

# I Am Overlord

## *Chapter 36: Injury!*

“The person who’s going to kill you!” Xiang Shaoyun yelled in reply, his eyes full of murderous intent. The golden light in his hand slowly condensed into sword energy, rushing straight at the nearest two men like a dashing wolf.

The two men were startled beyond belief. Although they had tried to escape at the very first moment, the blade still left scary cuts on their bodies. Before Xiang Shaoyun could press the attack, somebody regained his wits and charged straight for him.

A giant axe flew towards Xiang Shaoyun’s back, containing a considerable amount of astral energy. It was obvious from this that his opponent was at least a first-stage Astral Realm cultivator. Reacting quickly, Xiang Shaoyun slashed at the axe without looking backwards.

Peng!

The moment the two weapons connected, numerous sparks flew everywhere. Furious at being countered, the man sent out three more axe attacks, each attack stronger than the previous one.

Clink Clang Clink Clang!

Blocking the three attacks consecutively, Xiang Shaoyun was forced back three steps, his footprints deeply etched into the ground. His hand was shaking, showing that his opponent was someone at least at the later phase of first-stage Astral Realm.

After blocking the fourth axe strike, Xiang Shaoyun did not try to forcefully block any more hits. Instead, he gathered wind beneath his feet and dodged left and right before coming to a stop in front of Mei Lianhua.

“Brat, who the hell are you? Why do you have our captain’s Golden Wolf Sword?” the axe-wielding brute growled as he stared menacingly at Xiang Shaoyun.

“Your captain went to meet the King of Hell long ago. I’ll send the lot of you to join him now!” Xiang Shaoyun replied.

“You’re courting death!” the axe-wielding brute loudly bellowed before he once again fiercely swung down his axe.

Nature Destroying Axe!

This axe technique boasted the presence of Mount Tai. A single hack from this technique could destroy mountains and part rivers. At Astral Realm, cultivators would start developing the power of “presence”, and with this power, they could pressure their opponents to the point of cowering or momentary distraction before taking advantage of the opening to kill their opponents.

What a pity it was for the axe wielder. If it were anybody else, it would’ve been effective. However, it was completely nullified by Xiang Shaoyun. One must know that Xiang Shaoyun had witnessed countless experts when he was younger. Hence, he emanated pride from his very bones and had a presence of his own. How could it be suppressed by the presence of a normal cultivator?

Not fighting head on with his opponent anymore, Xiang Shaoyun once again unleashed his Overlord’s Nine Nether Steps. Miraculously dodging his opponent’s attack, he simultaneously sent the Golden Wolf Sword in his hand flying out.

Sshhluck!

Unable to react in time, the axe-wielding brute found a hole in his belly. He could do nothing but retreat. After forming a defensive stance, he yelled at the other men, “Aren’t you going to surround him already? What are you waiting for, the new year?”

There were still three other men alive, two of whom were at first-stage Astral Realm while the third was at ninth-stage Basic Realm. Upon hearing their comrade’s cry for help, they immediately drew their weapons and surrounded Xiang Shaoyun.

In an instant, the four armed cultivators had surrounded Xiang Shaoyun, and they pushed him into a rather precarious situation.

By now, Mei Lianhua had regained her wits.

“Shaoyun, be careful!” she yelled at the top of her lungs, warning Xiang Shaoyun as she briefly tidied up her clothes.

Watching Xiang Shaoyun’s figure, her heart was filled with a multitude of emotions. She regretfully thought to herself, I wonder if he will bear a grudge against me for what had happened? Sigh, I had made the wrong choice.

Xiang Shaoyun was unaware of what Mei Lianhua was thinking. Right now, he was fully focusing on what was going on around him, expanding his gift of instinct to the very max, enabling him to sense and feel every single action crystal clear.

Attacks that were seemingly impossible to react to were slowed down to the point of negligence. Furthermore, he used his senses to determine their individual strengths.

"If I want to deal with bandits, I must first deal with their leader!" As he calmly received the attacks of four separate people, he locked his eyes onto the axe-wielding brute. He was the greatest threat to him among the four thugs.

Just as his opponent came charging at him once again, Xiang Shaoyun's eyes saw through each and every movement, determining the greatest opportunity at which he had to strike.

Star Destroying Finger!

Quickly raising his other hand, he swiftly shot a burst of light out of his index finger at the axe-wielding brute's nether regions.

"AH!"

Before the brute even landed his own attack, the pain from Xiang Shaoyun's attack caused his axe to fly out of his hand.

"Die!" Completely disregarding the attacks coming at his back, Xiang Shaoyun used the Golden Wolf Sword to slash the brute. Still wallowing in pain, the axe brute couldn't retreat whatsoever, resulting in his head flying away with one fell swoop.

