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Chapter 191: Soul Search Fire Essence Beast 1

At this moment, the Fire Essence Beast was getting more and more courageous in battle, and Zhang Yang laughed loudly: “Do you bunch of kids really think you can kill me? Hahaha! Delusional! All of you, go to hell!”

In an instant, the flames spread and burned like layers of fiery clouds in the sky, creating an astonishing sight.

He Liancheng and his ten teammates were barely holding on, fighting to a draw with the Fire Essence Beast.

This made the bodyguards worried, saying, “Commander, what should we do? The flames of this Fire Essence Beast are so overbearing, they are comparable to the condensed Purple Sun Fire. If we recklessly approach, we might be burned to ashes, with no trace left.”

“What the Fire Essence Beast is best at is controlling flames, and its Demonic Fire has even been cultivated to perfection. I’m afraid the power of the Purple Sun Fire isn’t necessarily as terrifying as his.”

He Liancheng took a deep breath: “Don’t panic; you all get ready and seize the opportunity!”

“Opportunity? Where’s the opportunity now?” The bodyguards smiled bitterly.

“Our abilities are of no use against this Fire Essence Beast!”

“Hehe, yeah, where do you guys have a chance?” The Fire Essence Beast heard their conversation and laughed madly: “Don’t worry, I won’t kill you all at once. I’ll slowly devour you and turn you all into fodder for my fire seeds. Hahaha!”

However, just as he finished speaking, the Fire Essence Beast suddenly froze in place. Its round eyes showed disbelief and shock.

Its body stiffened, its eyes dull, and it remained motionless for a moment.

What's going on?

What happened?

Not only was the Fire Essence Beast confused, but He Liancheng and the other bodyguards were also puzzled.

The flames began to dissipate, and the layers of protection surrounding the Fire Essence Beast disappeared. The beast stood there, seemingly defenseless, to the astonishment of everyone present.

He Liancheng was the first to react. Seeing the situation of the Fire Essence Beast, how could he not know what had happened, and shouted, "Attack!"

In an instant, the ten bodyguards unleashed their most powerful moves, bombarding the Fire Essence Beast.

For a while, the sound of explosions was continuous, and the air seemed to tremble. Wolf smoke rolled in the sky, and the storm raged on. It lasted for about dozens of breaths before the smoke dissipated, allowing everyone to finally see the situation at the center of the battle.

At this time, the Fire Essence Beast was on its last breath, being grasped in He Liancheng's hand. It no longer had the arrogant expression it had just moments ago, clearly having been beaten thoroughly by the relentless moves of the ten bodyguards.

He Liancheng and the ten bodyguards were also drenched in sweat, as it was not easy to subdue the Fire Essence Beast.

However, they had finally managed to do it.

At this time, He Liancheng grabbed the Fire Essence Beast and came to Yang Chen's side.

"Young Master, I'm glad we completed the mission. The Fire Essence Beast has finally been captured alive," He Liancheng bowed and said. "Of course, it was all thanks to the Young Master's wonderful divine power just now. Otherwise, we might not have been able to capture this Fire Essence Beast."

"What happened just now? Why did the Fire Essence Beast suddenly freeze?" "Yes!" The bodyguards expressed their confusion.

He Liancheng smiled faintly: "It was the Young Master who created an opportunity for us!"

He didn't know exactly how Yang Chen had done it, and it was hard to speculate. In theory, Yang Chen's Divine Soul Power should have been insufficient to shake the enormous Fire Essence Beast like that.

Yang Chen didn't intend to explain it specifically either; he was currently frowning at the Fire Essence Beast. Although the Fire Essence Beast was in a sorry state and had no power to resist, it could still speak. With its ferocious fangs, it threatened angrily, "Kid, you don't seem like someone who's seen nothing. Our Fire Essence Beast Clan is the most united. If you dare to kill me today, our clan will flatten this Great Wilderness sooner or later!"

"So you're saying, I should let you go?" Yang Chen narrowed his eyes.

Opening its fierce fangs, the Fire Essence Beast uttered human words, "Kid, if you beg me now, when I really leave, I might consider being lenient with you. Or you can submit to me, become my servant, listen to my commands for the rest of your life, and serve me like cattle and horses. I don't mind sparing your life!"

The Fire Essence Beast truly believed that Yang Chen had been intimidated by its words.

It refused to believe that Yang Chen dared to touch the members of its Fire Essence Beast Clan.

However, it made one mistake.

There's nothing in this world that Yang Chen dares not do!

Yang Chen expressionlessly said, "Your terms seem quite tempting? I become your servant, and then you consider being lenient with me. Hahaha, Fire Essence Beast, I really can't understand the thoughts of you demonic beasts. Should I let you go today and have you file a complaint?"

"You!" The Fire Essence Beast's eyes seemed to be spitting fire, "Kid, do you dare to bear the wrath of our Fire Essence Beast Clan?"

"If I kill you, no one in the Fire Essence Beast Clan will know!" Yang Chen coldly replied. "As for whether I can bear it or not, that's not for you to consider. However, I'm not in a hurry to kill you now!"

The Fire Essence Beast suddenly had a bad feeling. It slammed its claws on the ground, but was firmly restrained by He Liancheng, and could only growl, "What do you want to do?"

"What do I want to do?" Without further explanation, Yang Chen said, "Commander He, please help me keep a close eye on it. Now, I want to perform the Soul-searching Secret Technique on it!"

"What, Young Master, you must think twice about this. The prerequisite for soul searching is that your Divine Soul Power must be stronger than this Fire Essence Beast. This Fire Essence Beast's strength is so powerful that its Divine Soul Power is probably already in the Origin Martial Realm. You ..." He Liancheng hesitated for a moment.

Yang Chen smiled faintly, "Did Commander He just forget that this Fire Essence Beast was breathless for a moment just now?"

This shocked the ten guards immensely.

Could it be that the Fire Essence Beast's momentary breathlessness was caused by Yang Chen using his Divine Soul Power?

He Liancheng fell into deep thought.

Yang Chen, on the other hand, smiled lightly, "Gentlemen, don't be curious. In terms of Divine Soul Power, I do have some unique attainments!"

"Young Master Yang Chen's talent is truly extraordinary, something we can't understand."

Upon hearing this, Yang Chen laughed dumbly, "Alright, let's not wait any longer, or things will change. I'd like to see what this Fire Essence Beast has come all the way to my Great Wilderness for."

If a tribe like the Fire Essence Beast could find their place even in flourishing lands, who would believe that they didn't have any ulterior motives for coming all the way to the Vast Wilderness?

"Kid, you dare to soul-search me?" The Fire Essence Beast was furious.

"Haven't you figured it out yet? There's nothing I don't dare to do!" With a roar, Yang Chen immediately ordered Rainbow to soul-search the Fire Essence Beast.

His Divine Soul Power was naturally not enough to soul-search the Fire Essence Beast, but Rainbow could.

In the blink of an eye, Rainbow's Divine Soul Power entered the Fire Essence Beast's Sea of Consciousness. The Fire Essence Beast naturally tried its best to resist. However, after a while, Rainbow's Divine Soul Power gained the upper hand and directly destroyed the beast's internal defenses.

At this moment, Rainbow appeared slightly exhausted, "Young Master, I have injured the Fire Essence Beast's Divine Soul Power, and it no longer poses a threat. Your Divine Soul can come in now.."

Chapter 192: Earth-Shattering Secret_I

Soul searching, this delicate work, is quite exhausting to soul power. Just now, Rainbow had already consumed a considerable amount of soul power after disrupting the Fire Essence Beast. Naturally, it is not possible to search this Fire Essence Beast's soul now. Instead, Rainbow chose to wipe out the threat of the Fire Essence Beast's soul first, and then let Yang Chen perform the soul search.

Yang Chen has already come a long way since the days of being a Body Refining Realm martial artist, and his control of soul power has reached the level of a master of alchemy.

Without any threats, Yang Chen quickly entered the Sea of Consciousness Memory of the Fire Essence Beast and began searching swiftly.

This search stirred up waves of shock in Yang Chen's heart!

"This Fire Essence Beast clan is actually plotting these things!" Yang Chen's face changed suddenly.

Back then, the Horse-thief Gang entered the Great Wilderness because they were under the control of the Fire Essence Beast clan. This also created a

facade of bodyguard betrayal.

The Fire Essence Beast clan found soft-boned people like the Head of the house to act as local tyrants in the Great Wilderness to cover up their true intentions. In fact, people from the Horse-thief Gang, such as the Head of the house, were merely puppets of the Fire Essence Beast clan. The real culprits were the Fire Essence Beast clan.

