticed; now in the deep mountains, coupled with realizing Li Er's inheritance大道, his perception of Power Elements and Heaven and Earth Power Law had enhanced dramatically, only to discover that besides having incalculable amounts of spiritual ore internally, even the plants growing outside this massive mountain range were priceless treasures.

"Such a big mountain range, all trees, flowers, and grasses have grown by absorbing the spiritual energy emitted by the spirit stones inside the mountain, rare herbs must be numerous, many spiritual elixirs recorded in ancient books must have their ingredients found here."

Yang Fei muttered to himself, "This really is a Treasure Mountain."

A strong thought arose within him.

He must claim this Treasure Mountain for himself.

This mountain range is the true foundation of Earth's Cultivation Civilization; with it, Earth Cultivation can develop rapidly.

Those who occupy this Treasure Mountain would enjoy the best cultivation resources.

"Li Er was from the Divine Continent's Pre-Qin period, a descendant of Yan and Huang, and since I inherited his legacy and possess the purest Taoist lineage on Earth, then this mountain range he left should be inherited by me."

Yang Fei silently thought, calmly convinced the Treasure Mountain was his personal possession.

"Roar."

A low roar interrupted Yang Fei's thoughts.

He turned to see the exotic beast looking at him, eyes filled with deep anticipation.

Yang Fei looked at it curiously, tentatively asking, "What's the matter?"

The exotic beast opened its mouth, then pointed at its belly.

Yang Fei's heart skipped, he said, "You're hungry?"

The exotic beast nodded excitedly.

Yang Fei looked around for a while, frowned, "I'm hungry too, but this mountain was originally within the Deep Sea World, now it turned into a land mountain, temporarily no animals up here, making it hard for us to find food."

The exotic beast suddenly became irritable, staring contemptuously and dissatisfied at Yang Fei, showing signs of anger.

Yang Fei helplessly said, "I am telling the truth; we need to leave here, bear with it, once my wife comes out, we'll leave, and definitely get some good stuff for you."

"Roar."

The beast roared, though not particularly loud, the weird frequency generated an extremely powerful sonic wave, frightening Yang Fei to cover his ears again.

Yet somehow, despite the exotic beast's apparent irritation, Yang Fei did not feel afraid of it.

And neither did the exotic beast attempt to harm Yang Fei.

After a moment, the beast seeing Yang Fei not grasping its intention, displayed even stronger disdain in its eyes.

It seemed to have thought of something, suddenly opened its mouth, and spewed out a dozen spirit stones, then pointed to these spirit stones and growled a couple of times at Yang Fei.

Yang Fei seemed to realize, pointing at the spirit stones, said, "You want these stones?"

The beast nodded quickly, patting its belly, its front paws gesturing several actions.

Yang Fei understood.

It meant needing lots and lots of spirit stones.

It was hungry, but rather than ordinary food, it wanted to eat spirit stones.

Yang Fei was dumbfounded, involuntarily uttered, "Damn."

Who could afford to raise this?

Moreover, aren't there a pile of spirit stones in your belly already? Haven't seen those stones being absorbed or digested; why do you need more?

Yet the exotic beast kept looking eagerly at Yang Fei, waiting for him to feed it.

Yang Fei awkwardly scratched his head, smiling bitterly, "You want to eat spirit stones? But I can't afford to raise you. Such precious things, every cultivator wants them, and you consider them food, truly..."



He didn't even know how to describe it.

The beast, hearing him say this, revealed a dumbfounded expression and then madly clawed at the ground, growling at Yang Fei.

Yang Fei was stunned again, pointing at his nose, said, "You want me to dig spirit stones?"

The beast nodded.

Yang Fei was speechless.

Damn.

You're treating me like a laborer!

But soon his eyes lit up.

Indeed, this is a massive spirit stone ore vein; I'll find people to mine it, then spirit stones will be in abundance; why fear not being able to afford this beast?

Even if the beast returned to its original size, it couldn't consume too many spirit stones in a meal, right?

Thinking of this, he said to the exotic beast, "Bear with it a while, I need to find my wife now; once I find her, we'll go back and call people over to mine the spirit stones, won't be short for you."

"Roar!"

The beast seemed to perfectly understand Yang Fei's words, letting out a furious roar.

Then, its body suddenly expanded, akin to a small mountain, blocking Yang Fei's view.

A terrifying ferocious aura pounded face-on, causing Yang Fei's heart to tremble.

Only to see the beast abruptly open its mouth and inhale towards Yang Fei.

Yang Fei immediately felt a massive suction come.

