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It was a special Technique for circulating Qi Blood, designed based on the complex structure of the Black Soul Wondrous Jade, not any special Martial Dao. Therefore, after Lin Xuankong learned this Heart Method, it did not appear in his Life Plate. According to Liy Ruofeng, by using this Heart Method to slowly nurture the Black Soul Wondrous Jade, it would take about ten days to activate.

As for the acquired Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique, being one of the three main techniques of the Black Tiger Gang, it was naturally extremely powerful. This Abnormal Technique could make every part of a Martial Cultivator's body swell several times under the stimulation of Qi Blood and burst out with power beyond their current Realm. It was somewhat similar to the Shadow Concealment Primordial Technique, but they did not conflict and could actually stack. This meant that as long as Lin Xuankong continued to cultivate the Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique, if both the Primordial Technique and the Bone Roar Technique took effect simultaneously, his explosive power would far surpass that of Martial Cultivators of the same Realm by many times, even exceeding by many times the strength of giant Demons of the same Realm.

[Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique; Entry Level 1/900]

The purple-gold light of Vigorous in Old Age flickered.

[Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique; Entry Level 1/15]

Having gained so many benefits, Lin Xuankong was naturally overjoyed. Perhaps I've taken another step closer to that Mysterious Female Cultivator!

What surprised him the most was the completely unexpected Ghost Frog Demon Pearl.

At this moment, even the well-informed Zhao Yufei was full of surprise.

"The Marsh Python Demon Pearl has many uses. Although activating it consumes a large amount of Qi Blood, it can be both offensive and supportive, so its value is extremely high! And the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl, among the five types of Demon Pearls that can be condensed by the Demons of the Demon-Suppressing Valley, offers the greatest improvement to a Martial Cultivator's combat power. It

specializes in enhancing Martial Cultivators' combat power, and thus its value is almost on par with the Marsh Python Demon Pearl, surpassing the Demon Fox, Evil Sheep, Evil Lizard, and some common Demon Pearls produced in other State Mansions!"

"In the ranking of over a thousand types of Demon Pearls published by the officials of the Great Xia Dynasty," she continued, "in terms of overall value, the Demon Fox, Evil Sheep, and Evil Lizard Demon Pearls mostly rank around the six or seven hundred range. However, the Marsh Python Demon Pearl ranks seventy-fifth, and the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl ranks seventy-sixth!"

"As for the Conical Hat Guest who caused such a great stir in the Great Marsh Prefecture recently, the Twin Vine Demon Pearl he possessed could only rank in the nine hundred range because most of its functions are controlling and also consume a large amount of Qi Blood!"

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong's face brightened even more. Demon Pearls are inherently priceless, and this Ghost Frog Demon Pearl can rank seventy-sixth among over a thousand types... This ranking is already incredibly high! My Twin Vine Demon Pearl, despite its sharp effectiveness, only ranks in the nine hundred range. The seventy-sixth rank of this Ghost Frog Demon Pearl means it is far superior to the Twin Vine Demon Pearl! Even though it hasn't been fully tempered and I haven't personally tested its effects, I can imagine how potent its power will be once activated!

Liy Ruofeng's luck was truly good to be able to obtain such a Demon Pearl!

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong immediately activated his Qi Blood and held the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl, beginning to infuse it with a large amount of Qi Blood to temper it.

As soon as he activated it, he felt that the Demon Qi within the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl was indeed extremely condensed and stubborn. This stubborn and condensed Demon Qi was completely different from the Demon Qi emitted by Demons during their previous confrontations.

A moment later, he had consumed seven or eight points of Perfection Level Qi Blood, yet he could not feel any change in the Demon Qi inside the pearl.

Lin Xuankong couldn't help but frown slightly. Could it really take more than ten days, or even twenty days, to temper? If I had to temper it with Qi Blood non-stop every day for more than ten or twenty days, I would indeed need to find several people to take turns! However, the martial arts competition

that the Mysterious Female Cultivator plans to hold will take place in seven days. If I temper it at this speed, it's likely the Demon Pearl won't be fully tempered even by the last day of the competition! To quickly enhance my power, besides diligently practicing various Cultivation Techniques, this Ghost Frog Demon Pearl would greatly increase my combat strength, but...

Seeing him activate his Qi Blood to temper the Demon Pearl and then frowning, Zhao Yufei couldn't help but chuckle. Lin Xuankong turned his head to look at her, frowned, and said, "Are you so happy seeing me struggle to temper this Demon Pearl?"

It was already night. Zhao Yufei raised her eyebrows and said, "My family's ancient books document a clever way to expedite the tempering of Demon Pearls. This method can speed up the tempering, but it consumes much more Qi Blood than normal tempering—by several tenths more! However, since you have a large amount of Demon Flesh, you don't have to worry about Qi Blood. You could try this method to temper the Demon Pearl."

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuankong's eyes lit up. "Quick, tell me!"

Zhao Yufei just smiled and shook her head.

Lin Xuankong: This girl... Her walking is just getting back to normal, and she's already this mischievous. Does she not want to walk tomorrow?

At this moment, Zhao Yufei turned her head to look outside the wooden building.

"Those Martial Cultivators you saved are all waiting outside. They've been waiting for more than an Hour. It's already night, and none of them have gone to rest. Aren't you going to see them?"

More than an Hour?

"Couldn't you have told them something?" Lin Xuankong said.

"You're the husband. It's better if you make the decisions," Zhao Yufei replied.

Lin Xuankong walked to the wooden door and opened it. Outside in the Cold Fragrance Valley, the Martial Cultivators he had saved were gathered, sitting on the ground and whispering about the day's events. Upon hearing the wooden door open, they all immediately raised their heads and looked in his direction.

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Several of the somewhat older Martial Cultivators quickly stood up and led the others over. The scar-faced Lv Sandao cupped his hands respectfully and said, "Many thanks to Daoist Zhao and Daoist Lin for exterminating Liy Ruofeng of the Black Tiger Gang. Without your aid, we would undoubtedly have perished in Cold Fragrance Valley. And when the Demon Slaying Conference ends, our families and disciples outside would have no idea how we met our demise!"

Another long-faced Martial Cultivator spoke, "Guo Chui, Feng Zhulong, and Liy Ruofeng never treated us as human beings! They made us do the most dangerous, dirtiest, and foulest tasks without even providing us with food! Fortunately, Heaven had eyes, and we met powerful individuals like Daoist Zhao and Daoist Lin, who saved us! Especially Daoist Zhao's Eight Gates Celestial Eye—it's so powerful, it truly commands utmost admiration!"

Zhao Yufei said proudly, "You all don't need to thank me. All matters in my household, whether big or small, are decided by my husband!"

Lv Sandao's eyes widened at her words as he looked at the two of them. His scar-face suddenly showed astonishment.

Her husband makes the decisions? Zhao Yufei, such a powerful Martial Cultivator, so young and beautiful, with this white-haired, sixty-something Lin Daoist? Is this a unique taste, a preference for the old and tough? The key point is, she still defers to Daoist Lin... Could it be that Lin Daoist is even more powerful than Zhao Yufei, who can use the Eight Gates Celestial Eye?

The long-faced Martial Cultivator and the other dozens of cultivators all looked astonished, feeling that the world was indeed vast and full of wonders!

「After a while,」

The group finally came to their senses. Lv Sandao spoke with a peculiar expression, "Nevertheless, you two have saved our lives. Henceforth, whatever orders you give, we shall certainly obey! Moreover,

should we survive and leave the valley, we will surely publicize what happened inside, making the countless Martial Cultivators in the hundred cities of Great Marsh Prefecture aware of the righteousness of the Yin Talisman Sect and how vile and cruel the Black Tiger Gang and the Guo and Feng Families are!"

The dozens of Martial Cultivators following him all cupped their hands and bowed, expressing their gratitude to Zhao Yufei and Lin Xuankong. Among the many Martial Cultivators, some faces were filled with gratitude, some couldn't help but show anger when thinking of Liy Ruofeng, and some even had tear stains on their faces. However, under the moonlight, most of the Martial Cultivators were pale, clearly suffering from severe Qi Blood deficiency.