Presumably, this Fire Essence Beast is just a small shrimp dispatched by the Fire Essence Beast clan to complete their task.

What is the purpose of the Fire Essence Beast's plot?

When Yang Chen found out, he was also greatly shocked.

What the Fire Essence Beast was after was to break the seal of the Monster Beast Mountain, which was called the Guardian Spirit Array!

Others may not know, but Yang Chen had heard from Rainbow and was very clear about it.

The inner and outer areas of the Monster Beast Mountain are seals that separate the Demonic Beasts from the Human Continent!

If this seal is broken, then the demonic beasts will invade the Human Continent in large numbers. Given time, humanity would surely fall into a war like the ancient times, with countless casualties.

This is also why the Horse-thief Gang built the Teleportation Array in the Monster Beast Mountain and why they deliberately lost to the Great Wilderness and maintained a peaceful development relationship.

Everything was to cover up their true intentions.

Thinking of this in his heart, Yang Chen widened his eyes!

It was at this moment, suddenly...

“Huh?” Yang Chen was taken aback.

Because the Sea of Consciousness of the Fire Essence Beast was destroyed in an instant.

“What’s going on!” Yang Chen narrowed his eyes.

“Human, how dare you ruin my Fire Essence Beast clan’s plan! Who is it, who is it, my Fire Essence Beast clan will chase you to the ends of the Earth!”

An angry roar echoed in Yang Chen’s mind.

This startled Yang Chen's heart.

"Fire Essence Beast secret art?" Yang Chen's heart was shocked. He still made a mistake; demonic beast secret arts are the most complex, and he couldn't possibly have comprehensive knowledge about them in his previous life.

Yang Chen didn't know exactly how this Fire Essence Beast did it, but he knew that the soul searching event of this Fire Essence Beast was known to other Fire Essence Beasts!

Yang Chen's soul instantly returned to his body.

"This is bad." Yang Chen murmured.

Rainbow also noticed that voice, and said anxiously, "Young Master, it seems that the Fire Essence Beast clan knows about you soul searching this Fire Essence Beast." "They found out, but judging from that person's words, they don't seem to know who specifically soul-searched the Fire Essence Beast!" Yang Chen communicated through sound transmission.

However, the situation now seemed extremely unfavorable.

It wouldn't be difficult for the Fire Essence Beast to trace it back to him. As long as they investigated in the Great Wilderness, so many people from the Feng family and Murong family saw the scene today. Who could guarantee that no one would expose him as a traitor?

He couldn't possibly kill them all.

Yang Chen gradually calmed down, realizing that the exposure of the incident was only a matter of time. Regardless, he definitely offended the Fire Essence Beast Clan. Since it's so, he might as well do it all. It wouldn't be that quick for the Fire Essence Beast Clan to trace it back to him. By the time they traced it to him, he might not necessarily be at the mercy of the Fire Essence Beast Clan.

With this thought in mind, Yang Chen sneered, “The soul-searching is over, and as expected, the Fire Essence Beast Clan has ill intentions!”

“Kid, if you kill me, my clan will make you pay for provoking us sooner or later!” The Fire Essence Beast roared angrily, its voice echoing in all directions.

But Yang Chen showed no mercy, and his spear pierced through the Fire Essence Beast’s head.

Rumble.

The Fire Essence Beast’s soul dissipated, leaving only a dried-up corpse lying there.

Seeing this scene, everyone remained silent for a long time.

Especially the people of the Great Wilderness, they were greatly shocked.

Such a powerful demonic beast actually existed in the Great Wilderness. If it wasn’t for Yang Chen, not only would the Feng and Murong families fail, but even the Hundred Clans of the Great Wilderness would have a hard time escaping death if they truly united. Wasn’t the real savior of the Great Wilderness right in front of them?

Feng Changkong and the ancestor of the Murong family both knew that the pattern of the Great Wilderness was about to change.

The Twelve Great Tribes were indeed about to have a real change.

At least, with Yang Chen’s current abilities, he could definitely achieve this.

However, Yang Chen’s growth rate was too fast, even faster than the first genius of the Great Wilderness, Zhang Xuelian, back in the day. He was only fourteen years old now, not only had he reached the First Level of the Spirit Martial Realm, but he could even command ten such powerful masters. Who could predict Yang Chen’s future given more time?

Feng Wuyang sighed, "Changkong, let's not take the initiative to mention the marriage between Xuewu and Yang Chen anymore since the Yang family never brought it up. Xuewu is no longer worthy of Yang Chen."

"How...How could that be possible!" Feng Changkong still seemed unwilling to accept it.

"Humph, haven't you realized it yet? After Zhang Meiren, another demon has been born! The people of the Great Wilderness can only be passively looked up to, not actively involved," Feng Wuyang scolded.

At this moment, He Liancheng asked with great doubt, "Young Master, what was the Fire Essence Beast plotting in the end?"

Yang Chen pondered for a moment and finally came up with a well-thought-out excuse to deceive them, as he couldn't tell the truth. The matter involved was too serious. If he told the truth, there was no guarantee that something unexpected wouldn't happen later.

With this in mind, he looked at the corpse of the Fire Essence Beast and smiled faintly, "Everything on this Fire Essence Beast's body is a treasure. Not to mention anything else, just this Fire Origin Essence alone is something countless people dream of. You all killed the Fire Essence Beast, so you should rightfully receive the treasures on its body. Just discuss how to distribute it."

Honestly, Yang Chen was not too interested in the other things of the Fire

Essence Beast, but this Fire Origin Essence was indeed an invaluable treasure. However, having obtained the Starfire, he was tempted by the Fire Origin Essence but not to the point of being blind.

These ten bodyguards had all made efforts, so it was impossible for him to swallow all these treasures.

However, the ten bodyguards unanimously said, "Young Master gave us the

Qingming Zhenyuan Pill, and we have been very grateful since taking it. This

Fire Essence Beast's corpse should be our way of giving back."

"How...how can this be?" Yang Chen was suddenly startled, not expecting these bodyguards to be so grateful, none of them intending to take the Fire Essence Beast's corpse.

"Haha, Young Master, don't be so polite. This is what we should do," He Liancheng laughed..";

Chapter 193: Breakthrough of the Black Mountain Black Bear 1

In the end, Yang Chen was not too pretentious. Since he didn't intend to take the ten bodyguards, he also took the corpse of the Fire Essence Beast into his bag.

Afterwards, Yang Chen returned to the Yang family, without mentioning the matter of dividing the treasures after the turmoil in the Great Wilderness was settled.

This made both the Feng family and Murong family somewhat at a loss, had Yang Chen just left like this?

It must be known that the treasures and wealth left behind by the destroyed

Horse-thief Gang and the destroyed Great Tribes are quite valuable. If Yang Chen interfered at this time, the Yang family would surely become a superpower in the tribes, even the Feng family and Murong family might not be able to suppress the Yang family.

But Yang Chen didn't mention this matter at all, turned around and left, which made it hard for the Murong family and Feng family to guess Yang Chen's intentions.

However, the matter of dividing the benefits could not be ignored. Whether it was the Yang family or other middle-ranking tribes, after learning the news of the defeat of the Horse-thief Gang, they all began to mobilize their forces to scramble for the resources of the Horse-thief Gang and the defeated tribes.

At this time, Yang Chen returned to the Yang family home, chose to close himself off, and stop dealing with worldly matters.

He wasn't really unconcerned about the division of benefits. The resources left behind by the Horse-thief Gang and the defeated tribes had accumulated over many years, and he would be lying if he didn't care about them. But he had no need to participate in this matter at all. If he really got involved, he was afraid that not many tribes would be truly satisfied.

Although Yang Chen had reached the point where he no longer needed to look at other people's faces, he didn't need to be that greedy. After all, the Great

Wilderness had suffered heavy losses in the war against the Horse-thief Gang.

As for the rise of the Yang family, they had already reached a point where they didn't need his intervention. In terms of resource allocation, even if he didn't take action, the Yang family would surely be the side with the most to gain in the end, considering the respect the other tribes had for him.

Therefore, Yang Chen didn't think too much about this matter. He focused his attention on the corpse of the Fire Essence Beast.

At this moment, inside the room...

Yang Chen looked at the corpse of the Fire Essence Beast on the ground and murmured, "The body of this Fire Essence Beast is full of treasures, I must be lucky to get it!"

"Boss, this demon beast doesn't look that powerful. It's far worse than the flat-haired monsters in our ancestral memories. How powerful can it be?" Bear Elder One and Bear Elder Two, who had been released at some unknown point, looked at the corpse of the Fire Essence Beast on the ground and spoke disdainfully.

Yang Chen rolled his eyes in annoyance. Of course, the Fire Essence Beast would be much weaker compared to a Phoenix.