Xiang Shaoyun, however, also suffered heavily for it. His back had taken two direct slashes, which even cut into his bone. The pain pushed Xiang Shaoyun to his very limits, stimulating his natal chart. Unleashing the power of his nine stars all at once, he slashed once with his sword.

Rumble!

A sword energy two meters long began rushing over. Before the two first-stage Astral Realm cultivators could even react to it, their chests were cleanly sliced open, leaving their innards falling out.

Their bodies were immediately frozen stiff as tears began to flow. They refused to believe they were going to die even with all that had happened. The ninth-stage Basic Realm cultivator was scared out of his wits. He turned around, wishing to run away, but Mei Lianhua's attack from the shadows resulted in a longsword piercing cleanly through him.

The people who had wanted to defile Mei Lianhua were all dead now. Pulling out her sword from the body, Mei Lianhua ran over to Xiang Shaoyun and sorrowfully said, "Shaoyun, you're gravely injured! Let me wrap your wounds!"

Shaoyun stabbed the Golden Wolf Sword into the ground and used it as a support to keep him standing. He coldly said to Mei Lianhua, "I don't need you. I can take care of this myself."

Looking at Xiang Shaoyun's unforgiving eyes, Mei Lianhua began to panic, and she stammered, "I-I know that I did something unforgivable the last time, but I'll never do it again! Will you give me another chance? I-I've really fallen in love with you!"

Xiang Shaoyun weakly shook his head as he coldly replied, "There are two kinds of people that I utterly detest—the first are traitors, the others are people who cannot be trusted to keep their promises!"

Upon hearing his words, Mei Lianhua's face turned white beyond belief. Her body shook, forcing her to fall on her knees.

Completely ignoring Mei Lianhua, Xiang Shaoyun adopted a meditative stance. Opening up the bag, he immediately swallowed a stalk of old medicine before mixing a few more to form a solution to apply to himself.

Little White glanced at Xiang Shaoyun with guilt. It paced back and forth non-stop, seemingly sorry for the fact it had not been able to help Xiang Shaoyun whatsoever in the fight.

"If you want to help me, then get stronger quick!" Xiang Shaoyun briefly said to Little White before painfully dragging his body away from the scene. It was obvious that those people belonged to a gang of sorts. If their other members were to come and witness this scene, Xiang Shaoyun would be dead without a doubt.

"Shaoyun!" Mei Lianhua cried out, tears still falling down her pearly cheeks. Just as she was about to rush up to support him, Xiang Shaoyun's eyes, filled with disgust, stopped her.

"They're from the Mad Lion Hunting Group! They've already captured Senior Brother Mo to have him take them to the Earth Star Spring! Don't go there anymore!" Mei Lianhua tried to kindly warn Xiang Shaoyun against the idea of heading for the spring.

"Mad Lion Hunting Group..." Xiang Shaoyun murmured to himself before gritting his teeth and walking away. He was already practically right before the Earth Star Spring; how could he give up at this juncture? He had to obtain the Earth Star Spring!

### *Chapter 37: Riches Are Found in the Midst of Danger!*

Xiang Shaoyun hurried along the path, not caring about his injuries. Once he had ascertained that Mei Lianhua was no longer trailing him, he found an isolated area and swallowed a healing pill. He also swallowed two more old medicines from the pack he had obtained from the dead person.

These were all herbs that would speed up his recovery rate, allowing him to recover from his wounds much faster than normally possible. Especially now that there were two

deep sword wounds on his back, if he did not recover soon and was met with danger, it would be extremely hard for him to keep his life.

Xiang Shaoyun sat down cross-legged as he revolved the Heaven Conquering Overlord Manual as fast as he could, swiftly absorbing the medical properties of the medicines and healing the wounds on his back.

Before this, Xiang Shaoyun had noticed that the energy coursing through his nine stars had risen significantly. This energy was most likely the accumulation of the energy he had compressed during his breakthroughs, and having such an amount of excess energy was one of the benefits of having a nine-star physique.

It was this energy that allowed him to unleash a sword strike capable of rivalling a second stage Astral Realm cultivator at the very last moment of the previous battle. Under the threat of death, Xiang Shaoyun had made a crucial breakthrough. As such, the energy capacity of his stars had seen a qualitative increase, but his energy consumption had correspondingly increased as well. He had been weakened significantly after that sword strike.

With the increase in his star formation's overall energy, the hidden medicinal properties in his body were once again partially dug out of him. The tiny, minute strands of energy forced from Xiang Shaoyun's body were even more effective than all the healing pills and herbal medicines he had previously consumed.

"Ahh..."

That comfortable and composed feeling made Xiang Shaoyun let out an uncontrollable moan of pleasure. If he could look inside himself, he would find that his injuries were healing at a rate visible even to the naked eye. This was akin to swallowing a miracle medicine; he was recovering way too fast!