Lin Xuankong scanned the crowd with his eyes and nodded slightly. After killing the Steward of the Black Tiger Gang, he had already gathered over two thousand pounds of Ghost Frog Flesh from the stone grottoes in the valley into the Ghost Frog Pouch at his waist. Seeing the crowd's condition, he couldn't help but feel some sympathy, so he took out over a thousand pounds of Ghost Frog Flesh from the pouch.

He turned to Zhao Yufei. "This Ghost Frog Flesh was mostly obtained by these Martial Cultivators after they killed the Ghost Toads. Let's divide it among them!"

Zhao Yufei glanced at the Ghost Frog Flesh, her brow furrowing slightly. If my husband consumes all of this Ghost Frog Flesh, it would greatly increase his Poison Resistance...

She shook her head and held Lin Xuankong's hand. "I prefer eating fresh and fragrant Ghost Frog Flesh. Why not leave it for me! We have plenty of Marsh Python Flesh from our harvest. Give them one or two thousand pounds of Tier Two Marsh Python Flesh; it will be a great supplement to their Qi Blood!"

Seeing this, Lv Sandao decisively cupped his hands and said, "You both saved our lives; how could we possibly take your spoils of battle!"

The surrounding Martial Cultivators also waved their hands, all saying that they could replenish their Qi Blood by hunting some Tier One Ghost Toads tomorrow! They had suffered greatly these past few days and had long grown fearful of experts far stronger than themselves. They thought: Zhao Yufei could easily defeat Liy Ruofeng, and Lin Xuankong's Thunder Technique was powerful enough to subdue even her. This old man is truly mysterious... How could we dare accept anything from these two Daoists? Wouldn't taking it be courting a shorter life?

Lin Xuankong, seeing this, took out two thousand pounds of Tier Two Marsh Python Flesh from another Ghost Frog Pouch and placed it on the ground. He then looked at Lv Sandao. "Then I'll trouble you, brother, to divide this Marsh Python Flesh among everyone. If there's nothing else, everyone should eat and rest early!"

After speaking, he headed towards the wooden building. However, after a few steps, a hint of doubt flashed in his eyes. He turned to look at Lv Sandao, who was gazing at him. "Of the fifty-odd Martial Cultivators in Cold Fragrance Valley, everyone else is pale and suffering from Qi Blood deficiency. Why are you the only one with a ruddy complexion and abundant Qi Blood?"

Hearing this, Lv Sandao couldn't help but laugh. "If Master Lin wishes to know, please come inside the wooden building, and I will explain in detail?"

「A moment later,」

Inside the wooden building, Lin Xuankong looked at Lv Sandao in surprise. "There's such a special Martial Dao that allows Martial Cultivators to sate their hunger by eating grass and trees?"

Lv Sandao said, "Grass and trees naturally contain essence, but they also harbor some toxins that humans cannot digest. The Blood Eating Secret Technique I cultivate greatly enhances a Martial Cultivator's digestive capabilities and their ability to transform Qi Blood. According to the Cultivation Technique's records, upon reaching the mysterious Eighth or Ninth Layer, one can even convert earth and stones into Qi Blood. If consuming Spirit Medicine or Spiritual Objects, the absorption is extremely thorough, greatly increasing their efficacy!"

I shouldn't be reduced to eating dirt. I won't be that miserable, will I?

However, if it can greatly improve digestive ability and Qi Blood transformation, this Secret Technique is extremely suitable for me.

Yesterday, eating just some Ghost Frog Flesh—twenty pounds in one meal—almost made me explode on the spot... My digestive ability still isn't strong enough!

If I can cultivate this Secret Technique, the speed at which I can increase my Qi and Blood Reserves by consuming Demon Flesh in the future will undoubtedly increase significantly!

Moreover, my current Demon Poison Resistance has already reached Ninth Grade... But without Ghost Frog Eggs, relying on Ghost Frog Flesh to improve it will certainly take a very long time. After all, having reached Ninth Grade, each pound of Ghost Frog Flesh provides very little improvement to Demon Poison Resistance, far from 0.1!

If I obtain this Blood Eating Secret Technique, I'll be able to greatly accelerate the rate at which I enhance my Qi Blood and Poison Resistance!

I wonder what kind of Realm lies beyond Ninth Grade Demon Poison Resistance.

However, a significant Metamorphosis will surely occur...

As Lin Xuankong contemplated, Lv Sandao, observing the changes in Lin Xuankong's expression, predictably cupped his hands and said, "If Master Lin is interested in this Blood Eating Secret Technique, I can transmit the Secret Technique to you right now!"

Lin Xuankong looked at him with some surprise. "The Secret Techniques of various sects and families are hard-won. If Sect Leader Lv truly intends to pass it to me, what compensation would I need to provide?"

Lv Sandao smiled. "Master Lin, you're being too formal. If you hadn't come to Cold Fragrance Valley, not only would we have failed to regain our freedom, but we would have died miserably here! It's just a Secret Technique, not a combat Secret Technique of the Blood Eating Sect, nor is it asking for my life!"

After Lv Sandao departed with a joyful expression, carrying several hundred pounds of Marsh Python Flesh and more than ten Marsh Python Skins, Lin Xuankong looked at his Life Plate.

[Blood Eating Technique: Entry Level 1/900]

The purple-gold light of his Vigorous in Old Age talent flickered.

[Blood Eating Technique: Entry Level 1/15]

Looking at the new Abnormal Technique added to his Life Plate, Lin Xuankong felt a great sense of satisfaction.

Today's harvest was truly bountiful: the Black Soul Wondrous Jade, the Nourishing Heart Method, the Nine-Scaly Armor, Ghost Frog Flesh, the Blood Eating Technique, the Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique, and a powerful offensive Demon Pearl—the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl—ranked seventy-sixth among the thousand-plus types of Demon Pearls in Great Xia! Once I assimilate all these gains, my combat power will definitely increase dramatically! But now I'm cultivating the Pine Crane Longevity Technique, the Yin Talisman Technique, and so many Secret Techniques... Add to that tempering Demon Pearls and nourishing the Black Soul Wondrous Jade, I'm afraid all twelve hours of the day will be consumed by these tasks!

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong looked at Zhao Yufei beside him. "Just now, Sect Leader Lv explained the Blood Eating Technique, and Liy Ruofeng explained the Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique. You should have memorized them both, right? Are you interested in either Abnormal Technique?"

Zhao Yufei frowned slightly. "One technique makes the body larger, the other increases food consumption. I'm not interested!"

Lin Xuankong patiently coaxed, "The main thing is, I want to cultivate them. If you cultivate one of them, we can verify and comprehend them together during our joint Cultivation. We'll surely improve together, and that way, my progress will be faster too!"

Zhao Yufei frowned. "Is that so? Then I... I'll cultivate both. I'll help you as much as I can!"

Lin Xuankong was speechless for a moment. Absolutely right! I'll reward you well tonight!

With all matters arranged, he took out the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl from the Ghost Frog Pouch. He looked eagerly at Zhao Yufei. "Now, can you tell me how to quickly temper the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl?"

This highly-ranked Ghost Frog Demon Pearl, just how powerful is it? What kind of spectacle will it create when activated? To what extent can it enhance my combat power? His heart was already filled with immense anticipation.

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Zhao Yufei leisurely sat in a rattan chair, her pretty face showing a hint of arrogance. She swayed twice and said, "So eager to know? You can't rush these things!"

It was rare to see her husband, whose talent surpassed that of millions, so anxious. This Cold and Charming Daoist Nun was feeling triumphant.

However, seeing Lin Xuankong's "unfriendly gaze" as he quickly approached her, Zhao Yufei suddenly thought of something. Her pretty face showed a hint of fear as she hurriedly spoke, "Actually, it's about using Exorcism Equipment to refine Demon Qi! Each piece of Exorcism Equipment has countless profound Qi Blood Runes, which can accelerate the reduction of Demon Qi!"

"But this method requires constantly activating the Exorcism Equipment repeatedly. Although it can speed up the refining process by several times, the Qi Blood consumption will increase ten to twenty times!"