Rainbow pouted disdainfully at the side, ‘What do you two know? The whole body of this Fire Essence Beast is a treasure!’

Yang Chen smiled slightly, “Rainbow is right. The most valuable thing about

tnls Fire Essence Beast IS tne Fire origin Essence In Its DOW!”

As soon as he said this, Yang Chen stretched out his hand, and immediately, a small piece of fire seed separated from the Fire Essence Beast’s body. This fire seed was a green flame, which was also the most primitive color of the flame.

Obviously, this fire seed was the Fire Origin Essence!

“Such a pure flame.” Rainbow whispered.

Yang Chen chuckled, “Of course, this Fire Origin Essence is the essence of a demonic beast’s cultivation of Demonic Fire. Containing the crystallization of a demonic beast’s life, it is naturally extremely pure!”

Demonic Fire is a type of flame that ranks alongside Strange Fire and Solar Fire.

However, there are not many creatures that possess Demonic Fire and can cultivate it into the origin of fire.

What is the origin of fire?

The Fire Origin Essence is the origin of fire.

If Solar Fire is cultivated postnatally, and Strange Fire is a mutation of Innate Fire, then Demonic Fire is the origin of fire. It is the root of Innate Fire, and only some Fire Essence Beasts, Phoenixes, and other naturally fire-affine demonic beasts possess it.

Moreover, these demonic beasts possessing Demonic Fire would have to struggle to cultivate it in order to finally give birth to the Fire Origin Essence! This is also the fundamental reason why Fire Essence Beasts are so powerful – they have cultivated the Fire Origin Essence.

“This Fire Origin Essence is invaluable to humans, countless people desire it, but can’t obtain it.” Yang Chen muttered.

There was no other way; the Fire Essence Beast clan was too overbearing. Who would dare to kill a Fire Essence Beast?

In the entire continent, only a few monster race groups, including the Fire Essence Beasts, possess Fire Origin Essence.

It can be said that the true value of Fire Origin Essence is far stronger than the Purple Sunfire that humans painstakingly cultivate, even though it is not as powerful as Strange Fire.

Yang Chen sighed helplessly while holding the Fire Origin Essence: “What a pity, I already have the seed of Starfire in my body. This Strange Fire is the most overbearing, and having this fire seed makes it hard for me to integrate the Fire Origin Essence into my body. If I can really integrate the Fire Origin Essence, with my strength, I could even instantly defeat that Third Master!”

Yang Chen also secretly lamented this missed opportunity, which was why he was so tempted but helpless.

However, the Fire Essence Beast was still full of treasures. Thinking of this, Yang Chen said, “Bear Elder One, Bear Elder Two, this Fire Essence Beast was a half-step Yuan Martial Realm when it was alive. If you swallow and refine its corpse, your strength will increase even further. What are you waiting for?”

“What? Half-step Yuan Martial Realm?” Bear Elder One and Bear Elder Two were stunned. In their inherited memories, they naturally knew that swallowing demonic beasts could improve their martial arts strength.

This is the characteristic of demonic beasts.

Upon hearing “half-step Yuan Martial Realm,” their faces showed a happy expression.

“You two silly bears are still hesitating. If you refine the corpse of a half-step Yuan Martial Realm demonic beast, I guarantee you will break through to the Spirit Martial Realm!” Rainbow pouted.

When Bear Elder One heard that there were benefits, he immediately did not hold back. Both he and Bear Elder Two worked together to slowly refine the essence of the Fire Essence Beast’s corpse into their bodies.

Soon, the bodies of the two clumsy bears underwent rapid changes.

In an instant, the Qi of the two bears became stronger, and this kind of strength increase was still improving.

Yang Chen watched from the side and could vaguely discern through their Qi that the two clumsy bears had already broken through to the Spirit Martial

Realm.

And this was not the end.

“Spirit Martial Realm Second Layer!” “Spirit Martial Realm Third Layer!” “Spirit Martial Realm Fourth Layer!”

Yang Chen gasped in a breath of cold air.

The corpse of this Fire Essence Beast was truly a treasure.

“Spirit Martial Realm Fifth Layer!”

At this time, the strength of the two Black Mountain Black Bears came to a sudden stop, and they both leaped from the Refinement Realm Peak directly to the Spirit Martial Realm Fifth Layer, completely surpassing their Big Brother.

Visible to the naked eye, the size of the two Black Mountain Black Bears had increased by at least twice as much as before, and their Qi was even more terrifyingly strong. Yang Chen estimated that with their silly bear's standard of the Spirit Martial Realm Fifth Layer, it might not be impossible to fight against the Spirit Martial Realm Seventh Layer.

“Good fellow!” Yang Chen was overjoyed. How could he not be happy with two more Spirit Martial Realm Black Mountain Black Bears assisting him?

The Fire Essence Beast was truly worthy of being a half-step Yuan Martial Realm. Its corpse was refined, allowing the two big silly bears to leap and attack the Spirit Martial Realm, even reaching an astonishing strength of the Spirit Martial Realm Fifth Layer.

Of course, such an opportunity was rare and not something they could intentionally seek, because where would it be so easy to encounter the corpse of a half-step Yuan Martial Realm demonic beast?

Chapter 194: Distribution of Resources

“Eldest Brother, I feel like I'm filled with power right now, and many of my inherited memories have been unlocked. I think I can now shatter a small mountain with a single slap!”

“Me too.”

“Look at you two, acting like you've never achieved anything!” Yang Chen said, amused. “Since you both chose to follow me, I definitely won't let you down. Just remember to listen to Rainbow's advice while in the Eight Extremities

Flowing River Space. Someone's coming, I'll go take a look.”

“Yes, Boss!” Bear Elder One and Bear Elder Two might have dull wits, but they knew Yang Chen treated them well. They obediently nodded, and retreated with Rainbow into the Eight Extremities Flowing River Space.

Yang Chen sensed someone’s arrival and quickly put away the Fire Origin Essence. The Fire Essence Beast’s corpse on the ground had already turned into nothingness, while Yang Chen stepped out of the room with his hands behind his back.

“Young Master!” Gu Mingyue bent down to greet Yang Chen, looking flustered.

Yang Chen calculated briefly that he had been in seclusion for at least a day and a night. Many Yang family members had returned, including Gu Mingyue. Seeing that the once-messy courtyard had been cleaned thoroughly by Gu Mingyue, Yang Chen felt somewhat touched.

Being with Gu Mingyue gave him a sense of tranquility, the feeling of being at home.

Seeing that nothing was wrong with Gu Mingyue, he felt more at ease and smiled. “Ming Yue, what’s the matter?”

“Well, it’s like this...” Gu Mingyue explained the situation to Yang Chen.

Yang Chen was momentarily stunned, then realized the situation.

“To think they would leave the final decision about resource allocation to me,” Yang Chen said with a wry smile. “These tribes are really interesting.”

It seemed that the Great Wild Hundred Clans had some discernment, knowing that the true hero in solving the horse-thief gang issue was him, and that the entire Great Wilderness now relied on his face. Hence, they wisely gave him the power to decide. Without him coming out of seclusion, there would be no resolution to the resource allocation.

Yang Chen was quite satisfied with the decisions made by the Great Wild Hundred Clans. After all, he had put so much effort into saving them, and if they couldn't even give him some face, it would be hard for him, or anyone else for that matter, not to change their emotions.

Having thought it through, Yang Chen said, "Ming Yue, come with me."

When she heard that Yang Chen wanted to bring her along, Gu Mingyue was overjoyed. It had been a long time since she had worked with her Young Master, and she couldn't help but be excited. "Young Master, should I tidy up a

"What's there to tidy? Don't you look good?" Yang Chen grinned. "Let's go."

"Oh... Oh!" Gu Mingyue blushed upon hearing Yang Chen's compliment and fidgeted for a moment before she realized that Yang Chen had already left. She then hurriedly trotted after him.

Now, leaders of the remaining tribes of the Great Wild Hundred Clans had gathered at the Yang family residence.

This clearly showed considerable respect for Yang Chen.

When Yang Chen arrived, he saw the hall filled with people, all engaged in discussions. As soon as they noticed Yang Chen's arrival, they fell silent.

"Yang Chen, you came just in time. Everyone has been waiting for you," Yang Jin He said warmly.

In fact, the attitudes of many of these tribal leaders were similar to that of Yang Jin He. They were well aware of Yang Chen's current status. It could be said that the victory in the Great Wilderness was entirely due to this young man!

"Young Master Yang Chen!"

"I've heard so much about the elegant and handsome Young Master Yang.

Today, it turns out all the stories are true.”

“Out of the mouth of babes come words of wisdom..