Not only that, the energy within his star formation was also increasing rapidly, pushing Xiang Shaoyun from his primary-phase, eighth-stage Basic Realm to the middle phase as it continually climbed. Eventually, his cultivation rose all the way to the peak of eighth-stage Basic Realm before he forcefully suppressed it.

The energy released was so great that it would not have been an issue for Xiang Shaoyun to ascend to ninth-stage Basic Realm if he so willed, but the excess energy was sent to his star formation to strengthen his foundations.

Four hours later, energy finally stopped flowing out of his body. Furthermore, his wounds had healed by about 80 percent, to the point where they no longer affected his mobility. The scariest thing was his rapid increase in overall strength. Nobody could match him when it came to improvement rate.

“Father really was a wise man. He knew that I wouldn’t cultivate for 10 years and helped me cultivate my body with tons of medicinal properties in such a way that I could slowly unearth the potential hidden within my body. With that, even when relying on medicinal effects to advance, my foundations would not be adversely affected,” Xiang Shaoyun joyfully said.

Xiang Shaoyun was a very rational person. He knew that although he could speed up the process of gaining power, if the potential within him was used up too quickly, all he would have would be baseless power with a shaky foundation.

“The lower my cultivation, the more I need to establish a good foundation for further realms. As of now, my combat power is sufficient to rival that of a second-stage Astral Realm cultivator. By relying on the Overlord’s Nine Nether Steps, even if I don’t successfully defeat him, I should be able to retreat unscathed, so I should have no problems when it comes to fighting a primary-phase Intermediate Demon.

After settling his thoughts, Xiang Shaoyun and Little White continued their journey to the Earth Star Spring. Although he was very clear about the fact that the Mad Lion Hunting Group was probably around the area, he was still unwilling to give up that opportunity. Very quickly, they came before a mountain whose peak seemed to pierce the clouds.

This mountain was the tallest in the entire Hundred Beast Mountain Range. It contained trees whose canopies reached the heavens, and it was scarce in beast cries, as if one had come to an ancient land. Furthermore, an imposing waterfall stretched from the peak of the mountain all the way to its base like a heavenly river, leaving people in awe of its magnificence.

“This is Falling River Mountain! The Earth Star Spring must be nearby!” Xiang Shaoyun exclaimed excitedly. Just as he was about to continue rushing towards the Falling River Mountain, he found a group of scouts blocking the path up the mountain. These scouts were all powerful individuals exuding the fierce air of an expert. With their combined strength, dealing with a few Intermediate Demon beasts would be no issue.

“No matter who you are, leave at once! The Mad Lion Hunting Group has laid claim to this mountain!” These scouts had keen senses. The moment one of them detected Xiang Shaoyun’s presence, he immediately shouted a warning.

His voice radiated strength, reaching far and wide while giving off a striking aura. This aura belonged to someone at late-phase Astral Realm. Left with no other option, Xiang Shaoyun backed off slightly.

“It seems like the Mad Lion Hunting Group really is powerful. They can even afford to leave 25 experts to guard the entry. This is going to be troublesome,” Xiang Shaoyun gloomily muttered to himself.

After retreating to a safe distance, Xiang Shaoyun stopped. He was unwilling to give up just like that. Examining his surroundings, he found a sheer cliff that would allow him to reach his destination just the same if he climbed it. Only, this cliff was about 200–300 meters high. If one lost their grip, even an Astral Realm expert would instantly turn into meat paste upon impact.

“Riches are found in the midst of danger! I haven’t seen a cliff that I cannot climb just yet!” After pondering the situation for a while, a determined gaze flashed across Xiang Shaoyun’s eyes. As such, he changed his path and reached the base of the cliff.

“I’ll treat this as life-or-death training!” Xiang Shaoyun gritted his teeth before beginning his ascent.

The steepness of the cliff was hard to describe in words. Luckily, there were jagged edges sticking out here and there, allowing one to scale the cliff. Xiang Shaoyun’s strength was comparable to an Astral Realm cultivator’s, and he also had a robust supply of astral energy. This was enough for him to climb the mountain.

A while later, Xiang Shaoyun had climbed to the 50-meter mark. Both of his hands were bruised to the point they were bleeding, and his clothes were drenched with sweat. Scaling this cliff was not just a physical trial, it was a mental trial as well. If one’s spirit was unable to hold on, the consequences would be disastrous.

“Keep going, keep going...” Xiang Shaoyun panted, revolving the Heaven Conquering Overlord Manual. Astral energy spread through his body as his acupoints lit up, supplying him with energy as he climbed. This allowed him to be like a spider, constantly ascending.

Very quickly, Xiang Shaoyun scaled half the cliff. At this crucial point, a sudden cry pierced the air.

Screech!

Stopping in his tracks, Xiang Shaoyun turned and saw an eagle beast rushing straight at him.

“Not good, it’s a fiery beak eagle!” Xiang Shaoyun was so startled that he began to slip.