Upon hearing her, Lin Xuankong's eyes lit up. Activating Exorcism Equipment to refine is indeed a clever method! As for the Qi Blood consumption, will it be significant? Even without considering the over four thousand pounds of Ghost Frog Flesh, nearly thirty thousand pounds of Tier Three Marsh Python Flesh, and over sixty thousand pounds of Tier Two Marsh Python Flesh, the amount of Qi Blood these could replenish is immeasurable! Besides, just in my own Life Plate, there are over ten thousand points of Perfect Qi Blood stored! With so many resources, how can I worry about Qi Blood consumption!

He immediately took out the Nine-Scaly Armor from the Ghost Frog Pouch and activated its white aura to envelop the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl.

In an instant, the white aura disappeared, and the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl trembled slightly.

Lin Xuankong didn't hesitate and continued to activate the Nine-Scaly Armor, ceaselessly producing the white aura to refine it.

「Several hours later.」

During the fourth watch hour, Lin Xuankong's eyes showed a hint of surprise. This refining method is indeed extremely fast! In just a few hours, it has already reduced about one-tenth of the stubborn Demon Qi within the Demon Pearl! If I had relied solely on myself without Exorcism Equipment, in those few hours, refining even one-fortieth of the Demon Qi would have been remarkable! However, the Qi Blood consumption is indeed significant. Over six hundred points of Perfect Level Qi Blood have been reduced, which equates to the total Qi Blood of more than ten Martial Cultivators... For this Demon Pearl, without dozens of Martial Cultivators helping to refine it, it would be impossible to sustain! But with the Demon Pearl in my possession, why would I need to find dozens of Martial Cultivators to help refine it? Even if I take it slow, it will take at most seven to eight days to finish refining and be able to use the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl! Indeed, knowledge is power! If not for Yu Fei's reminder, I would probably still be using Qi Blood to refine! Lin Xuankong rubbed his slightly weary eyes. He looked at Zhao Yufei, who was already asleep on the exquisite wooden bed beside him, a smile playing at the corners of his mouth.

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「In the blink of an eye, six days had passed.」

That morning, Lin Xuankong was sitting cross-legged on the wooden bed, focusing on cultivating the Yin Talisman Technique and using the Yin Talisman Divine Thunder to temper his head and bones. Suddenly, he felt a light illuminating the void within him, followed by a tingling sensation all over his bones.

Soon after, he felt a large amount of Perfect Level Qi Blood converging towards every bone in his body. After a duration equivalent to drinking several cups of tea, a full hundred points of Perfect Level Qi Blood had been consumed.

The next moment, the wooden bed beneath him creaked, seemingly unable to bear the weight. Lin Xuankong stood up, and his footsteps made a THUD sound, like a weight of two to three hundred pounds falling onto the wooden floor.

His face immediately showed joy. The weight of my bones has increased tremendously! This is clearly a sign of advancing into the Mid-grade of the Fourth Layer!

At this moment, he suddenly felt a strange sensation in his upper and lower jaws. He reached out to touch them, and the joy in his eyes became more apparent.

Originally, he was over sixty years old, and most of his teeth had fallen out; on the left side, only two or three remained.

Now, as he touched his mouth, he realized—All my teeth have grown back!

He quickly walked to the bedside and looked at his reflection in the water of the wooden basin.

In the morning light, he saw a full mouth of white, neat teeth. If not for my old face, these neat teeth alone would make me suspect I've turned into a seventeen or eighteen-year-old youth!

However, even with his aged appearance, this mouthful of white teeth, combined with his rosy complexion and full head of silver hair, considerably enhanced his immortal-like aura.

[Realm: Transcendence, Fourth Layer, Mid-grade]

[Yin Talisman Technique: Attained Minor Success 86/232]

[Eight Gates Celestial Eye: Fifth Layer 41/200]

[Perfect Qi Blood: 154,686/500,000]

[Poison Resistance: Ninth Grade of the Mortal Tier 776/800]

[Heart Thought: Mortal Tier Fifth Grade 19/40]

[Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique: Initial Glimpse 10/25]

[Blood Eating Technique: Initial Glimpse 14/25]

Through diligent and unceasing cultivation these past few days, his strength in all aspects was rapidly improving. Besides the advancement in his Realm and the Yin Talisman Technique, there were other gains.

Zhao Yufei, the Cold and Charming Daoist Nun, benefiting from the thirtyfold cultivation speed boost he provided, grew increasingly enthusiastic in her practice. Her proficiency in the Fifth Layer of the Eight Gates Celestial Eye reached forty-one points, benefits which Lin Xuankong naturally reaped effortlessly.

With the daily aid of one Nourishing Spirit Pill, his Heart Thought strength had approached the halfway mark of the Fifth Grade.

According to Zhao Yufei's speculation, the Heart Thought strength of top figures in the hundreds of cities of Great Marsh Prefecture—such as the Yin Talisman Sect Leader, the Black Tiger Gang Leader, various Hall Masters, and Patriarch Feng—is only at the Sixth Grade. This means that after taking Nourishing Spirit Pills for about seven more days, my Heart Thought could reach their Grade. By then, I'll naturally have the chance to use the Entering Illusion ability of the Eight Gates Celestial Eye on them... However, I estimate that individuals like the Elders and disciples of the Profound Phoenix Celestial Sect, as well as figures like Prefect Liy and the Black Tiger Gang Leader who have access to Royal Family resources, might not be limited to only Sixth Grade Heart Thought. In any case, I shouldn't underestimate the most powerful figures in Great Marsh Prefecture just because my own strength has increased!

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Other than that, the Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique had already reached the Mid Stage of the Initial Glimpse Realm. Although he couldn't yet make his bones tremble and instantly grow over ten feet tall like the Grand Chief Stewards of the Black Tiger Gang, he could already enlarge the muscles and bones of any part of his body to a considerable degree.

He looked at his right palm. With a circulation of his Qi Blood, all the bones in his body emitted a low tiger's roar, making him seem extremely imposing. His right hand suddenly grew several times larger, becoming as big as a small fan. He could clearly feel that the strength in his hand had increased two to threefold.

With a light grip, BANG! The air in his palm was compressed and seemed to explode.

At this moment, a sudden knock came from the door of the wooden building. Lin Xuankong walked to the door and opened it. He saw Lv Sandao standing with dozens of Martial Cultivators waiting outside.

Lv Sandao respectfully cupped his hands and said, "Daoist Lin, when do we depart today to hunt Demons?"

Behind him, the dozens of Martial Cultivators were all rosy-faced and energetic, looking at Lin Xuankong with faces full of expectation.

In the past six days, the entire Cold Fragrance Valley had completely changed. With Lin Xuankong and Zhao Yufei leading the hunts for nearby Ghost Toad Communities, these Martial Cultivators had been extraordinarily safe. The only exceptions were the Tier Three Ghost Toads, which required Lin Xuankong to take action. As for the Tier Two Ghost Toad Leaders, they would wet themselves on the spot at the sight of Zhao Yufei.

Tier Two Ghost Toads that weren't leader-level would faint instantly under the illumination of Zhao Yufei's Eight Gates Celestial Eye, without any chance to resist.

These dozens of Martial Cultivators followed the two of them on hunts. They only needed to deal with some pitiful Tier One Demons, essentially just cleaning up and collecting the spoils of war.

Moreover, Lin Xuankong was not a stingy person. He had already told them that as long as they helped process the Ghost Toad Flesh, they would receive a ten percent share. For these Martial Cultivators, it was like free meat falling into their laps!

After all, dealing with a late-stage Tier Two Ghost Toad Leader was already a life-and-death struggle for them. These were powerful Demons possessing formidable Demon Techniques such as Invisibility, being Highly Poisonous, a Long Tongue, and Devour.

If Lin Xuankong and Zhao Yufei hadn't been hunting Demons together with them, when would they have had the chance to follow along and gather meat so easily? A ten percent share of the spoils with no danger whatsoever! For the past six days, they had been as happy as larks.

If not for this, why would they be so eager, coming to find Lin Xuankong early every morning?

「Half an hour later,」

They had arrived near a newly discovered, pitiful Ghost Toad Community.

Lin Xuankong observed for a while. Seeing no Tier Three Ghost Toads, he immediately lost interest.