Terror-filled, he wanted to resist but found the force too overbearing, unexpectedly resistless, his body flew directly into the bloodthirsty maw.

Chapter 1029: Tormented by the Exotic Beast

"Damn!"

Yang Fei was taken aback, his Divine Thought fully mobilized, summoning a massive surge of Spiritual Elements from the surroundings in an attempt to anchor himself away from being sucked in by the exotic beast.

However, it was utterly useless.

The suction force from the beast's mouth was so overwhelmingly terrifying that the Heaven and Earth Power couldn't hold his body, and he was directly drawn into that blood-curdling mouth.

An awful stench assaulted his senses, followed by endless darkness.

Then came the sensation of being enveloped all over by something soft.

Sticky.

Yang Fei imagined this must be the intestines and stomach of the exotic beast, and he couldn't help but feel an overwhelming sense of despair and disgust.

Damn.

I, Yang Fei, lived as a hero all my life, and now I am going to be swallowed by some unknown ancient exotic beast?

He had never thought he would die like this.

He had heard the phrase "swallowed whole" many times, but he never imagined he would one day be swallowed whole by a beast.

And dying like this is just so damn disgraceful.

He instinctively held his breath, trying his best to keep calm.

I must not die like this.

I need to find a way to save myself.

What should I do?

His mind raced, suppressing the immense fear of death within, thinking of an escape plan.

Right, the knife!

A fierce determination flashed in his mind.

Exotic beast, I originally saw you as a pet, thought you would be my friend, but I didn't expect you to turn on me.

So don't blame me for being ruthless.

He reached for the steel knife in his backpack.

Even though he was tightly wrapped by the beast's inner organs, Yang Fei still managed to stretch his hand to his back and grasp the steel knife.

With his internal True Qi mobilized and under the augmentation of mighty power, he intended to use the knife to start destroying the beast's internal organs, carving a bloody path for himself.

Just then, an enormous compressive force surged in.

Even as Yang Fei mobilized the True Qi within his body to resist, he was still subdued.

Following that, a powerful force swept over.

Yang Fei only felt his body rapidly moving.

"Pfft!"

The sound of something being spat out was heard.

Yang Fei suddenly felt the sensation of being tightly enveloped disappear, as bright light appeared and fresh air seeped in.

He opened his eyes, realizing he had been spat out by the exotic beast.

The sound of wind howled in his ears, as if he was an object the beast had spit out, flying rapidly. Before he could react, his body crashed heavily onto a big tree.

The massive old tree trembled slightly.

"Thump."

Yang Fei cried out in pain, his body bouncing off the trunk and falling to the ground.

"Ugh..."

The foul and nauseating feeling from being swallowed earlier combined with the current impact made Yang Fei disregard the pain and retch.

Having not eaten for a long time, he only vomited a few mouthfuls of sour liquid.

"Roar!"

A gust of wind blew in, and a sharp sound wave made his already injured eardrums hurt immensely.

A giant head approached from above, its basketball-sized eyes staring intently at him.

Yang Fei took a deep breath, glaring at the beast both innocently and angrily.

He felt sticky all over, incredibly uncomfortable.

He wiped his face with his hand—damn, he grabbed a handful of sticky slime.

Too disgusting!

He retched a few more mouthfuls of sour liquid.

"Roar."

The exotic beast growled at Yang Fei again, seemingly urging him to mine spirit stones.

Yang Fei couldn't help but feel a little fear towards the beast.

This guy is so strong.

Its strength seemed unfathomable. At least, he felt there was no way he could defeat it in his current state.

But being forced to serve as a laborer for a beast, he was utterly unwilling.

His eyes flashed coldly, and he raised the steel knife in his hand to slash at the beast.

The beast let out a low growl, its massive claw sweeping towards Yang Fei.

Yang Fei instantly felt like a mountain was crashing towards him, not even giving him time to land a strike, just letting out a muffled grunt as he was sent flying.

Before Yang Fei's body could hit the ground, he felt that enormous suction force come again.

His expression changed drastically.

Sure enough, that terrifying suction once again drew him into the beast's blood-curdling mouth.

Endless darkness, compression, and sticky encasement, the overwhelming stench was everywhere again.

Swallowed once more.

Truly disgusting.

However, this time he reacted quickly, stabbing randomly around with the knife in his hand.

Originally thinking this beast was Li Er's pet, and that after acquiring Li Er's heritage, it would have some affinity towards him, becoming his spiritual beast. Instead, it rebelled against the Heavenly Gang wanting to tame him as its laborer.

This is intolerable. Even if I, Yang Fei, die, I cannot submit to a beast.

If you show no mercy first, do not blame me for being ruthless later.