Luckily, with his keen reflexes, he barely managed to claw onto the edge of the cliff, preventing him from sliding down further. However, his body was totally beaten up; any further bruises would have him bleeding profusely. This was when he found that he had an even bigger problem.

He was well over a hundred meters in the air. If he were to fall from that height, he would be falling straight into death’s embrace. At that very moment, the fiery beak eagle began rushing straight towards Xiang Shaoyun, its flaming, red body creating a road of



fire in the middle of the air as its flaring eyes stared straight at Xiang Shaoyun, designating him as its lunch.

Completely at a loss, Xiang Shaoyun was on the verge of crying as he muttered to himself, "I never imagined I'd become food for a stupid eagle!"

Just as he was about to give up and descend, Little White on his back let out a roar before leaping straight at the fiery beak eagle.

"Little White!" Xiang Shaoyun shouted in shock, only to find that the little tiger had already landed on the back of the fiery beak eagle.

*Chapter 38: This Young Master Will Kill You!*

Roar!

The roar that Little White let out shook the entire surroundings, its ferocity no less than that of an Intermediate Demon beast. Ever since Little White had started following Xiang Shaoyun, this was the first time it had let out such a ferocious roar. Such a roar would force tens of thousands of Minor Demon beasts to submit and drive away Intermediate ones.

Similarly, the fiery beak eagle was startled to the point where its body started to shiver. In the very next moment, Little White bit at the fiery beak eagle. Although Little White was still a mere cub, it was still a tiger at its core, boasting a strong bite. With that, it bit straight into the fiery beak eagle's flesh.

Crying out in pain, the fiery beak eagle vigorously shook its body, trying to throw Little White off. However, Little White firmly held on with its teeth, refusing to be flung off. Starting to panic, the fiery beak eagle's wings rippled with hot qi, attempting to force Little White off with its heat.

However, no matter what it did, Little White refused to budge. After constantly trying to get the persistent tiger cub off its back, the fiery beak eagle ended up flying haphazardly and lost its balance, crashing straight into the peak of the mountain. Upon seeing this, Xiang Shaoyun became uncontrollably furious.

"Little White!" Xiang Shaoyun yelled with all the strength he could muster. He began madly ascending the face of the cliff once more. This time, he threw all caution to the wind, choosing to climb as fast as he possibly could even if it cost him his life.

Although Little White was a mere cub, it had gone through thick and thin with Xiang Shaoyun in recent times. To Xiang Shaoyun, he had already regarded the young tiger as a close companion. He definitely did not wish to see anything untoward happening to Little White.



What was initially thought to be a journey of more than two hours was concluded in barely an hour after Xiang Shaoyun chose to speed up. Skipping the process of recovering his energy, he sprinted to the peak of the mountain. Unfortunately for him, not only did he not encounter Little White even after repeated attempts of searching for him, he even came across a python beast that was an Intermediate Demon.

It took Xiang Shaoyun quite a bit of effort before he managed to barely kill off the python. Slicing open the midsection of the python, Xiang Shaoyun removed its gallbladder and swallowed it whole.

The terrible taste of the gallbladder left Xiang Shaoyun feeling horrible. However, he did not have the luxury of time to stop and heal himself. He kept forging on, searching for Little White's footsteps. Not long after, he chanced upon members of the Mad Lion Hunting Group. Just as he was about to avoid them, the other party spotted his movements.

"And where did you come from? You actually managed to sneak by the group at the bottom of the mountain! Li Hui, go and capture him!" the leader of the party yelled.

"Understood!" the person named Li Hui replied then charged at Xiang Shaoyun, riding on a flaming tiger.

Xiang Shaoyun pushed his Overlord's Nine Nether Steps to its very limit, running away from the scene as fast as he could. However, the flaming tiger was still an Intermediate Demon. It had a faster speed, and it was closing the gap on Xiang Shaoyun, slowly but surely.

"Brat, I don't care who you are, but you aren't escaping from me today!" Li Hui cackled viciously.

Li Hui had clearly reached the peak of second-stage Astral Realm, just short of the third stage by a little. His fighting prowess was immense. As he drew closer to Xiang Shaoyun, he directly leaped off the Flaming Tiger, the huge saber in his hand flying straight at Xiang Shaoyun.

The huge saber boasted tyrannical power, astral energy condensing around its edges as it began to glow. The Overlord's Nine Nether Steps lived up to its reputation of being a top-tier movement technique. As Xiang Shaoyun's strength increased, the maximum speed he could deploy correspondingly increased. As such, he tumbled to the right, barely managing to dodge the vicious saber blow.

Pow!

A thick tree in front of the duo was instantly obliterated by Li Hui's saber energy, bursting into smithereens.

“You damned slippery eel!” Li Hui cursed, seeing that his attack had missed Xiang Shaoyun.

“I’m just a passer-by! If you continue chasing me, then I’ll kill you!” Xiang Shaoyun yelled in reply.