Zhao Yufei, however, let out a sharp cry and led the dozens of wolf-like Martial Cultivators to charge at the Ghost Toads whose forms were revealed under her Celestial Eye.

Lin Xuankong, meanwhile, leisurely walked under a giant tree and opened one of the six Ghost Toad Pouches at his waist.

He originally had one Ghost Toad Pouch. While with Han Feiyan and the others, he acquired two more. Later, he got another from Liy Ruofeng. After clearing out three pitiful Tier Three Ghost Toad Communities, he had accumulated seven of these invaluable storage Treasures.

He gave one of the seven Ghost Toad Pouches to Zhao Yufei, keeping the remaining six hanging at his waist.

On the way to the Zhen Character Gathering Place, he had needed to transport tens of thousands of pounds of Marsh Python Flesh on wooden sleds. Back then, Lin Xuankong had wondered if he could obtain a Ghost Toad Pouch. Now he had so many that three of them were always empty!

Having too many storage Treasures is a "happy" burden!

He wore six Ghost Toad Pouches at his waist every day, causing the dozens of Martial Cultivators to look at his waist with extremely envious gazes each time.

The Ghost Toad Pouch he now opened contained over nineteen thousand pounds of Ghost Toad Flesh, contributed by the clearing of more than forty Ghost Toad Communities recently.

This was because he had already eaten more than three thousand pounds of Ghost Toad Flesh in these six days; otherwise, the total would have been a full twenty thousand pounds.

Thinking of the more than three thousand pounds of Ghost Toad Flesh he had consumed, Lin Xuankong silently marveled. The Blood Eating Technique Lv Sandao taught me is truly powerful!

From the moment he began cultivating the Blood Eating Technique, his appetite had increased daily. Initially, twenty pounds of meat per meal nearly made his stomach burst. Later, he could easily digest sixty to seventy pounds per meal.

Once his Blood Eating Technique entered the Initial Glimpse Realm, his stomach and intestines became many times more powerful and resilient. Now, he could consume over two hundred pounds of Ghost Toad Flesh in a single meal!

He had also discovered a peculiar characteristic of the Blood Eating Technique: the more high-grade meat he consumed, the faster the technique would improve. I've been cultivating both the Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique and the Blood Eating Technique simultaneously, yet the progress of my Blood Eating Technique has far surpassed that of the Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique. This makes me able to eat more and more, creating a reinforcing cycle... Miraculously, it hasn't put any strain on my backside!

This Blood Eating Technique, though easily acquired from Lv Sandao, is evidently very profound and far from an ordinary Cultivation Technique.

According to Lv Sandao, their Blood Eating Sect's founding master hailed from a Major Sect in Nanyuan Prefecture called the Profound Glutton Sect, which was also quite renowned and had deep roots.

Most crucially, with the assistance of this Blood Eating Secret Technique, Lin Xuankong's Qi and Blood Reserves had now soared to an extremely terrifying level: [Perfect Qi Blood: 154,686/500,000]

Even though he consumed a large amount of Qi Blood when refining Demon Pearls daily, his Qi and Blood Reserves were still skyrocketing.

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The terrifying Qi and Blood Reserves of over 150,000 units, compared to the less than one hundred points of Perfect Qi Blood reserves of ordinary third or fourth-layer Martial Cultivators, were like comparing Zhang Fei to a bean sprout!

With such Qi and Blood Reserves, the endurance when powering any Martial Skill, Secret Technique, Demon Pearl, or Treasure would be absolutely astonishing! Even if he were to use highly Qi Blood-consuming Secret Techniques like the Shadow Concealment Primordial Technique or Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique for several hours, he wouldn't feel a thing! This realization made Lin Xuankong deeply emotional; the trip to Demon-Suppressing Valley had been immensely rewarding!

Of course, at this moment, what he was most looking forward to, besides the imminent refining of the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl, was the imminent advancement of his Poison Resistance!

Taking out some Ghost Frog Flesh, he leisurely watched as his wife led a group of Martial Cultivators to brutally beat the Ghost Toads. Lin Xuankong's hands emitted a sizzling sound. Soon, heaps of Ghost Frog Flesh were roasted to varying degrees: fifty pounds cooked to thirty percent doneness, forty pounds to fifty percent, ten pounds to seventy percent, and sixty pounds to one hundred percent! It couldn't be helped; with a great appetite and an abundance of Ghost Frog Flesh, he was just that extravagant, able to feast on various flavors and textures in a single meal!

Moreover, to enhance the flavor, Lin Xuankong had specifically selected some spicy grass seeds with various poisonous properties from different plants around Cold Fragrance Valley. The more toxic these grass seeds, the spicier and more delectable they became! Without cumin or chili powder, these poisonous grass seeds would serve as seasonings this time!

At this moment, he sprinkled the various spicy, poisonous grass seeds onto the Ghost Frog Flesh and began to devour it heartily. In no time, he had eaten several dozen pounds.

Not far off, the Martial Cultivators who had slain the Ghost Toads and were now taking a short rest turned to look at him, their expressions changing instantly. They were not surprised by Lin Xuankong's daily binge-eating habits but mainly by the fact that this mysterious old man ate various poisonous grass seeds every day.

When they first saw Lin Xuankong eating so heartily, a few Martial Cultivators had tried to imitate him by using some grass seeds as seasonings. The result was that, though they found it delicious while eating, after finishing, a few of them suffered such severe diarrhea that they became utterly emaciated

and had to lie down for two full days before their strong Qi Blood as Martial Cultivators pulled them through!

By now, no one dared imitate this old man. In recent days, as the numerous Martial Cultivators watched Lin Xuankong select increasingly toxic varieties of grass seeds, their perception of this old man grew ever more mysterious. After all, using so many poisons as seasonings wasn't something that could be achieved by merely eating some Ghost Frog Flesh.

At this moment, even the scar-faced Lv Sandao looked over with a strange expression. Though his Blood Eating Technique Realm was high, his Poison Resistance was vastly inferior to Lin Xuankong's; how could he dare to eat poisonous grass seeds so recklessly?

A moment later, after devouring over two hundred pounds of Ghost Frog Flesh, Lin Xuankong's stomach bulged slightly, and he leaned against a tree to rest. Zhao Yufei's two fierce dogs squatted nearby, looking at some Ghost Frog Flesh scraps on the ground, then at the poisonous grass seeds on the flesh scraps, licking their tongues but not daring to eat them. These two fierce dogs had suffered greatly before from licking up flesh scraps Lin Xuankong had dropped.

At this very moment, Lin Xuankong suddenly felt all the pores on his body relax. Countless fine, black, viscous particles gradually seeped out from his innumerable pores. A faint, foul stench emanated from every part of him as the deepest impurities within his body were expelled! Soon after, his entire body felt incredibly refreshed and light, as if he might float away at any moment.

In his Brain Mansion, within his Life Plate, a line of large characters suddenly pulsed with a hazy, brilliant light:

[Poison Resistance: Immortal Tier First Grade 1/1600]

Seeing this change, Lin Xuankong's eyes froze, his face immediately showing an extremely surprised expression.

Poison Resistance at Immortal Tier First Grade? The Grade after Mortal Tier Ninth Grade is actually Immortal Tier First Grade! So, after Transcendence, one reaches the Immortal Tier! If that's the case, could it be that this world...

He stared at the clear, distinct characters, utterly dumbfounded for the space of Half a Cup of Tea Time. When his emotions finally calmed down, joy filled his eyes and heart. In just under ten days, his Poison Resistance had truly achieved Transcendence!

This was partly due to eating a hundred rare Ghost Frog Eggs and enormous amounts of Ghost Frog Flesh, but the most crucial factor was his Vigorous in Old Age Life Plate. Under its influence, it was as if he had consumed at least six thousand Ghost Frog Eggs and hundreds of thousands of pounds of Ghost Frog King Flesh!

No wonder, before entering Demon-Suppressing Valley, anyone who spoke of the Demon Slaying Conference called it a path to the heavens! It turned out it truly was a path to the heavens, in the most literal sense.