These tribal leaders praised Yang Chen one after another.

Yang Chen, however, wasn't one to be arrogant because of this praise. Before taking his seat, he said respectfully, “I, Yang Chen, pay my respects to Senior Feng, Elder Murong, and the Clan Leaders and Tribal Elders. I'm flattered by the kindness you've shown to this junior.”

“Not at all!”

“Not at all!”

Yang Chen exchanged pleasantries with the people of the Great Wild tribes before finally taking his seat.

As the one with the closest relationship to Yang Chen, Feng Wuyang spoke up loudly, “Yang Chen, we have already sorted out the resources in the Horse-thief Gang's main base and those from the defeated tribes. Our numerous tribes were able to survive today thanks to the reinforcements you brought, and you are undoubtedly the greatest contributor. Therefore, how to allocate these resources is ultimately up to you.”

Hearing this, Yang Chen pondered for a moment, then nodded.

He knew that there was no point in being modest at this time and said, “Since all the seniors have shown such generosity, this junior will not refuse.”

“Young Master Yang will definitely be fair and impartial.”

“Yes, Young Master Yang will certainly be fair and impartial.”

These middle-ranking tribes had barely contributed anything and were now worried about losing out on resource distribution. They made veiled hints by praising Yang Chen for his fairness and impartiality, hoping he would give them more resources in return.

Yang Chen was well aware of their intentions and spoke slowly, "For the distribution of resources, my Yang family shall receive 10%, and I hope no one minds."

Upon hearing this, many people gasped in the cold air.

A number of them had no complaints, but some still showed subtle annoyance.

Yang Chen naturally noticed this but remained unbothered.

Did he care if they were annoyed? He had gone to great lengths to bring in the reinforcements and work out a solution to the horse-thief crisis, and getting 10% was not too much at all. Whether they were satisfied or not was irrelevant to him.

Yang Jin He, on the other hand, was overjoyed. The amount of resources Yang Chen allocated matched his own intentions.

Yang Chen remained nonchalant, knowing that since he said the Yang family deserved 10%, they must have earned it. Next, he continued, "This time, the Zhang family contributed the most, attracting a lot of firepower before the battle. They paid a heavy price, so they deserve 7%!"

Zhang Rufeng, who had escaped from the Zhang family after its downfall and returned after a difficult journey, was overjoyed to hear this. He immediately said with tears streaming down his face, "Thank you, Young Master Chen. We, the Zhang family, will never forget this great favor. If we have the opportunity to repay you, even going through fire and water, we will not hesitate!"

He had brought Zhang Yingeruo with him, hoping Yang Chen would help their family get a little more in the allocations. The Zhang family, which had suffered heavy losses, needed more resources for sure. With 7%, they could now not only preserve their status as a great tribe but also potentially rise even further. After all, the Yang family was only getting 10%.

Zhang Yingeruo blushed and couldn't help but feel elated upon hearing Yang Chen's decision.

Yang Chen smiled, "Elder Zhang, you don't need to be so polite. Next are the

Murong family and Feng family, each receiving 5%. Do Senior Feng and Elder Murong have any objections?"

"None at all! Yang Chen, 5% is more than enough." Feng Wuyang couldn't help but smile, nodding his head in satisfaction.

The Ancestor of the Murong Family was also quite content: "It's fine, we have no objections!"

Chapter 195: Who Still Doesn't Submit Now?

"The He Family and the Ma Family, two major factions, each get thirty percent!" Yang Chen said calmly. "As for the middle-ranking Li Family, they also get thirty percent!"

Yang Chen had earlier learned from Feng Wuyang that the He and Ma Families had put in a lot of effort in the fight against the Horse-thief Gang, with both families being very active during the war.

There were many bad seeds in the Great Wilderness, but it didn't mean everyone was one. The He and Ma Families were both passionate and fought the fiercest against the Horse-thief Gang.

Yang Chen wasn't stingy, he directly allocated thirty percent to each family. As for the Li Family, being partners with the Yang Family's Chamber of Commerce, Yang Chen naturally didn't want to mistreat them and also gave them thirty percent.

Li Youyan hurriedly stood up and said, "Thank you, my friend Yang Chen."

The heads of the He and Ma Families were also pleasantly surprised, standing up and saying, "Thank you, young friend Yang Chen, words cannot express our gratitude!"

The thirty percent of resources they received might not be as much as the Feng Family and the Murong Family, but it would be relatively easy for them to improve their clans with this share.

Yang Chen nodded and then said, "As for the remaining resources, what do you think if they are distributed evenly among everyone present?" Yang Chen believed that the allocation was already fair.

However, it was clear that not everyone was satisfied.

As soon as Yang Chen finished speaking, an elder from a middle-ranking tribe, the Liu Family, suddenly stood up and said, "Young Master Yang Chen, our Liu Family is not satisfied!"

"Oh, tell me why you're not satisfied," said Yang Chen, narrowing his eyes, touching his chin, and gradually solidifying his smile.

"When we middle-ranking tribes fought the Horse-thief Gang in the Great Wilderness, we also lost many lives and put in a lot of effort. How come you all got ten percent, and he got five percent, but when it comes to us, it's evenly distributed?" The elder said expressionlessly. "All the high-level leaders are sensible people, and I, Liu, won't beat around the bush. Yang Chen is still young, and it's hard for him to be fair and just in the distribution of resources. I think it would be better for someone else to take over!"

Upon hearing this, the other tribes looked at each other but remained silent.

Was the Liu Family out of their minds?

Yang Chen laughed, "Who does the Liu Family think is the most suitable to distribute the resources?"

The Liu Family Elder thought that when he spoke up, the middle-ranking and small tribes would surely agree with him. They should know by now that the major tribes were severely injured and, if they joined forces, they wouldn't fear them. This was the time to bargain.

Why did they get ten percent, and he got five percent?

If the remaining resources were distributed evenly among the middle-ranking and small tribes, each of them might not even get ten percent! Considering the extent of the casualties suffered by many tribes, the little resources they would receive would hardly be enough for recovery.

Now the Liu Family Elder felt a bit like he was riding a tiger but couldn't get off. However, he soon said with an embarrassed expression, "I just feel the distribution is unfair."

"Hahaha!" Yang Chen laughed out loud, "Unfair? Mr. Liu, I, Yang Chen, am telling you today that whether the allocation is fair or not, you have to accept

Yang Chen suddenly slapped the table, and his domineering Spirit Martial Realm aura spread out.

The Liu Family was just a middle-ranking tribe, and their elder was nothing more than a martial artist at the peak of the Body Refining Realm. How could he resist Yang Chen's strong qi?

"Is the Yang family trying to bully people because of their powerful status?" The Liu Family Elder was running out of steam but couldn't help but shout out in unwillingness.

Yang Chen sneered, "So what if I'm bullying you?"

He wanted to see what tricks the Liu Family Elder could come up with.

At this moment, being pressed by Yang Chen, the Liu Family Elder was both terrified and furious, so he roared, "Everyone, look at this! The Yang family hasn't even become powerful yet, and they're already bullying people like this. If they were to grow even bigger, who can guarantee they won't become the second Horse-thief Gang? Everyone, please think thrice before acting, and don't let the Yang family succeed!"

"Shut up!" The Liu Family Chieftain couldn't take it anymore and slapped the elder's face, "Shut up!"

The elder was stunned, not believing what was happening as he looked at his own family leader, "Chieftain, I'm just doing this for the sake of our family."

“Young Master Yang Chen, please don’t be angry. This clan member’s mind is a little muddled. I’ll kill him right now to relieve your hatred!” The Liu Family Chieftain’s eyes were filled with killing intent. He was also a Spirit Martial Realm master, and seeing the witlessness of the elder, he severely slapped him with a palm.

“No, Chieftain, don’t kill me!”

The Liu Family Elder hadn’t even finished his words when his breath dissipated, and he died.

The Liu Family Chieftain was still unable to calm his anger even after this.

Why did he bring this idiot along?

Not to mention their Liu Family, all tribes in the Great Wilderness had to watch the Yang family’s face. With so many major tribes, who would dare to speak up? A mere tribal elder dared to defy Yang Chen’s will?

Who didn’t know that Yang Chen was the number one hero in this fight? Who didn’t know that Yang Chen had saved the Great Wilderness?

Fearing that he would offend Yang Chen, the Liu Family Chieftain slapped the clueless elder to death with a single palm.

With this, many high-level leaders who were originally planning to support the Liu Family Elder dared not speak up.

They were initially thinking that the Liu Family Elder made sense. The Yang family hadn’t even become powerful yet, but they were already so arrogant and domineering. What would happen if the Yang family became even more powerful? But they forgot that Yang Chen had never forced any tribe, and as for resource allocation, he had never mistreated anyone!