“Heheh, if you have the ability to do so, then stop running!” Li Hui madly screeched.

“Then I’ll do just that!” Xiang Shaoyun actually came to a halt, sending a fist straight at Li Hui.

One punch from Xiang Shaoyun carried around 500 kilograms of weight behind it without a single ounce of astral energy supplementing it. This was a telling sign that he was merely a late Basic Realm cultivator.

Li Hui could not help but sneer in disdain at Xiang Shaoyun. He grabbed Xiang Shaoyun’s hand in one fell swoop, preparing to forcefully twist off his arm. Contrary to his expectations, however, he found that he was unable to twist Xiang Shaoyun’s arm off, even after using 70 percent of his full strength!

One must know that 70 percent strength was normally enough to completely rip apart even a peak Basic Realm cultivator. Taking advantage of Li Hui’s carelessness, Xiang Shaoyun’s eyes lit up as he raised his other hand, a ray of finger energy shooting straight at Li Hui.

“Shit!” Li Hui was still a peak second-stage Astral Realm practitioner after all. Upon sensing the danger in the attack, he immediately let go of Xiang Shaoyun and dodged the ray. However, this attack was no more than a feint. Although there was a bit of astral energy imbued into the attack, the amount was almost negligible. Xiang Shaoyun’s real move was hidden behind his feint.

Cloud Splitting Palm!

Xiang Shaoyun seized upon the opportunity given to him when Li Hui released him, sending a palm with his full strength straight at Li Hui’s chest area. No matter how experienced Li Hui was in combat, he would not be able to dodge this attack from Xiang Shaoyun even if he tried.

Pa!

After being struck by the attack, Li Hui vomited blood and was flung miserably aside.

Kill!

Xiang Shaoyun grabbed onto his one and only chance, drawing his Golden Wolf Sword. With a single slash, a golden light filled with astral energy rushed towards Li Hui's throat, a surefire kill.

Li Hui's head was lopped off his body, and his expression was frozen in disbelief as his vision slowly turned dark. A lofty, second-stage Astral Realm expert was actually killed by a peak eighth-stage Basic Realm cultivator.

One couldn't help but think that this was a plot from a child's tale. Although the Basic Realm cultivator was weaker than his foe, he was not only able to escape but could also gallantly turn around and kill his enemy! A good plot, good development, and finally, a fairytale ending.

"Roar!"

At that moment, the flaming tiger charged over, opening its mouth wide as it prepared to swallow Xiang Shaoyun whole.

"You're going to join your master!" Xiang Shaoyun growled, slashing mercilessly with the Golden Wolf Sword.

From afar, the Mad Lion Hunting Group had already taken note of all that had happened. The leader of the party bellowed, "Damn that brat! Quickly capture and bring him to me! I want to thoroughly teach him a lesson!"

Just as more subordinates prepared to give chase, a fearsome roar pierced the air.

"Roar!"

The roar shook the heavens and the earth, scaring the Mad Lion Hunting Group out of their wits.

"Shit, there's a large beast here! It's a king kong giant ape!" A few experts on the mountain began panicking.

Simultaneously, numerous bodies began surrounding the one-meter-tall king kong giant ape. However, this ape possessed an extremely sturdy body; normal attacks would be unable to wound it. Its physical strength was even more overbearing—it continuously leaped at people, its attacks decimating people almost at once.

"Bastard! As long as I, Mad Lion, am around, you shall not run rampant!" bellowed a middle-aged man riding a lion. He wielded a giant sword as he rushed towards the king kong giant ape.

The middle-aged man was actually at the Transformation Realm; every slash he sent carried with it a majestic sword momentum, cutting down trees and grass near the fight.

“Let the brat go for now! Go and support the captain first!” The rest of the Mad Lion Hunting Group members no longer bothered about Xiang Shaoyun. Instead, they rushed forward with their full strength, preparing to surround and kill the king kong giant ape.

*Chapter 39: Low-Grade Spirit Medicine: Blood Mushroom King!*

With the appearance of the king kong giant ape, Xiang Shaoyun’s danger abruptly came to an end. Xiang Shaoyun did not immediately leave the area. Observing the situation from afar, he watched as both the king kong giant ape and the Mad Lion Hunting Group rampaged, causing tremors spreading over a thousand miles.

The devastating destructive power, simply put, was all the fault of these people. Luckily for Xiang Shaoyun, he had witnessed many powerhouses in the past. Tremors of this scale meant nothing to him.

“This is the perfect time to search for the Earth Star Spring!” Xiang Shaoyun’s expression slowly turned joyful. As such, he began quickly making his way for the mountain peak. Naturally, he wouldn’t be so daring as to directly charge into the middle of all the fighting. Instead, he changed direction, taking another path leading to the springs.

Not long after, Xiang Shaoyun reached the other side of the mountain. However, what he saw was a huge waterfall crashing down right in front of him.