「A cup of tea time later,」

After washing up, Lin Xuankong returned to the tree, where Zhao Yufei was already seated on the Female Dragon Blood Fierce Dog, which was lying by the tree. Seeing Lin Xuankong approach, she wiped the sweat from her forehead.

"We killed a total of seven Tier Two Ghost Toads and ninety-seven Tier One Ghost Toads. They've already processed most of them and will probably harvest over a thousand pounds of Ghost Toad leg meat... Huh? Wait, why do you have a faint fragrance about you?"

"Really?" Lin Xuankong sniffed. He had been so focused on washing off the foul-smelling sweat that he hadn't noticed. But now, taking a careful sniff, there was indeed a very distinct, yet subtle, fragrance.

Is this because my Poison Resistance has advanced to Immortal Tier First Grade? That would make sense. After all, even if only my Poison Resistance has reached the Immortal Tier, it still means I possess a minuscule fraction of a Half-Immortal Body. It's only natural there'd be some 'immortal scent' to me!

Thinking this, he carefully sensed himself, then his eyes lit up. He discovered that with his Poison Resistance having undergone such a Metamorphosis, his Qi Blood also seemed to have undergone some kind of transformation. When he circulated it or looked inward, he could faintly perceive an inexplicable radiance within his Qi Blood!

Frowning in thought, he called over the Male Dragon Blood Fierce Dog, pointing to the Ghost Frog Flesh scraps on the ground, which were coated with the highly poisonous grass seeds. "Eat these scraps!"

Zhao Yufei: ...

Male Dragon Blood Fierce Dog: ...

The Female Dragon Blood Fierce Dog widened its eyes, looking on with keen and rather excited interest.

"Those grass seeds on the scraps are poisonous! It hasn't eaten nearly as much Ghost Frog Flesh as you; how could it possibly handle them! If you have nothing better to do, go cultivate your Cultivation Technique or refine a Demon Pearl! Why are you tormenting this Dragon Blood Fierce Dog?" Zhao Yufei protested. Bullying her dog was one thing, but one should at least consider the owner!

Lin Xuankong smiled. "The grass seeds I used today are very low in toxicity. It would be a shame to waste these frog scraps!"

BANG.

He kicked the dog's rear.

"Eat it quickly!"

The Male Dragon Blood Fierce Dog looked pitifully at Zhao Yufei. However, seeing its master glaring suspiciously at Lin Xuankong and paying it no mind, a human-like expression of utter despair appeared on its canine face. It stuck out its tongue, licked up a scrap of Ghost Frog Flesh coated with grass seeds, and gulped it down. Then, it prepared to display a human-like expression of 'inconsolable grief.'

At this moment, Lin Xuankong circulated his Qi Blood internally. As he petted the dog's fur, he secretly infused some of his Qi Blood into the Male Dragon Blood Fierce Dog's body, then withdrew his hand, carefully observing the Male Dragon Blood Fierce Dog.

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After a moment, the Male Dragon Blood Fierce Dog's eyes showed some confusion. It looked down at the delicious Ghost Frog meat scraps stuck with grass seeds on the ground. It clearly remembered the previous nightmarish episode of dashing back and forth; it had suffered such terrible diarrhea that even the Female Dragon Blood Fierce Dog had ignored it!

Lin Xuankong's eyes, however, revealed joy. Sure enough, after his Poison Resistance mutated to the First Grade of the Immortal Tier, his Qi Blood underwent some qualitative changes. Although it wasn't in terms of Martial Dao power, when infused into others or Exotic Beasts, it could allow them to dissipate the poison within their bodies! My Half-Immortal Body is simply too strong!

"I told you, the grass seeds this time are just for seasoning; the toxicity is very low!" Lin Xuankong said. "A Late-Stage Tier Two Dragon Blood Fierce Dog can completely resist it after eating some. Look, it's perfectly fine. How could I harm my wife's dog?"

Gaining such a physique so suddenly is truly too shocking, Lin Xuankong thought. I can't explain it to Yu Fei right away... I'll find a chance to tell her later.

"Really? Then what were you doing circulating your Qi Blood just now?" Zhao Yufei asked suspiciously.

Lin Xuankong decisively looked towards the Ghost Frog Community. "They've already processed the spoils. Darling, why don't you go and count them?"

Upon hearing this, Zhao Yufei's expression changed. She immediately stood up and quickly walked toward the Ghost Frog Community. As the wife managing Lin Xuankong's household affairs, she was very dedicated!

At this moment, the Female Dragon Blood Fierce Dog, seeing the male one licking a few more meat scraps without any issues, decisively crawled over. It barked a few times, scolding the Male Dragon Blood Fierce Dog, which had its tail tucked, and driving it to one side. Then, it cheerfully began eating the fragrant meat scraps.

Moments later, "AWOOOOO!"

The Female Dragon Blood Fierce Dog's stomach gurgled, and it rushed straight into the nearby forest.

The Male Dragon Blood Fierce Dog tucked its tail, its eyes darting between Lin Xuankong, the forest, and the meat scraps, its canine face a picture of utter confusion.

「The next day, in the morning,」

Today, because he needed to refine the last part of the stubborn Demon Qi from the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl, Lin Xuankong decided to rest and not take anyone out to hunt Demons.

On the second floor of the wooden building, Lin Xuankong activated his Nine-Scaly Armor. A large amount of Qi Blood continuously transformed into a white aura, wrapping around the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl. The Ghost Frog Demon Pearl trembled slightly, strands of Demon Qi from within it quickly fusing with the white Qi Blood and disappearing.

Zhao Yufei, on the wooden bed beside him, lazily got up. After watching for a while, she began her cultivation of the Eight Gates Celestial Eye and Yin Talisman Technique.

The sun moved from the eastern side of the wooden building until it was directly overhead.

The two Dragon Blood Fierce Dogs at the entrance of the wooden building shifted their position, sprawling in the shadow on the northern side of the building.

In the distance, dozens of Martial Cultivators in Cold Fragrance Valley were each using salt to process the hundreds of pounds of Tier One Ghost Frog Flesh they had been allocated in recent days. Although this Demon Flesh didn't spoil easily, it could be preserved for much longer, even for several years, by rubbing it with salt and then hanging it in a cool place to air-dry. After all, they were not Lin Xuankong and didn't have Ghost Frog Pouches to store the Ghost Frog Flesh. This method, however, allowed them to preserve their entire harvest from the Demon-Suppressing Valley.

Even though in Cold Fragrance Valley this Ghost Frog Flesh seemed to be everywhere, hanging on tree branches, every Martial Cultivator knew that once they could leave the valley alive, even Tier One Ghost Frog Flesh could be sold for an extremely high price in Great Marsh Prefecture. After all, Tier One Ghost Frog Flesh was several times more expensive than Tier One Marsh Python Flesh!

Every busy Martial Cultivator's face was filled with eagerness and anticipation. When they occasionally looked at the wooden building, most of them showed gratitude and awe in their eyes. They knew that all of this was brought by the old husband and young wife in the wooden building. Without them, not only would they not have made such great profits, their corpses might have long since dried out!

As the sun set behind the western hills, the dozens of Martial Cultivators returned to their own wooden huts, closing their eyes and resting with great relaxation. With Zhao Yufei's two Dragon Blood Fierce Dogs standing guard at the valley entrance, they fell asleep quickly and peacefully. They even had the illusion that this wasn't the extremely dangerous Demon-Suppressing Valley, but rather their own homes.

「At the valley entrance,」

The two Dragon Blood Fierce Dogs were each crouching on one side, glaring at their surroundings. These two dogs had grown very quickly recently. After all, Exotic Beasts were different from ordinary Martial Cultivators; as long as they had enough resources, they could rapidly increase their Grade. In the past seven or eight days, except for the two days they had diarrhea, the two Dragon Blood Fierce Dogs ate dozens of pounds of Marsh Python Flesh brimming with Demon Essence every day. Now, they had grown even more robust, their fur glossier, and they were about to reach Tier Two Perfection, soon to break through to Tier Three!

「On the second floor of the wooden building,」

Lin Xuankong, who had been refining the Demon Pearl for seven or eight hours, gradually showed a hint of excitement in his eyes.