However, when Yang Fei forcefully stabbed with his knife, he felt that the intestinal wall was unbelievably tough, such that he couldn't even pierce or cut through it.

His heart filled with shock and fear.

He then thought of those spirit stones the beast had swallowed and spat out.

Of course.

Many of those spirit stones had sharp edges, yet they were swallowed and spat freely by the beast. It showed that the exotic beast's intestinal wall was extraordinarily tough, not fearing sharp weapons.

This is too powerful.

Yang Fei, for the first time, felt despair.

At that moment, an intense compression came again, followed by another powerful push.

Like before, Yang Fei's body was quickly expelled out.

Once more, he crashed into a big tree and slid to the ground.

Even though he had successfully achieved Foundation Establishment, with strong body defenses, he was still aching all over.

Most importantly, he felt his face was covered like a sticky face mask, utterly disgusting.

"Roar!"

A low growl came once more.

Yang Fei wiped his face, looking up to see the beast's giant eyes staring at him again, with an inquisitive expression, as if asking if he'd help dig spirit stones.

"Damn, if you dare, just kill me. I, a dignified human, cannot be at the mercy of a beast!"

Yang Fei, with his heart set, cursed angrily.

"Roar!"

The beast, unable to speak, could only express its emotions with a low growl.



Though Yang Fei verbally resisted hard, deep inside, he was very afraid.

He was truly somewhat intimidated by this beast.

This guy was too powerful and made him feel despair.

Seeing Yang Fei's refusal to surrender, there was a trace of admiration in the beast's eyes.

It growled at Yang Fei, seemingly threatening.

Yang Fei stubbornly refused to bow his head.

After confronting each other for a moment, suddenly, both the beast and the man felt something, turning their gaze towards the cave entrance.

"Wife!"

Yang Fei's perception reached out, filled with joy.

"Yang Fei!"

Qin Yanyang's delighted voice followed.

Soon, in a flash, Qin Yanyang rushed out from the cave.

She was full of joy, but upon seeing Yang Fei's current state, she was dumbfounded.

Moreover, she was utterly shocked by the enormous exotic beast.

What kind of monster was this, being so enormous?

Besides, such a creature doesn't even exist on Earth, right?

The exotic beast also looked towards Qin Yanyang.

Taking advantage of this gap, Yang Fei moved swiftly, rushing to Qin Yanyang's side and grabbing her hand.

In that instant, they shared the same thoughts, and their internal True Qi became one, massively increasing their strength.

Chapter 1030: Heaven-devouring Divine Beast

"What's going on?" Qin Yanyang asked Yang Fei.

Yang Fei replied, "This exotic beast followed me out from the heart of the mountains. At first, it was quite friendly, but after we came out, it forced me to dig up spirit stones and swallowed me twice before spitting me out."

Qin Yanyang was dumbfounded upon hearing this.

Only then did she understand why Yang Fei was covered in such sticky stuff and reeked of a foul stench.

The two of them were holding hands at this moment, their minds connected. Yang Fei cautiously mobilized the True Qi within, which also stimulated the True Qi in her body.

The two of them combined, forming a synergy where one plus one was greater than two once again.

Yet, even with this, facing the gigantic beast, both of them felt a deep-seated fear emanating from the depths of their souls.

"Roar!"

The exotic beast growled at them, then opened its massive jaws, a tremendous suction force coming forth once more.

Yang Fei's expression changed dramatically, "Not good, run!"

Even now, though they were working together, he had no intention of resisting, instead grabbing Qin Yanyang's hand and dodging to the side rapidly.

The ferocious suction swept in, Yang Fei was used to it, but Qin Yanyang was terrified.

She felt the huge force pulling at her backpack, as if it was going to be ripped away from her body.

"Whoosh whoosh whoosh!!!"

Just then, dozens of sharp, piercing sounds echoed as all the spirit stones Qin Yanyang had hidden in her backpack flew out, headed straight into the beast's cavernous mouth.

After swallowing the spirit stones, the beast closed its mouth, and the enormous suction force vanished.

At this moment, Yang Fei had already pulled Qin Yanyang up into the air, hovering high above, tens of meters away from the beast.

Looking down from above, they saw that after the beast devoured the dozen or so spirit stones from Qin Yanyang's backpack, its agitated mood calmed significantly, and its fierce aura gradually diminished.

It raised its head, gave a low growl at Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang, then quickly shrank in size, displaying a joyful expression, rolling on the ground, showing a few playful antics.

Yang Fei once again felt the previous sense of familiarity.

With their hearts connected, Qin Yanyang also felt an inexplicable closeness, unable to hold back saying, "It's so cute."