“If I want to get to the Earth Star Spring, do I need to go through this waterfall? That shouldn’t be the case, right?” Xiang Shaoyun pondered to himself.

This waterfall was quite wide. Furthermore, the sheer pressure and speed at which the water rushed down was not something he could think of withstanding even with his body. Just as Xiang Shaoyun was grieving over his conundrum, a sound that made his mood do a 180 turn came from behind him.

“Meow!”

This was Little White’s trademark meow. The moment Xiang Shaoyun left his daze, he found Little White happily leaping into his embrace.

“Little White, you’re alright! Haha, this is great!” Xiang Shaoyun ecstatically laughed, hugging Little White tightly. After failing to find him after such a long period of time, Xiang Shaoyun thought that something had happened to Little White, leaving him worried sick. After finding out that he was fine, a lot of Xiang Shaoyun’s worries just seemed to fly away.

To Xiang Shaoyun, Little White was worth more than a thousand Earth Star Springs. Leaping out of his embrace, Little White bit firmly onto Xiang Shaoyun’s pants, pointing

in a direction with one of his front paws, as if telling Xiang Shaoyun to head in that direction.

Xiang Shaoyun was stunned. After pondering the situation for a while, he felt like he had nothing to lose and went in the direction specified by Little White. The area was filled with wild grass, making it difficult for people to make out where they were heading.

Xiang Shaoyun remained alert, Golden Wolf Sword in hand just in case anything occurred. After a short while, the two of them made it past the tightly clustered grass. Upon examining his surroundings, Xiang Shaoyun found a cave a thin person could barely squeeze into.

This cave was near the edge of the waterfall. Had Little White not been there to lead the way, Xiang Shaoyun would never have noticed its presence. If anybody else had been in Xiang Shaoyun's shoes, that person would've found it difficult to get across. The cave was just too unnoticeable.

"Could there be some sort of amazing treasure here?" On the verge of salivating, Xiang Shaoyun grinned with excitement.

Xiang Shaoyun did not blindly rush in. Instead, he carefully examined the environment around the cave. After confirming that there had not been a monstrous beast there for a long time, he then led Little White into the cave. The floor of the cave was wet and slippery, and numerous flora was growing, showing signs that the cave was probably naturally formed.

The cave was pitch-black inside, severely impairing his way forward. Without much consideration, he activated his gift of insight, instantly making the path ahead much more discernible.

"I wonder why I was naturally born with the gifts of visualization and insight. Maybe one day, I'll cultivate eyes that are able to discern everything!" Xiang Shaoyun cheerfully thought to himself.

Xiang Shaoyun did not think too deeply about the matter but continued to make his way farther into the cave. Inside, he found that the wild grasses were growing rather substantially, and there were even some grasses without any practical use emitting faint medicinal scents. This was a sign that an old medicine was forming. Furthermore, he could feel that the spiritual qi inside the cave was extremely vibrant, as if he had arrived at a paradise on earth.

"Could this possibly be...the location of the Earth Star Spring?!" Xiang Shaoyun could not help exclaiming to himself upon discovering this phenomenon. He had already known long ago that the Earth Star Spring was somewhere around this area. Although the location indicated on the map was not here, it did not mean that the Earth Star

Spring was definitely not located here. The cave could be another way leading to the spring!

Just as Xiang Shaoyun was about to quicken his steps, he noticed Little White in a corner furiously trying to dig something out of the ground.

“Little White, in the future, before you eat any old medicines in the future, could you let me have a look first? This is a blood mushroom around 200 years old! It can replenish one’s vitality and has considerable efficacy in healing wounds.” Xiang Shaoyun smiled helplessly as he watched Little White swallow the old medicine.

Before now, he would not have even taken a second glance at old medicines. However, his circumstances were different from in the past. Any random stalk of old medicine was now extremely important to him.

Obedying Xiang Shaoyun’s words, Little White ran forward, digging out yet another old medicine from the ground and bringing it to Xiang Shaoyun.

“Another stalk of old medicine!” Xiang Shaoyun joyfully looked at this blood mushroom; it was about the same age as the previous one. Keeping the blood mushroom safely, Xiang Shaoyun continued his journey. Very quickly, he found numerous blood mushrooms growing together as well as a blood mushroom king more than 300 years old!

“Low-grade spirit medicine: blood mushroom king! The Earth Star Spring must be right ahead! Otherwise, why would there be so many blood mushrooms growing here?” Xiang Shaoyun grew increasingly crazed by the second. He quickly stuffed a blood mushroom down his throat, replenishing the vitality he had lost that day before doing anything else.

Xiang Shaoyun then left the area, not plucking any of the other blood mushrooms. After all, it would not be too late to pluck them on his way back. Right now, his topmost priority was to reach the Earth Star Springs.