Yang Chen looked at the Liu Family Chieftain and said sternly, "It seems that many people think my allocation is unreasonable?"

"Dare not!"

"Dare not!"

The chieftains of these tribes were terrified and uneasy.

Yang Chen snorted coldly. Despite what they said aloud, their hearts were still unconvinced.

He sneered, "Now you think the allocation is unreasonable? What were you doing at that time? I gave so much to the Murong Family, Zhang Family, and Feng Family. Why? Because they took the initiative during the war. What about you? Who among you made your stance clear? Now let me know who made their stance clear, and that's fine, I, Yang Chen, will give ten percent of what the Yang Family got to you!"

"The He Family, Ma Family, and Li Family all put in the most effort during the battle with the Horse-thief Gang. What about you? Each of you was hesitant, and unless the Horse-thief Gang came after you, you wouldn't contribute a single soldier. Even many tribes have not yet sent a single soldier until now, suffering only minor scratches, and they have the audacity to sit here and talk about resource allocation?"

Yang Chen said solemnly, "You really want to get something for nothing, huh? When it's time to make an effort, you shrink back, but when it's time to distribute resources, you jump faster than anyone else? To be honest, my Yang Family deserves ten percent because we put in the most effort. The reason the

Horse-thief Gang was defeated is because of me, Yang Chen. Without me, Yang Chen, forget about these resources, not even you could protect the safety of your clans!"

"Now, who else is not convinced?"

Yang Chen's eyes were cold and sharp, and his words were filled with an

irresistible force..

Chapter 196: Assault on the Second Level of the Spirit Martial Realm_I

As each sentence fell, no one dared to truly defy Yang Chen's idea at this moment.

Feng Wuyang and Murong family's ancestor sat there, snorted coldly, and looked at the great tribes and small tribes nearby who were muddling through the mess with disdain. Could they not see through the minds of these tribes in their fights? When the fighting stopped, they started to distribute resources, and they all jumped out quickly?

Yang Chen was actually being merciful.

If it were Feng Wuyang, giving them a little bit would be enough for them.

Yang Chen left so much, which showed that Yang Chen was a kind-hearted person. After all, the various tribes in the wilderness were the forces of the wilderness, and Yang Chen's consideration was very thoughtful. But who could have imagined that these white-eyed wolves couldn't be fed enough!

The head of Liu Family sweated profusely in fear. He considered what Yang Chen had said, but who knew that his own tribal elder was so arrogant and dared to bargain? What did they have to bargain with, did they have the qualifications to bargain? Even if Yang Chen cancels their share now, who dares to speak?

Fortunately, he himself was decisive just now, slapping that talkative tribal elder to death. Yang Chen also didn't intend to make a fuss with the Liu Family.

Yang Chen was too lazy to waste his words at this moment: "Alright, the resources will be distributed like this, you all can disperse now!"

In the blink of an eye, these high-ranking tribal officials dispersed one after another. Yang Chen, Feng Wuyang, and the ancestor of Murong family exchanged some polite words before sending them away.

Now Yang Chen and Yang Jinhe stood together, with Yang Chen saying: "Clan

Leader, what's the situation in the Wilderness now?"

Yang Jinhe looked at Yang Chen, increasingly pleased, knowing that the rise of the Yang family was unstoppable, and said: "Now the Wilderness has calmed down, but there are four great tribes, including the Wen family, that have been destroyed, and several other families have suffered heavy losses. By the way, it's worth mentioning that both the Wang family and the Chen family are doing well. Yang Chen, both the Feng family and the Murong family are waiting for your opinion. The reason they were being polite just now was actually waiting for you to speak."

Yang Chen was slightly stunned: "I forgot about that, the two traitors of Chen family and Wang family... Clan Leader, what do you think is the best way to handle them?"

"In my opinion, naturally, they should be exterminated." Yang Jinhe's eyes flashed with killing intent: "Since these two families dared to cooperate with the horse-thief gang, there's no reason for them to stay in the Wilderness. By the way, just now that Liu Family was also a middle-ranking tribe affiliated with Chen family, right?"

"Oh?" Yang Chen narrowed his eyes slightly: "In that case, that tribal elder's statement today might have been influenced by someone's benefit. It seems that Chen family is afraid of the rise of our Yang family and has started to work on it."

"That's also what I said, the reason for extermination." Yang Jinhe sighed.

Yang Chen shook his head: "Extermination seems a bit excessive. Not all people from the two families are villains. For example, that Liu Family, although they are affiliated with Chen Family, but the head of the Liu Family is obviously a man who understands the situation. You can discuss with Senior Feng and

Elder Murong another day. There is no need to exterminate Wang family and Chen family. However, it is necessary to suppress them, as for the degree of suppression... it depends on the intentions of the two families." Yang Chen wasn't that kind-hearted. He had already been merciful by not exterminating them. hilt suppression was still necessary-

"I understand!" Yang Jinhe felt warmth in his heart upon hearing Yang Chen addressing him with respect.

Honestly, at this point, Yang Chen didn't really need to consider his opinion anymore. But Yang Chen still respected him, how could he not be happy as a

clan leader?

Yang Chen opened his mouth and said: "In the coming days, it will not be easy to settle the Wilderness. The rise of the Yang family will require the clan leader to put in a lot of effort. Judging from today's situation, it won't be difficult for our Yang family to become a super tribe like Murong family and Feng family. Alright, I won't interfere in this matter anymore. Clan Leader, I will be in closed-door cultivation for some time, and I will leave the external affairs to you."

"You're going to close the door again? Could it be..." Yang Jinhe looked at Yang

Chen, whose body was filled with energy, and suddenly thought of something.

Yang Chen grinned: "Yes, I'm going to break through the second realm of the

Spirit Martial Realm."

This shocked Yang Jinhe. How long has it been? You see, the truly difficult part isn't breaking through from the Body Refining Realm to the Spirit Martial Realm, but progressing after reaching the Spirit Martial Realm.

This is because, fundamentally, the spiritual energy in the Great Wilderness is barely enough to support the cultivation of powerful individuals in the Spirit Martial Realm. This causes the majority of Spirit Martial Realm experts to remain at the first level, finding it extremely challenging to advance even a single step further.

There are very few martial artists who have reached the second level of Spirit Martial Realm.

To be able to enter the second level of Spirit Martial Realm means that the individual's talent has already surpassed the normal standards of the Great Wilderness.

Yang Chen, he truly is an immeasurable gem.

"Hahaha, very good, very good!" Yang Jinhe nodded with satisfaction: "You focus wholeheartedly on your cultivation. As the Clan Leader, my achievements are limited. Yang Chen, the future of Yang family rests on your shoulders."

Yang Chen nodded, discussed a few more things, and then began his closed-door cultivation.

His body's foundation of True Qi has already reached the threshold for attempting the breakthrough to the second level of Spirit Martial Realm. This was what Yang Chen wanted.

Having a surging amount of internal True Qi is a prerequisite for breaking through realms. If it were an ordinary person, they might only have a certain level of confidence in their success, but not 100%. The chance of failure might even be higher than the chance of success. But for Yang Chen, it's different.

"I have enough Spirit Stones on me now, those given by Zhang Family, those obtained from Wang Family, and those added by the Clan Leader just now. These Spirit Stones are more than enough to support me in creating a few small Spirit Gathering Arrays." Yang Chen muttered, "It's a pity, though, that I'm not particularly skilled in the Way of Array Formations."

Although he isn't skilled in it, there is someone who is.

With this thought, Yang Chen directly called out the Mermaid girl, Rainbow.

"Rainbow!"

"Young Master, what's the matter?" Rainbow poked her head out, looking like she had just woken up and rubbed her shoulder scales.

Yang Chen smiled and said, "Help me with a favor; your Mermaid Tribe is good at everything, including the Way of Array Formations."

Rainbow pouted when she heard this, "Of course, our Fishpeople Tribe can do anything."

"Well then, help me create a small Spirit Gathering Array. I want to break through to the second level of the Spirit Martial Realm," said Yang Chen.

"Spirit Gathering Array? That's a minor matter." Rainbow whistled, "Sisters, let's get to work."

There is strength in numbers. There were quite a few Mermaids in the Eight Extremities Flowing River. These Mermaid girls jumped out of the river's space one by one and nodded after hearing Rainbow's command, "Spirit Gathering Array? This simple formation can be done in the time it takes for one incense stick to burn. Young Master, please wait a moment!"

They started working immediately. More than ten Mermaid girls busied themselves in Yang Chen's room, showing him the extraordinary understanding of formations among the Mermaid Tribe.