"You can stop now," Zhao Yufei's somewhat excited voice rang out. "The Demon Pearl can't have all its Demon Qi removed; a trace must be left as a catalyst!" This newlywed, cold and elegant beauty, her charming face now alight with a lively expression, seemed even more thrilled than Lin Xuankong.

Lin Xuankong nodded, decisively stopped circulating his Qi Blood, and put away the Nine-Scaly Armor. Then he picked up the Demon Pearl and examined it carefully.

Under the oil lamp, this Demon Pearl, originally filled with ghastly white ghost patterns, having lost most of its Demon Qi, had become incredibly crystal clear. It looked like a Glazed Treasure Pearl, shimmering

with a brilliant light. At the very center of the pearl, a faint wisp of Demon Qi swirled into the form of an extremely tiny Ghost Toad, constantly drifting within the pearl. It looked as if a Ghost Frog King, the size of a green bean, was rotating inside!

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Standing next to Lin Xuankong and looking at the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl, Zhao Yufei's eyes revealed a hint of fervor. Ever since she was old enough to understand, this pampered young lady from the declining Zhao Family had longed for her family to possess a Demon Pearl, so that they could rise in Great Marsh Prefecture City! After all, possessing a Demon Pearl could greatly affect a family's combat strength and deterrence! Now, not only had she found an unparalleled genius, but he had also acquired one of the Great Xia Demon Pearls, ranked seventy-sixth...

"I'll activate it now and give it a try!" Lin Xuankong said.

Zhao Yufei, her eyes still brimming with fervor, couldn't help but shake her head repeatedly at his words. "How can we test it in the wooden building? The commotion would be too great! Other than the now-deceased Liy Ruofeng and Black Tiger Steward, nobody else in the valley knows you obtained the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl. For such a powerful trump card, the fewer who know, the better. Testing this Demon Pearl's power definitely can't be done within Cold Fragrance Valley! Let's head outside the valley and find an open space. I also want to witness firsthand what kind of power this Demon Pearl, ranked seventy-sixth, will unleash once it's activated!"

"Let's go!"

Lin Xuankong grasped the Demon Pearl with his right hand and took Zhao Yufei's hand with his left. The two of them lightly leaped out of the Second Layer's window, landed silently, and headed outside the valley.

"WHIMPER... WHIMPER..."

The two Dragon Blood Fierce Dogs, seeing their masters, whimpered softly.

"Stand guard here!" Zhao Yufei commanded in a low voice, then followed Lin Xuankong toward the south of the valley.

「A moment later,」

The two stood in a clearing surrounded by the forest. Zhao Yufei looked at Lin Xuankong and said with a smile, "The Ghost Frog Demon Pearl is different from the recently famous Twin Vine Demon Pearl. Pearls formed from plant-type Demons, like the Twin Vine Demon Pearl, require continuous Qi Blood consumption to activate! As for this Ghost Frog Demon Pearl, my family's records mention that upon activation, it directly consumes roughly the Qi Blood Amount replenished by eight servings of Nine Revolutions Qi Replenishing Soup. Generally, only Martial Cultivators who have reached at least Second Layer Perfection can activate it, but it will still instantly deplete all the Qi Blood in their body! However, the summoned Demon can last for an impressive ninety breaths, helping the Martial Cultivator exhibit immense combat power. As the Martial Cultivator's Realm increases, it can summon Ghost Frog Demons of increasingly higher and stronger Grades! The most powerful aspect is that the summoned Demon can be influenced by enhancement-type Martial Arts. If you use the Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique while activating the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl, the Demon's body will also grow larger, and its explosive power will increase. If you use the Blood Eating Technique while activating the Demon Pearl, the Demon's devouring and digestion abilities will be greatly enhanced! Moreover, if the summoned Demon disperses due to fatal injuries, as long as the activator has sufficient Qi Blood, it can be immediately re-summoned. This effectively gives the Martial Cultivator an indestructible and powerful companion of the same Realm!"

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but marvel. Demons inherently possess various Demon Techniques, and if they also master Martial Arts... how could they not be powerful! With keen anticipation glowing in his eyes, he activated the Demon Pearl.

「In the next instant,」

A thick mist of Demon Qi enveloped Lin Xuankong's vision. A giant ghost frog, over three zhang tall, abruptly appeared before him. The massive Demon was like a small building, towering several times Lin Xuankong's height. The colossal frog's mouth alone was a zhang wide, and its lantern-sized eyes glowed. Its entire body was white, yet the ghostly patterns on its body were no longer the original black but had turned pure crimson, as if condensed from Qi Blood, making it look extremely imposing and domineering!

「In the next moment,」

The ghost frog suddenly shrank dramatically, becoming the size of two millstones!

Zhao Yufei's eyes flickered. "The gigantic ghost frog you just summoned corresponds to your Realm, making it a terrifying Fourth-Tier Demon. However, because we are within the Grand Array of Demon-Suppressing Valley, it has been suppressed to Third-Tier Perfection! Once you are outside this Grand Array, activating the Demon Pearl will naturally summon a Fourth-Tier Demon!"

Lin Xuankong nodded slightly, looking at the ghost frog as its huge eyes turned down to stare at him. With a mere thought from him, the ghost frog's body trembled and instantly vanished. The Demon summoned by the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl naturally possessed all the Demon Techniques of a ghost frog!

「In the next instant,」 from the spot where it had vanished, hundreds of long, black tongues like tendrils, dripping with venom, shot out. They extended dozens of zhang toward the surrounding giant trees.

In a flash, hundreds of massive trees, each so thick that several people would be needed to encircle it, were simultaneously struck by the hundreds of black Long Tongues. They began to creak and then toppled to one side.

"BOOM! BOOM!"

The deafening sounds spread in all directions. All the giant trees within an area of over ten mu fell, as if some terrifying, world-ending meteorite had ravaged this part of the forest! Immediately after, the hundreds of Long Tongues wrapped around dozens of the giant trees, pulling them back. One after another, the massive logs disappeared into the spot where the tongues had emerged, as if an abyss existed there, capable of devouring and corroding everything...

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「At the entrance of Cold Fragrance Valley,」

Lin Xuankong and Zhao Yufei stood next to a wooden sleigh covered with soft Python Skin. Two Dragon Blood Fierce Dogs were crouched spiritedly at the front of the sleigh. Lv Sandao and dozens of Martial Cultivators looked toward Lin Xuankong and Zhao Yufei, their faces full of emotion.

"Daoist Zhao, Daoist Lin, I wish you both a safe journey back to the Xun Branch gathering place!" a long-faced Martial Cultivator said, reluctantly cupping his hands.

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A scar on Lv Sandao's face twitched as he smiled. "With the prowess of Daoist Zhao and Daoist Lin, we should be hoping they encounter more Tier Three Demons on their journey!"

The many Martial Cultivators couldn't help but erupt in laughter at his words.

However, after the laughter died down, everyone looked at Lin Xuankong and Zhao Yufei with faces full of emotion, unwilling to part. Following them for these past days had brought them immense gains...

Lv Sandao glanced at the people behind him, then looked at Lin Xuankong and Zhao Yufei again, his expression suddenly becoming serious.

"Daoist Zhao, Daoist Lin, we have already decided. If we make it out of this valley alive, we will inform the elders, the Sect Leader, and the Sect Leader about everything that has happened here. Although the Black Tiger Gang and the Feng and Guo Families are powerful, our combined forces are not to be underestimated. The thirty-plus sects we hail from, spanning various cities, have tens of thousands of Martial Cultivators. They cannot bully us so freely. At that time, we will demand justice from the Black Tiger Gang, the Feng and Guo Families, from the Prefect of Great Marsh Prefecture, and Elder Hua of the Celestial Sect! Do Daoist Zhao and Daoist Lin have any thoughts on this?"

Lin Xuankong and Zhao Yufei exchanged a glance and nodded slightly.

Lin Xuankong began, "This matter is of great importance. After we leave the valley, it's best that everyone discusses it with their sect elders before deciding. Until then, the events in Cold Fragrance Valley should be kept quiet for now."

All the Martial Cultivators nodded in agreement.