The blood mushroom was worthy of its reputation as an old medicine specially for replenishing vitality. Right after Xiang Shaoyun had consumed the blood mushroom, he could feel his blood within him pulsing with much more vigour compared to before, slowly healing back to its optimal state, leaving him feeling extremely relaxed. As he was about to head deeper into the cave, he heard Little White meowing for him at the side. Heading to where Little White was, he found an extremely long bone lodged into the ground.

“Is—Is this snake bone?! No...why would a snake have footprints? Could this be...a snake transforming into a flood snake?” Xiang Shaoyun muttered to himself as he carefully examined the scene.

Xiang Shaoyun finally understood why there were numerous blood mushrooms growing in the cave. A flood snake had probably died here in the past, letting its blood seep into the ground. blood mushrooms grew as a result of that.

Examining the bones more carefully, Xiang Shaoyun found that the flood snake was close to ten meters long, most certainly an existence that was at least a Great Demon. Luckily for him, the flood snake was already dead. Otherwise, he would be dead without a doubt.

As Xiang Shaoyun reached the end of the beast's skeleton, he found a bead roughly the size of a toe lodged into the top of its skeleton.

"Demonic core!" Xiang Shaoyun lightly gasped.

As he was about to go and retrieve it personally, Little White leapt like an arrow at the skull, swallowing the core in one go.

"F\*ck! You damned brat! Aren't you afraid of the energy inside going wild?!" Xiang Shaoyun could not hold back a curse.

Demonic cores could only be produced by demonic beasts at the Demon King level. If a normal beast were to swallow the core, their innards would be ravaged by the sheer power inside the core, causing them to explode.

Only Great Demons and above would dare to swallow such a core to aid them in raising their strength as well as in forming their own beast core. With how young Little White was, swallowing the core would probably do him more harm than good!

Xiang Shaoyun rushed forward and prepared to lift Little White up, forcing him to spit out the beast core.

"Roar!"

Out of the blue, a ferocious roar came from the throat of Little White as his body enlarged all of a sudden.

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Little White's roar echoed furiously throughout the cave, causing Xiang Shaoyun's ears to ring. It took quite a while before it settled down once again. Once the ruckus was over, Xiang Shaoyun took another look at the grown up Little White. Little White was now the size of a regular small monstrous beast. On his forehead, he found the word "King" written extremely clearly. Furthermore, the pressure that he was now emitting was no weaker than that of a mature striped tiger.



One must note that Little White, as of now, was not considered an adult beast. However, even at such a young age, he was already exuding such a majestic aura, further reinforcing that his lineage was not a simple one.

“What if Little White is able to refine his own demonic core and significantly raise his cultivation?” Xiang Shaoyun could not help wondering, staring at this tiger who showed no signs of discomfort whatsoever.

Right now, Little White was exuding a thick beast qi, golden fur slowly covering his body. It seemed like he would take time to thoroughly refine the demonic core.

“Little White has abundant spirituality from birth; the effects of the demonic core were probably all within his calculations. I should let him slowly refine it then. Let’s go farther into the cave,” Xiang Shaoyun muttered to himself. After confirming that there were no adverse side effects to Little White, he continued forging forward.

After walking for a while longer, Xiang Shaoyun found a golden blot of light ahead of him as Spiritual Energy slowly wafted to him, giving him a very pleasurable feeling. Walking closer to take a look, he found a golden flower lodged into a rock. It was actually a golden flood snake flower! One could see its body leaping around like a flood snake, spiritual qi floating around it as it swayed about, giving it a very mysterious aura.

“This...this is a 500-year-old golden flood snake flower! It has already grown five petals! This should be a spiritual herb that grew along with the transformation of the flood snake! This is a mid-grade spiritual medicine! Even Transformation Realm cultivators would go mad at the sight of this!” Xiang Shaoyun gleefully rubbed his hands in sheer joy.

The golden flood snake flower contained the essence of a flood snake. Martial cultivators who swallowed it would not only have their strength raised but would also be able to transform their qi into a flood snake form, significantly raising their combat power.

Xiang Shaoyun did not rush to pluck it. After all, he was currently a mere Basic Realm cultivator. Eating it at this stage would only waste its efficacy. The results would be much more pronounced if he waited until at least the Astral Realm before he decided to swallow it.

As the golden flood snake flower had absorbed a large portion of the spiritual qi in the air, there were no more spirit medicines around the area, although there were still quite a few old medicines lying around.

Furthermore, as Xiang Shaoyun continued walking, he noticed that the cave was slowly growing bigger and bigger. The moist scent in the air was also getting stronger by the minute, and the natural spiritual energy was growing thicker.

Drip Drip...

Xiang Shaoyun heard the dripping sound of water droplets. Although the sound wasn't loud, inside the vast cave, it was amplified several times over, making it extremely noticeable.