Although Yang Chen's knowledge of the Way of Array Formations was not profound, he still understood it. It was just that he had devoted all his efforts to Way of Alchemy in the past, so he was not as familiar with the Way of Array Formations as he was with Alchemy. However, he was not a layman either, and could see the prowess of these Mermaid girls in the field of formations.

"This is simply on par with Array Formation masters. It seems that the Mermaid Tribe is indeed knowledgeable about everything, ranging from astronomy and geography to culture and cultivation. It's truly amazing," murmured Yang Chen..

Chapter 197: Spear Technique Returns to the Beginning, Heaven and Man Unite_I

As Caihong said, it took less than an incense stick's time for the Gathering Spirit Array to be completed.

Yang Chen was delighted by the thick spiritual energy around him: "This is the effect I wanted. With this Gathering Spirit Array, I am confident in breaking through to the Second Level of the Spirit Martial Realm. Now, if I combine this with my self-created elixir, it's not impossible to break through to the Third

Level of the Spirit Martial Realm in one go."

Not everyone can enjoy the benefits of a Gathering Spirit Array.

Moreover, a sophisticated Gathering Spirit Array like the one constructed by the Rainbow Fish Clan was extremely rare in the outside world. Although small, its intricacy far surpassed that of the Gathering Spirit Array enjoyed by the Liaocheng Guard Army.

"Young Master, are you going to practice alchemy again?" Caihong asked curiously as she saw Yang Chen take out the Pill Furnace.

Yang Chen smiled indifferently: "The elixir I am going to refine this time is called the Qi Filling Pill. This pill can instantly absorb and refine the Heaven and Earth Spirit Qi around the user. It might not be of great use to those in the later stages of the Spirit Martial Realm, but it works wonders for martial artists within the first five levels. If I just have the Gathering Spirit Array to support me, I could at most break through to the Second Level of the Spirit Martial Realm. But with the addition of the Qi Filling Pill, I have confidence in breaking through to the Third Level of the Spirit Martial Realm in one attempt!"

"Qi Filling Pill? A Third-tier High Rank Elixir!" Caihong exclaimed.

Other mermaid girls also looked on in admiration as they were clearly aware of the exquisite nature of the Qi Filling Pill.

"Your clan's inherited memories are really impressive, knowing even obscure elixirs. The Qi Filling Pill is not a mainstream elixir after all," Yang Chen praised.

"Naturally." Caihong snorted but soon asked cautiously, "Young Master, you are so skilled in alchemy, have you ever heard of the Life Extension Pill?"

Hearing this, Yang Chen couldn't help but laugh, thinking Caihong wouldn't ask about it.

Immediately, he pretended to be surprised, "Of course I've heard of it. Why do you ask about the Life Extension Pill?"

Caihong hesitated: "Young Master may not know, our Fishpeople Tribe is knowledgeable about the world and humanity, but the most difficult thing for us is our lifespan. We are born unable to cultivate and have a limited lifespan. We can't live very long and can only rely on life-extending treasures to sustain our lives!"

No one wants to live a short life, and the Fishpeople Tribe is no exception.

With Yang Chen's knowledge, how could he not be aware of the weakness of the Fishpeople Tribe?

He just didn't mention it, knowing that Caihong would eventually bring it up.

The Fishpeople Tribe was still wary of him and unable to trust him completely. If he had initiated the topic, it would only make them more suspicious. So he had never been in a hurry.

He believed that time would gradually strengthen their bond, and the Fishpeople Tribe would recognize his character.

Now, hearing Caihong's question, Yang Chen calmly replied: "Life Extension Pill, a Fifth Grade High-Level Elixir. Although it's a bit difficult, I can still refine it. However, gathering the materials might be a challenge. Once I collect them in the future, I will help you refine the pill."

"Young Master, really?"

"Young Master, you are too kind to us."

With tears in her eyes, Caihong said, "Young Master, we, the Fishpeople Tribe, will do our best to assist you without expressing our gratitude."

Although Yang Chen simply agreed, he undeniably had solved a major problem for the Fishpeople Tribe. Although they could also refine elixirs, the Life Extension Pill was a high-level elixir that required the awakening of a large number of inherited memories to be capable of refining it. Even if they awakened these memories, how could they collect the materials required?

In the end, wouldn't they still have to rely on Yang Chen?

"Alright," Yang Chen laughed, "Once I refine the pill, then you can thank me.

Let's leave those words of gratitude for now. Since I brought you out of

Monster Beast Mountain, I have never treated you as an outsider."

Hearing this, Caihong's cheeks flushed. She thought to herself that even Yang Chen hadn't treated her as an outsider, yet her Fishpeople Tribe still discussed being cautious around humans every day, even including Yang Chen in their suspicions. Compared to Yang Chen, they were being too cautious.

At this moment, Yang Chen waved his hand: "Since the Gathering Spirit Array is complete, you all can return to the Eight Extremities Flowing River's mustard seed space. I'm going to start my breakthrough."

"Yes, Young Master!"

"Young Master, we're leaving!"

The mermaid girls entered the Eight Extremities Flowing River's Mustard Seed Space one after another.

Meanwhile, Yang Chen took a few calming breaths and took out the Starfire to refine the Qi Filling Pill!

The Qi Filling Pill, a mere third-grade elixir, was naturally easy for him to create. In less than the time it takes for a cup of tea to brew, the pill was ready.

Yang Chen held the Qi Filling Pill and refined it into his body. In an instant, he could feel the majestic spiritual energy from the Gathering Spirit Array surge into him.

The Gathering Spirit Array, as the name implies, is for gathering spirits. The array relies on Spirit Stones as its foundation, with more Spirit Stones resulting in more gathered spiritual energy. Yang Chen had invested a lot in spirit stones. Combined with the ability of the Qi Filling Pill to automatically refine the Heaven and Earth Spirit Qi and absorb it into his body, Yang Chen felt his internal spiritual energy swell and become restless in an instant.

He knew that he had to start his breakthrough immediately.

Yang Chen muttered under his breath, "Let's begin!"

As his words faded, he closed his eyes and started the breakthrough.

In the blink of an eye, one double-hour passed, then two double-hours.

One day and one night.

Two days.

Three days!

Inside the room, Yang Chen suddenly opened his eyes.

At this moment, the spiritual energy generated from the spirit stones in the Gathering Spirit Array had been completely depleted. Yang Chen's aura was much stronger than it had been three days ago, and he had clearly entered the Third Layer of the Spirit Martial Realm, unrivaled in power!

Yang Chen was overjoyed: “My luck isn’t too bad. The effect of the Qi Filling Pill was fully utilized, and most importantly, the effect of this Gathering Spirit Array is incredibly good. It’s not much different from the formations I’ve seen before.”

“With both of these factors combined, I’ve successfully reached the Third Layer of the Spirit Martial Realm!”

Feeling the more abundant true qi within his body, Yang Chen couldn’t help but smile. If he now faced the Third Master from his past, he would have complete confidence in defeating him in one move. With his current strength combined with his two trump cards—the Black Mountain Black Bear—he would still be able to put up a fight against even a high-level Spirit Martial Realm expert.

“In addition, my Enemy Overcoming Style spear technique is also nearing perfection,” Yang Chen thought.

In recent days, his Enemy Overcoming Style was only one step away from perfection. Now, everything was in place, and he was confident he could break through to perfection in one fell swoop with his current state of mind and thoughts.

With these thoughts in mind, Yang Chen sat cross-legged on the ground.

“Phantom Shadows, a hundred illusions, a thousand illusions. All are false, created by my true qi, and not real. Perhaps my spear technique is enough with just one strike!”

“Spear Shadows return to the beginning, harmonizing heaven and man as one!”

Chapter 198: Heading to Liaocheng

It took a full five days for Yang Chen to gradually emerge from seclusion.

When he opened the door, he saw Yang Jin He waiting outside, which touched him deeply. Yang Jin He’s wait undoubtedly expressed his importance to him.

“Yang Chen, are you out of seclusion?” Yang Jin He said, looking delighted. He took a careful look at Yang Chen, and his heart set off a storm: “Did you succeed?”

“I am glad to have not let you down.” Yang Chen thought back to the results of his five days of seclusion and laughed heartily.

Yang Jin He laughed amiably, stroking his small beard: “It’s good that you’ve succeeded. Yang Chen, you still have a long road ahead; sometimes, you don’t need to be too hasty. You can progress step by step and take it slowly. Don’t be too hard on yourself.”

He now regarded Yang Chen as a treasure and was afraid that something might go wrong with him.

“Clan Leader, don’t worry, I know my limits,” Yang Chen replied.