Yang Fei's mouth twitched.

Cute?

No way, it's definitely a disguise, it's just pretending.

I had refused to dig spirit stones for it and ended up being swallowed twice, this thing is just a beast, ruthless.

While having such an exotic beast as a spirit pet would be impressive, this thing becomes berserk and even abuses its owner, not suitable for keeping around.

It's best to stay away from it.

"Ignore it, this thing gets too easily agitated, we should keep our distance," Yang Fei finally decided resolutely.

Qin Yanyang was reluctant, saying, "But it looks so pitiful."

Yang Fei looked over and indeed saw it giving a pitiful look.

Seeing them look over, the beast even kneeled down, shrinking even smaller, resembling an adolescent gray polar bear lying there, giving a slight, soft growl at Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang.

This time, even the growl sounded somewhat cuddly.

Yang Fei's heart softened immediately, it felt as if some invisible force was driving him, creating a mysterious bond with the exotic beast, making him momentarily forget its previous abuse.

"Do you want to come with us?" Qin Yanyang's eyes displayed loving gentleness, asking the exotic beast.

The exotic beast nodded repeatedly.

Qin Yanyang said to Yang Fei, "Look, it really wants to come with us."

Yang Fei took a deep breath, "But it feeds on spirit stones, where will we get so many to raise it?"

Upon hearing this, Qin Yanyang frowned.

All those spirit stones she struggled to mine in the cave got swallowed in one go by this creature.

Those stones contained vast spiritual elements, she was certain that with those stones, her cultivation realm could advance a small step.

If those spirit stones were given to her grandfather, it might allow him to reach the Foundation Establishment Realm by teaching him the Foundation Establishment Technique.

To any cultivator in the Martial Arts World, those spirit stones were invaluable treasures, yet the exotic beast devoured them in one gulp.

If the beast grows and cultivates through spirit stone consumption, its demand for cultivation resources is too high to maintain.

While they pondered, footsteps suddenly came from the exit.

Yang Fei and Qin Yanyang used Divine Thought to probe and sensed the presence of Li Yue and Sun Lei.

"Brother Yang, you made it out safely." Li Yue perceived Yang Fei's Divine Sense probing and immediately called out with delight.

Yang Fei sensed Li Yue's genuine happiness for his escape, while also noticing Sun Lei's frown, a trace of regret flashing across his face, seemingly disappointed that he didn't die in the array.

Wait, there was a hint of cold killing intent in this guy's eyes.

Yang Fei suddenly recalled the scenes he saw in the surveillance-like screen projections in the cave earlier.

This Sun Lei had malicious intent, wanting to kill him to claim Qin Yanyang, deserved death.

Right, based on the God's Vision perspective earlier in the cave, what Sun Lei obtained wasn't any cultivation heritage from Li Er, but a spiritual treasure magical artifact called the 'Soul Binding Rope.'

This artifact, a spiritual treasure, wielded varying power based on the holder's cultivation, and from the information on this magic treasure's countermeasures obtained through God's Vision, Yang Fei knew once someone possessed this artifact, those of the same realm couldn't resist using cultivation alone.

Essentially, Sun Lei, possessing this, could kill whoever he wanted in the same realm.

Even some higher-level cultivators might be unexpectedly killed.

At the moment, while Yang Fei sensed Sun Lei's intent to kill, he couldn't discern Sun Lei's true thoughts or any other information.

It seemed that the earlier God's Vision perspective was only possible within the powerful array left by Li Er.

With these thoughts swirling, the ideas in Yang Fei's heart were sensed by Qin Yanyang, with whom he shared a mental connection. She looked at him in surprise, mentally asking, "What God's Vision, what Soul Binding Rope? How did you know Sun Lei wanted to kill you?"

Yang Fei snapped back and replied, "I'll explain everything to you later."

At this moment, two figures rushed out from the cave, one after another.

It was Li Yue and Sun Lei.

"Miss Qin also made it out, that's great," Li Yue said with a smile, seeing Qin Yanyang with Yang Fei.

Sun Lei smiled as well, seeing Qin Yanyang.

"Roar!"

Just then, an earth-shatteringly loud roar echoed.

Both Li Yue and Sun Lei's expressions changed drastically as they looked over and saw the exotic beast.

"Is that... the Heaven-devouring Divine Beast?" Sun Lei's eyes glinted with a sharp light as he exclaimed, both astonished and terrified.

Li Yue was equally shocked, staring at the beast for a moment before saying in horror, "It really is the Heaven-devouring Divine Beast... How could this be? Does this legendary creature truly exist?"