Xiang Shaoyun's eyes caught sight of a few water droplets falling from the edge of a cliff. Additionally, just below the cliff was a naturally formed basin filled with flowing spring water. Most eye-catching, the spring water seemed to be filled with tens of thousands of stars, lighting up the small area.

Seeing this small pool of water, Xiang Shaoyun immediately developed an urge to just dive in and swallow it whole.

"The Earth Star Spring! It's actually the Earth Star Spring!" Xiang Shaoyun rejoiced.

No longer able to repress himself, Xiang Shaoyun rushed right in front of the small pool of water. Scooping out some of the water, he drank without hesitation. Every single drop of the spring was precious beyond compare. Even to an Astral Realm cultivator, this was a luxury hard to get hold of.

However, Xiang Shaoyun was gulping it down like a thirsty beast! If anybody else saw this, they would have fainted on the spot. This guy was too wasteful!

As the water of the Earth Star Spring not-so-slowly entered his stomach, Xiang Shaoyun's natal chart began to resplendently glow, directly absorbing the water from the Earth Star Spring. His natal chart then began emitting strands of pure energy, which coursed through the meridians within his body. His 365 acupoints lit up, similarly absorbing this wondrous energy.

Adopting a cross-legged sitting position, Xiang Shaoyun began to madly revolve the Heaven Conquering Overlord Manual, his strength rapidly climbing like a firework. Peak of eighth-stage Basic Realm, early ninth-stage Basic Realm, mid ninth-stage Basic Realm, late ninth-stage Basic Realm. The surge of energy was even enough for him to directly break through into the first stage of the Astral Realm!

Only after reaching the middle phase of first-stage Astral Realm did Xiang Shaoyun manage to forcefully suppress it. Otherwise, the surge would have carried him all the way to peak first-stage Astral Realm. Even reaching the second stage would not have been a problem!

Earth Star Spring! This was indeed a spiritual spring that allowed one to awaken their natal charts! Even if an Astral Realm cultivator swallowed some of it, they would easily be able to climb two or three stages.

However, Xiang Shaoyun had long awoken his nine stars. Furthermore, the amount of energy he needed to absorb was several times that of a regular cultivator, up to 10 times! Even after drinking so much of the Earth Star Spring's water, he had only reached the first stage of the Astral Realm.

Most importantly, Xiang Shaoyun had used the remaining energy to strengthen his foundations, not wasting a single drop of energy. Furthermore, all of his inner injuries had been thoroughly healed, not leaving a single old wound. The Earth Star Spring had also purified his meridians and acupoints, greatly increasing his already outstanding cultivation ability.

This was the miraculous aspect of the Earth Star Spring; it wasn't something a regular spring could compare to. After having undergone the transformation from the Earth Star Spring, Xiang Shaoyun opened his eyes. The moment he lifted his eyelids, two rays of light as sharp as blades shot out from his eyes. If anybody was there to witness this, they would find it hard to stare straight into his eyes.

For a while, Xiang Shaoyun found that his sight had become incomparably clear. He was able to see clearly even in pitch-black areas.

"Could I have formed my Heavenly Eyes just like that?" Xiang Shaoyun asked himself, excited beyond belief. He examined things with his eyes, finding that nothing could escape his sight. He could even see a tiny ant from afar.

"I hear that the Heavenly Eyes can see through all. Let's see if I can see through that rock!" Xiang Shaoyun's eyes then fell on a piece of rock. However, he found that he could not see inside it. He was then assured that it was only his eyesight that had changed. Wanting to develop Heavenly Eyes was still a ways off for him.

Xiang Shaoyun was not too depressed about this matter. Generally, Heavenly Eyes were formed since birth. Those without innate Heavenly Eyes would find it extremely difficult to cultivate. Furthermore, he had never specifically trained his eyes before. Wishing for his eyes to become Heavenly Eyes all of a sudden was extreme, even for him. However, his eyes becoming as powerful as they were now certainly had something to do with his physique.

All of a sudden, Xiang Shaoyun felt the ground tremble as something drew closer to him.

Stomp Stomp!

A demonic beast seemed to be coming from ahead of where he was. It was so massive that the cave itself seemed to be shaking!

"Roar!"

An ear-splitting roar sounded through the cave, giving Xiang Shaoyun a massive headache.

“Shit! The area in front of this place should be the king kong giant ape’s territory! It must’ve been guarding the water from the Earth Star Spring!” Xiang Shaoyun came to a sudden realization, his expression turning grave.

Quickly, Xiang Shaoyun retrieved a few empty gourds and proceeded to store as much of the spring water as he could. He had prepared these empty gourds to store the water from the Earth Star Spring anyway. Now was the time to use them.

As Xiang Shaoyun felt the king kong giant ape draw closer and closer, he quickly stowed the filled gourds as he ran for his life back the way he had come. The way he had come from was extremely narrow. There was no way for a king kong giant ape to pursue him through there. As such, he managed to successfully pass this round of danger.