“Good, as long as you know your limits, ” Yang Jin He said with relief.

Yang Chen leaned back on his hands and sat down with Yang Jin He.

Gu Mingyue quickly went to pour tea and water, helping Yang Chen and Yang Jin He fill their cups, then stood quietly to one side, secretly watching her young master with a happy, contented smile on her face. From time to time, she revealed a silly expression that was adorable and touching.

Yang Chen didn’t notice these details. He now shared a cup of tea with Yang Jin He and asked, “Clan Leader, what has been happening in the Great Wilderness during my seclusion? Have there been any changes?”

“There haven’t been any major changes, but quite a few things have happened in these five days,” Yang Jin He replied with a grin, “Once you gave the word, both the Feng family and Murong family acted decisively. They joined forces to suppress the Chen family and Wang family. The Chen family, not knowing the situation, dared to resist and clamor, but after Feng Wuyang and the Murong family’s Ancestor joined forces to kill several powerful ones, they calmed down.”

This made Yang Chen smile wryly.

The Chen family really didn't know how to appreciate favors. Since they chose to side with the horse-thief gang and the horse-thief gang failed, they were on the losing side. It was already good enough that they weren't exterminated, but they still dared to talk back.

He didn't have much sympathy for the Chen family, as he had already decided not to annihilate them completely, but they still weren't satisfied? It wasn't his fault.

Even under the pressure from other middle-ranking tribes, I doubt the Chen family can maintain their small clan status. They may become marginalized, barely maintaining their lineage. The Wang family, on the other hand, was much more aware of the situation."

"Oh, what did the Wang family choose to do?" Yang Chen asked curiously.

"The Wang family knows how to handle things. They voluntarily handed over Wang Ren, Wang De, and Wang Lang. These three had grievances with you and were the root of the conflict between the Wang and Yang families," Yang Jin He explained.

"Oh?" Yang Chen was quite surprised.

It seemed that the Wang family really knew how to handle matters by handing over the three people who had a grudge against him.

"Seeing the Wang family act this way, the Feng family naturally didn't have any issues. As the saying goes, you don't hit a smiling face. After killing these three people who had a grudge against you, they made a bit of a fuss in the Wang family and then let it go. While the Wang family can't keep their status as a great tribe, it's enough for them to barely rank among the middle-ranking tribes," Yang Jin He laughed.

Yang Chen said, "That's good. There's no need to kill them all; it's enough to set an example. If you really start a massacre, it will only make the other tribes feel uneasy. The Yang family can be a king, but not a second horse-thief gang." He said this undoubtedly implying to Yang Jin He.

He couldn't stay in the Great Wilderness for the rest of his life, and the ones who would eventually be in charge of Yang family were still Yang Jin He and Yang Zhengyi.

"I understand these things, and in fact, Elder Zhengyi is not too ambitious at his age. But our Yang family's momentum now can make us a super-tribe with no problem. Moreover, Elder Zhengyi went into closed-door cultivation some time ago and is trying to break through to the Spirit Martial Realm Fourth Level. Haha, if he succeeds, our Yang family's position as a super-tribe will be solid," Yang Jin He laughed loudly.

Recently, as happiness brings a refreshed spirit, Yang Jin He's appearance had become increasingly cheerful.

Yang Chen could feel Yang Jin He's happiness and nodded when he heard the current state of the Yang family.

With the Yang family's ample resources and his own influence on the various tribes in the wilderness, it was not a problem for the Yang family to stay safe for decades.

Moreover, with these resources, the Yang family could cultivate even more talents in the next few decades.

"I'm relieved now," Yang Chen sighed, and suddenly changed the subject. "I can also leave the Yang family with peace of mind."

"Leave the Yang family? Yang Chen, where are you going?" Yang Jin He was shocked.

Yang Chen smiled, "The young master of Jin Cheng has been kind to me, and he still has quite a few troubles in Liaocheng. It's only right that I help him. More importantly, neither I nor the Yang family should have our sights limited to the Great Wilderness!"

"You mean..." Yang Jin He became thoughtful.

Yang Chen simply said, "Leaving the Great Wilderness is inevitable for me. In the future, I'll not only leave the Great Wilderness, but I'll also go to more distant places. So I plan to start by exploring the way in Liaocheng. After spending some time there to stabilize, it'll be good for the Yang family's talents to receive support in Liaocheng. Thus, the new and old members can help the Yang family grow stronger gradually. Of course, this is assuming your ambition, Clan Leader, is not limited to the Great Wilderness!"

All he could do to help the Yang family was this.

As with Zhang Xuelian in the past, they could only protect as long as they could. The rest would be left to fate. After all, no clan could last forever and never decline in this world.

Yang Jin He stroked his chin, "Of course my ambition is not limited to the Great Wilderness, but I'm afraid those tribal elders think differently..."

"Ha, do I still need to worry about their opinions at this stage?" Yang Chen laughed.

"Well, that's true. In that case, let me report this matter to Elder Zhengyi. I'm sure he'll agree. Yang Chen, if you want to go to Liaocheng, I won't be able to accompany you as Clan Leader. Be careful on your way," Yang Jin He said, shaking his head after considering Yang Chen's cultivation level and realizing he couldn't help much.

"Clan Leader, I leave the matters of the Great Wilderness to you," Yang Chen said with mixed emotions.

"Alright," Yang Jin He agreed.

The two didn't talk for long before Yang Jin He left.

Yang Chen, on the other hand, remained deep in thought. As he looked around at the familiar surroundings and land, how could he not feel sentimental?

After a long time, he suddenly turned around and looked at Gu Mingyue, who was daydreaming behind him, startling her.

“Ming Yue!”

“Young Master!”

Yang Chen looked into the distance and asked, “Do you want to follow me to see the outside world?”

When Gu Mingyue heard that Yang Chen was going to leave the Great Wilderness, she was already heartbroken. But hearing his words, the dim flame inside her suddenly ignited, and she nodded repeatedly, like a pecking chicken: “Wherever the Young Master goes, Ming Yue will follow!”

Chapter 199: The Difficult Problem of Jin Cheng_I

Three days later, Yang Chen left the Great Wilderness with Gu Mingyue, heading for Liaocheng.

Half of the credit for resolving the crisis in the Great Wilderness went to Jin Cheng. Yang Chen found Jin Cheng as soon as he arrived in Liaocheng.

Upon seeing Yang Chen, Jin Cheng immediately held a banquet in his honor, giving face to Yang Chen, which made Yang Chen think highly of Jin Cheng.

At the moment, the dancers were dancing in the hall, surrounded by guards. Yang Chen sat with Jin Cheng, with Gu Mingyue standing nervously behind him, her small face taut. Obviously, she had never seen such a grand occasion and was somewhat nervous.

Not to mention anything else, merely looking at these dancers, they all had some martial arts foundation. If these dancers were placed in the Great Wilderness, with both their graceful dancing and strength, how could they be reduced to dancing for others' amusement?

Gu Mingyue was extremely uneasy, so she could only bow her head and follow Yang Chen's instructions.

At the same time, the dancers next to them were pouring tea for Yang Chen and Jin Cheng. Jin Cheng then raised his hand and drank with Yang Chen.

Yang Chen clasped his hands and said, "Brother Jin Cheng, I am truly embarrassed by the grand banquet you've thrown for me."

"Huh? Not at all! I, Jin Cheng, have always been generous to my friends." Jin Cheng grinned and laughed, "On the contrary, it's you, little brother, who managed to captivate Uncle He and the other guards within just a trip to the Great Wilderness. I've heard about this already."

Yang Chen couldn't help but laugh, "Brother Jin Cheng wouldn't mind, would

"Why would I? You're my friend, so it's only natural that they should listen to you. Captivating their hearts is your strength. All I need to know is that you're Jin Cheng's friend." Jin Cheng had a magnanimous heart and didn't mind the matter much, as Yang Chen had anticipated.

While talking, Jin Cheng held his tea and took a small sip, "Speaking of which, the environment of the Great Wilderness can hardly bind brother Yang Chen's talents. Now that the situation seems to be settling, what are your goals?"

Yang Chen rubbed his chin, "I don't have any particular goals in mind. Now that the Great Wilderness has settled down, I have no more worries. The martial arts path is long, so naturally, my primary goal is to become stronger. Coming to Liaocheng serves two purposes: to broaden my horizons, and to settle some new and old grievances."

Hearing Yang Chen's words, how could Jin Cheng not understand what he meant?

Yang Chen clearly hadn't forgotten Huang Chiyang!

This was no surprise. Anyone who suffered such a big loss wouldn't let it go easily.

At this point, Jin Cheng suddenly realized something, "Brother Yang Chen, has your martial arts cultivation improved again?"