Lin Xuankong continued, "The Ghost Frog Community near Cold Fragrance Valley has been entirely eradicated. Staying here, you shouldn't encounter any more danger. If you're worried about Guo Chui and Feng Zhulong returning, you can head to the Xun Branch gathering place!"

"No need for more words. Once out of the valley, if any of you have the time, you're welcome to visit the Yin Talisman Sect. We'll surely welcome you!"

After Lin Xuankong finished speaking, he looked at Zhao Yufei, who softly called out. Two Dragon Blood Fierce Dogs immediately stood up, pulling the wooden sled and heading into the distance.

Lv Sandao and dozens of Martial Cultivators stood at the valley entrance, watching for a while before returning to the valley to discuss their next steps.

「Two days later,」

Lin Xuankong was sitting on the wooden sled, quietly nurturing the Black Soul Wondrous Jade.

Zhao Yufei's pretty face showed a complicated expression. "We can already see Juefeng Mountain. In another few dozen li, I'll use the Eight Gates Celestial Eye to inspect the mountaintop! Steward Hu, Steward Lin Jiao, and Steward Nalan shouldn't be in any danger!"

Lin Xuankong looked at her profile. "Why, you don't want to go up? Is Miss Zhao afraid to see them?"

Zhao Yufei glared at him. "Leaving Juefeng Mountain with you, who would have thought we'd end up like this...."

Lin Xuankong responded, "Indeed, we left as fellow disciples and returned as bedmates!"

Zhao Yufei was left speechless.

Lin Xuankong said, "We'll just go up and take a look. Let's not tell them about our situation yet. Once we return to Great Marsh Prefecture City, I'll formally propose, following all traditions, including betrothal gifts and official marriage procedures, just like with my wife at home."

Upon hearing this, Zhao Yufei's eyes sparkled with joy as she nodded vigorously. Lin Xuankong suddenly recalled something and felt a slight headache.

A moment later, the wooden sled pulled by the fierce dogs stopped near Juefeng Mountain. Lin Xuankong raised his head, his Double Pupils appearing, changing the scene before him.

On the mountaintop of Juefeng Mountain, figures were moving about. In front of Steward Hu's stone house, Steward Hu, Steward Lin Jiao, and Nalan Yunzhu were discussing something with a few Martial Cultivators. Lin Jiao's mouth was wide open, laughing heartily.

Before long, the two Dragon Blood Fierce Dogs left Lin Xuankong and Zhao Yufei, climbing up the steep cliff towards the mountaintop. Lin Xuankong and Zhao Yufei departed from the Xun Branch gathering place's area, heading towards the Kun Branch gathering place.

Lin Xuankong estimated that a fierce battle at the Kun Branch gathering place was inevitable. Zhao Yufei's strength had greatly increased, reaching Tier Three Perfection. With the suit of Battle Armor he had given her, plus the Silver Hook Armor, she had two sets of Battle Armor protecting her and more than enough to ensure her own safety. However, if the Dragon Blood Fierce Dogs accompanied them, they might end up as dog meat...

「Several hours later,」

Speeding through the forest, Lin Xuankong glanced at the Black Soul Wondrous Jade in his hand.

In another half-day, both Black Soul Wondrous Jades would be completely nurtured, further enhancing his strength. This kind of Black Soul Wondrous Jade, which even the Great Xia Royal Family highly values, substantially boosts a Martial Cultivator's strength before the Sixth Layer. Although it doesn't match the power of a Ghost Frog Demon Pearl, it's nearly as potent as a Twin Vine Demon Pearl. Furthermore, he had two of them! With his Qi and Blood reserves, simultaneously unleashing the power of several Demon Pearls and both his Black Soul Wondrous Jades would be effortless!

While sprinting, Zhao Yufei suddenly looked at Lin Xuankong and spoke, "Husband, as the saying goes, 'The tree that stands out in the forest is the first to fall to the wind.' You currently possess many trump cards that countless people would covet, as well as a talent from the Yin Talisman Sect rarely seen in a thousand years. It truly isn't advisable to expose all of these to the world right now.

"Regarding this visit to the Kun Branch gathering place, if you intend to reclaim the Marsh Python Demon Pearl and slay San Gu, I think it should be done secretly. Moreover, during the process of reclaiming the Marsh Python Demon Pearl, you should hide some of your trump cards and not reveal your full hand.

"Especially the Ghost Frog Demon Pearl. Unless you can guarantee killing all witnesses, it's best not to use it lightly."

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"As for the two pieces of Black Soul Wondrous Jade obtained from Liy Ruofeng, I killed him, so I can use them as I please. Even if the Black Tiger Gang learns about it outside the Demon-Suppressing Valley, they won't be able to retaliate against me unless they want to start a full-scale war between the Yin Talisman Sect, the Zhao Family, and the Black Tiger Gang!"

Lin Xuankong thought to himself, This Zhao Family maiden has indeed been wholeheartedly devoted to me since she was promised, yet I have kept many things from her! Even the Black Soul Wondrous Jade, I lied about its origin to maintain my identity as the Conical Hat Guest, telling her both pieces were found on Liy Ruofeng.

He stopped and looked at Zhao Yufei with some guilt in his eyes. "We've been traveling for several Hours; you must have exhausted quite a bit of Qi Blood and are probably weary! It's already late, and there's a cave over there. Let's rest there for tonight!"

"A cave?" Zhao Yufei turned her head to look, and her pretty face suddenly showed a complex expression.

「Two days later,」

At the Kun Branch gathering spot, beneath Luoxia Slope, inside a fairly large stone building,

Feng Zhulong looked at San Gu and Guo Chui and sighed,

"Who would have thought that this mysterious Female Cultivator is the incredibly esteemed Celestial Sect Saintess of the Great Xia Dynasty! The Celestial Sect Saintess braves dangerous lands and holds a martial arts tournament just to find a hint of enlightenment. This gives us a chance to glimpse her celestial appearance, but who among the countless strong individuals in the Demon-Suppressing Valley can aid her in achieving enlightenment and truly win her heart's favor in the coming days of the tournament?"

San Gu looked sullen. "The martial arts tournament has only just begun, and those who have taken the stage so far are insignificant!

Right now, the most crucial figure is Lin Xuankong. After much thought, I realize I must eliminate him to feel at ease! I have already gathered dozens of notable Tier Three experts and now only need the assistance of two true masters!"

With that, he gritted his teeth and took out a Jade Box from his bosom.

"Venerable brothers, inside are two Grade-Entering Sunflower Water Pills bestowed upon me by the Steward of the Holy Dragon Association after I joined. They are essential elixirs for Martial Cultivators to take before advancing to the Fifth Layer realm, offering a chance to successfully achieve Opening Veins after consuming just one pill!"

"These elixirs are invaluable, especially since they can't be bought outside. They can only be obtained from the officials, Celestial Sect, or Holy Dragon Association! If you help me kill Lin Xuankong, I'll give each of you one Sunflower Water Elixir!"

Feng Zhulong and Guo Chui's eyes lit up instantly, gazing at the Jade Box with intense fervor.

Although the Feng Family and Guo Family reign supreme in the Great Marsh Prefecture as top-tier families, obtaining even one Sunflower Water Elixir is a grueling task, not to mention the favors required!

When the Second-in-Command of the Feng Family advanced to the Early Stage of the Fifth Layer, he spent fifteen pieces of Exorcism Equipment to exchange for three Sunflower Water Elixirs. Relying on those three elixirs, he fortunately succeeded in Opening Veins.

"Brother San Gu's prowess should make killing a Tier Three Marsh Python no problem. Why then fear Lin Xuankong, who killed one Marsh Python? Or does Lin Xuankong have powerful aid?" Feng Zhulong suppressed his excitement, a hint of doubt in his eyes.

Seeing the suspicion from Feng Zhulong and Guo Chui, San Gu's heart jolted. He gritted his teeth and spoke,

"As long as you strike with me in the Demon-Suppressing Valley, even Late Stage Tier Four Martial Cultivators would be killed instantly. However, Lin Xuankong has some tricks up his sleeve, so we must not let him strike first!"

He retrieved a Jade Bottle from his bosom.

"I have borrowed White Snake Venom from Chu Qing, the Young Gang Leader of the Spirit Snake Gang and top-ranked on the Hero List. This venom is made from the poison of a Tier Six White Snake Beast provided by a Tributor of the Spirit Snake Gang. Martial Cultivators below the Fifth Layer will perish upon contact. When dealing with Lin Xuankong, I'll lead a few disciples from the Gu Yue Sect in the first attack. The venom alone should be enough to overcome him. I am merely seeking additional support for assurance!"

Feng Zhulong's face changed slightly upon hearing the words "White Snake Venom." His Qi Blood secretly started to circulate.

This normally arrogant sixth son of the Feng Family revealed a look of extreme dread as he stared at the Jade Bottle.

Now, even Guo Chui, ranked fourth on the Hero List, couldn't help but place his hand on his Exorcism Armor.

The two thought silently for a few moments, exchanged glances, and then both nodded in agreement.

Guo Chui said, "With our many years of friendship, how could we not help with this small task?"

Feng Zhulong secretly found it amusing. This San Gu, having acquired the Spirit Snake Gang's notorious venom, famed throughout the Great Marsh Prefecture, was still so cautious. Truly overly prudent. Could that Lin Xuankong possibly be a Tier Six Martial Cultivator?

At that moment, footsteps sounded outside the stone building, and a four-armed Martial Cultivator hurried in.

"The junior brother watching the road by Black Water Lake reports that Lin Xuankong and Zhao Yufei have reached Black Water Lake. They will likely arrive at the gathering spot here in about four Hours!"

San Gu suddenly stood up, his six eyes flashing with killing intent, and shouted, "He's coming! Gather everyone at once! Prepare to intercept and kill!"

Guo Chui, ranked fourth on the Hero List, lightly tapped the Kui Ox Drum beside him.

"Interesting. I want to see just how capable the Martial Cultivator who makes Brother San Gu so fearful is!

The unparalleled Treasure Drum passed down in my family was originally intended to assist the Saintess in enlightenment during the martial arts tournament, in hopes of receiving her rewards. Now, let's have Lin Xuankong taste its supreme power first!"

Of course, the most important thing is that just by making a move, I can obtain the Sunflower Water Treasure Elixir... His eyes gleamed with fervor as he looked at the Jade Box in San Gu's hand.

Chapter 140: Shadow of the Black Soul Moves Stealthily Without a Trace, White Snake Venom is Somewhat Sweet

The south wind blew gently, making the surface of Black Water Lake shimmer. In the forest by the lake, at the entrance of a cave, Zhao Yufei feebly adjusted her clothes, then curiously looked at the two pieces of Black Soul Wondrous Jade in Lin Xuankong's hands. Lin Xuankong, with a refreshed spirit, poured Qi Blood into one piece of the Black Soul Wondrous Jade.

As the Qi Blood was consumed, the gourd-shaped Black Soul Wondrous Jade began to emit a faint glow. Lin Xuankong's eyes gradually lit up, and he smiled, "Huluwa is about to be born!"

Zhao Yufei frowned slightly. "What nonsense are you talking about? What Huluwa? The Black Soul Wondrous Jade is supposed to summon the Shadow of the Black Soul!"

Lin Xuankong smacked his lips. Alas, his otherworldly wife couldn't catch his joke!

「In the next moment,」

Under the moonlight, Lin Xuankong's previously still shadow started to wriggle. It gradually expanded, then transformed into a black figure that stood upright.

The black figure looked as solid as a real person. It stood there, resembling a human in shape but entirely pitch-black; its eyes, mouth, teeth, and clothing were all the same dark shade. It matched Lin Xuankong's height and build exactly!

With a Heart Thought from Lin Xuankong, the shadow prostrated itself on the ground, transforming into a substantial yet intangible shadow. It darted rapidly into the distance, its speed matching that of a powerful Martial Cultivator at the Perfection of the Third Layer. Yet, it moved without making a sound or causing any disturbance in the air!

The shadow continuously dashed through the shadows of the giant trees in the forest. It was almost impossible to spot unless one observed carefully in advance!

Lin Xuankong's eyes gleamed with joy; the Black Soul Wondrous Jade lived up to his expectations.

The Black Soul Wondrous Jade, highly valued by the Great Xia Royal Family, is indeed marvelous. The Shadow of the Black Soul it summons is of the same tier as me, just like the demons summoned by a Demon Pearl! Moreover, I can sense that if I activate the Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique before summoning it, the Shadow of the Black Soul will also gain significant strength! Its stealth capability is exceptionally powerful, no less than the invisibility of the Ghost Toad!

Zhao Yufei looked curiously at the black shadow twisting around and said cheerfully, "The Black Soul Wondrous Jade certainly deserves its reputation as the number one treasure in the Great Marsh! It allows its possessor to greatly boost their strength, comparable to a Demon Pearl!"

Lin Xuankong nodded. "I have two pieces of Black Soul Wondrous Jade. After we deal with those people at the Kun Branch gathering place this time, I'll give you one piece!"

The other piece, of course, would go to his first wife at home... He wondered if it would please her!

Zhao Yufei shook her head, her expression serious. "The Black Soul Wondrous Jade is of great value to Martial Cultivators at the Sixth Layer and below, comparable to a Demon Pearl. Moreover, the Black Soul Wondrous Jade significantly boosts a Martial Cultivator's strength. With these two pieces in your hands, a genius like you who stands out can protect yourself better. Once you've established yourself in Great Marsh Prefecture and no longer have to worry about others coveting your treasures, you can give me a Miracle Jade then!"

Lin Xuankong said, "Then when I get my hands on another piece in the future, I will definitely give it to you!"

Zhao Yufei laughed. "Aside from Liy Ruofeng, the Black Tiger Gang members with Miracle Jade are the Hall Masters and the Gang Leader, who are at the Late Stage of the Fifth Layer. They are top-notch experts capable of activating True Qi and killing from hundreds of feet away; they're not easily dealt with! But your promise makes me very happy!"

Hearing this, Lin Xuankong's eyes showed a hint of anticipation.

Fifth Layer experts!

These past few days, while spending time with Zhao Yufei, she had often told Lin Xuankong about High Realm experts, which had greatly broadened his horizons!

Experts of the Fifth Layer must take the Meridian Opening Treasure Elixir after achieving Perfection at the Fourth Layer. This is to construct the first Sunflower Water Strange Vein in the body, enabling the transformation of Qi Blood into True Qi, allowing them to strike enemies tens to hundreds of feet away.

Upon advancing to the Fifth Layer and mastering True Qi techniques, they instantly become top figures in a prefecture, far superior to Third and Fourth Layer experts!

Before advancing to the Fifth Layer, I possess many treasures, but I must still exercise caution when facing a Fifth Layer expert! Zhao Renxiong of the Black Tiger Gang has been a Late Stage Fifth Layer expert for many years and has connections with many other Fifth Layer experts. Those individuals all possess a Demon Pearl. If I plan to kill Zhao Renxiong on the eighth day of the ninth month and escape unharmed, I must reach at least the Mid-grade, or even Late Stage, of the Fifth Layer by then to have absolute certainty! Most crucially, I have many treasures: several Demon Pearls and two mystical Black Soul Wondrous Jades. These treasures will become even more powerful and terrifying when I advance to the Fifth Layer! A Tier Four Ghost Toad is already as large as a two-story building; how large would a Tier Five Ghost Toad be? How far could its tongue strike? How many tongues would it grow? How much would its Devour ability and venom improve? How swift and potent would the Shadow of the Black Soul's stealth and Explosive Power become? How sharp would its True Qi attacks be? Moreover, higher-realm versions of the Fierce Tiger Roar Bone Technique and Shadow Concealment Primordial Technique will greatly enhance them...

Thinking of this, Lin Xuankong became even more eager for the advancement of his strength and the increasingly close Fifth Layer Realm!

「Just at this moment,」

Zhao Yufei suddenly frowned, stood up, and fixed her gaze on the southern cave entrance. "Come out! You've been here long enough. Did you really think I wouldn't notice you?"

Lin Xuankong, who was deep in thought, frowned and looked south.

From the distant forest, four people emerged. Seeing them, Lin Xuankong couldn't help but reveal a look of surprise.