“Brother Jin Cheng has keen eyes indeed.” Yang Chen smiled.

“Well, kid, have you reached the Second Level of Spirit Martial Realm?” Jin Cheng couldn’t help but say.

Yang Chen pondered for a moment and didn’t elaborate much on it. He just nodded, “Young Master Jin Cheng is right!”

It wasn’t that he didn’t want to make it clear, but advancing to the Third Level of Spirit Martial Realm in such a short time would be too shocking.

Hearing that Yang Chen’s martial arts cultivation had progressed to such an extent, Jin Cheng tapped the table, falling into deep thought as if he had encountered a problem.

Yang Chen was puzzled and attempted to ask, “Brother, have you encountered any problems?”

Jin Cheng didn’t hide anything and said, “It is a problem, indeed. But on the other hand, if brother Yang Chen really wants to find Huang Chiyang to settle the score, there is an opportunity to do so now. However, I’m not sure if brother Yang Chen is willing to give me a hand.”

“Brother Jin, just speak your mind.” Yang Chen remained calm.

Seeing Yang Chen’s calm demeanor and not rushing to make a decision, Jin Cheng nodded in approval.

This calmness was the demeanor required to achieve great things!

Jin Cheng waved his hand and said, “Well, it’s like this: while you were leading

Uncle He and the others to the Great Wilderness, a major event occurred near Liaocheng. My guards were patrolling and accidentally discovered a secret realm!”

“A secret realm?” Yang Chen narrowed his eyes, deep in thought.

Secret realms held great significance, as they were usually left behind by ancient martial artists or formed naturally. Whether it was the former or the latter, there were usually some benefits to be gained.

However, in this era, secret realms had become increasingly rare, as most of them had already been plundered by people.

Jin Cheng continued, “Exactly, a secret realm. But the news spread too quickly, and we couldn’t stop it. The City Lord’s Mansion, the Huang Family, and the Zan City Sun Family got wind of it. As a result, we even fought over it. In the end, no one gained any advantage, so we set rules!”

“The rules are simple: each side selects two geniuses to fight. These geniuses must not be older than eighteen, and there is no restriction on their martial arts cultivation. The winning party gets to enter the secret realm first, the second-place party will be delayed by an incense stick’s time, and the third place will have to wait half a day!” Jin Cheng slowly explained.

Yang Chen understood and asked, “Does Young Master Jin have enough people for this?”

“As for manpower, there’s naturally no problem. With my connections, it’s difficult but still possible to find a few 16 or 17 -year-olds who have reached the First Level of Spirit Martial Realm. The key issue is Huang Chiyang!” Jin Cheng sighed, looking very worried.

Yang Chen raised an eyebrow, “Oh? What’s the matter?”

Jin Cheng wore a bitter smile, “I don’t know when, but Huang Chiyang has managed to get close to the higher-ups of the Ming Emperor Sect. He actually managed to get an outer sect genius from the Ming Emperor Sect. This genius is just eighteen years old, but his martial arts cultivation has reached the Second Level of Spirit Martial Realm!”

“As for Zan City Sun Family, although their connections are not as strong as Huang Chiyang’s, they still rely on the support of their respective sects. They can also gather some genius disciples. Even if I find

some geniuses who have reached the First Level of Spirit Martial Realm, they will look lackluster compared to the geniuses from the sects.”

Yang Chen couldn't help but ask, “Can the City Lord's Mansion not rely on the power of the sects?”

“It's not possible. We rely on the Beishan Main City, which is the orthodox power of the Imperial Dynasty. Yet, why would the Beishan Main City dispatch people for such a small secret realm?” Jin Cheng said helplessly, “The Beishan Main City usually doesn't manage minor disputes in the cities. They only intervene when a city is about to be destroyed.”

Yang Chen finally understood.

Jin Cheng had no other choice but to be excited when he saw how much Yang Chen's martial arts cultivation had improved. If Yang Chen's martial arts cultivation had truly reached the Second Level of Spirit Martial Realm, he would have some chance of competing against the outer sect disciples of the Ming Emperor Sect.

However, how could Jin Cheng imagine that Yang Chen's martial arts cultivation was far beyond the mere Second Level of Spirit Martial Realm?

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Jin Cheng immediately got to the point, “That's why I said, Brother Yang Chen, if you want to settle accounts, this is a great opportunity. Of course, for my personal reasons, I still hope you can help me out. I don't expect you to win first place, but if you could help me get second place, getting some benefits from that secret realm while keeping my face intact, I'll make sure to compensate you well.”

Yang Chen waved his hand and smiled amiably, “Brother Jin, you're too polite. Let's not talk about settling accounts. If Jin Cheng needs my help, I can't refuse.”

Upon hearing this, Jin Cheng shouted excitedly, “Good! As expected of my friend, Yang Chen!”

He was overjoyed because his father had entrusted this matter to him, and he was extremely devoted to it, afraid of causing any trouble. However, Huang Chiyang and the Sun Family had sect forces behind them, so even if he didn't want to mess things up, he didn't have much choice.

And then, Yang Chen appeared.

Not only did Yang Chen appear, but he also had the strength of the Second Level of Spirit Martial Realm. This was like a lifesaver in front of him, and how could he not be overjoyed.

"By the way, when is the competition scheduled?" Yang Chen inquired.

"Funny enough, it's the day after tomorrow. I've been worrying about this matter these days. Since you're here and willing to help, I can finally breathe a sigh of relief." Jin Cheng said with a faint smile. "I'll pick you up the day after tomorrow."

"Then I'll trouble Brother Jin." Yang Chen bowed slightly.

Seeing Yang Chen agree, Jin Cheng's heart was filled with delight, "It's getting late now. Old Six, arrange a good room for my brother to cultivate. Oh, Brother Yang Chen, these dancers are all still virgins. If you find one suitable or take a liking to anyone, feel free to take her with you. From now on, they'll be yours."

Yang Chen couldn't help but smile, knowing Jin Cheng's intentions, as he looked at the dancers who were hurriedly bowing in half-kneels.

The dancers looked at him pitifully, evidently begging him to take them in.

Yang Chen shook his head slightly, feeling a little helpless. These dancers were just some women without any background, mostly brought up and trained by the City Lord's Mansion to entertain people. If they could attract the attention of someone with status, they would have a master and a home.

But if they couldn't catch anyone's eye and remained homeless, when would it end? Even if they were bullied, the City Lord's Mansion wouldn't help them out. After all, their status was only as dancers, and the City Lord's Mansion wouldn't really care.

However, if they were truly chosen by someone, they would become people with a master. At that time, anyone who wanted to bully them would have to think twice.

These dancers were all astute, seeing how Yang Chen and Jin Cheng called each other brothers. How could they not have their own thoughts? With charming eyes and beautiful faces that seemed to drip water, they tried to gain sympathy and make Yang Chen pity them. At least Yang Chen was young and handsome, which made them dream of him as their master.

But Yang Chen had no intention of sheltering them. He didn't want to bring trouble to himself, "I appreciate Brother Jin's kind intentions, and having Ming Yue is enough. Ming Yue, let's bid farewell to Brother Jin."

Gu Mingyue understood Yang Chen's intention upon being reminded and quickly curtsied, leaving with Yang Chen.

"Young Master Yang Chen, please!" The bodyguard Old Six spoke.

This made the dancers somewhat resentful.

Looking at Gu Mingyue, they could tell she lacked both manners and poise. How could she be better than them? They had received proper training and naturally were not comparable to Gu Mingyue.

When they saw that Gu Mingyue became Yang Chen's maid, they couldn't help but feel jealous. In what way were they inferior to Gu Mingyue, and why couldn't Yang Chen see it?

After their accommodations were arranged, Yang Chen focused on cultivating while Gu Mingyue served tea and water, and tidied up the room. She tried to mimic the elegance of the dancers, feeling that their movements made them seem more dignified.

Compared with them, she felt like the difference between a common chicken and a golden phoenix. The gap was obvious.

Gu Mingyue felt somewhat lost in her heart.

She originally followed Yang Chen out, feeling overjoyed to be with her young master. But upon thinking about it, wouldn't she be a burden to Yang Chen with the way she looked? They were out, and her appearance might bring shame to Yang Chen.

With mixed emotions, Gu Mingyue was unaware her tea was overflowing and suddenly felt its heat. She cried out in alarm.

"What's wrong?" Yang Chen opened his eyes and asked gently.

"No, nothing..." Gu Mingyue hurriedly replied, "I'm sorry for interrupting your cultivation, Young Master."

"It doesn't matter because I wasn't planning on cultivating seriously." Yang Chen smiled slightly, "Do you have anything on your mind?"

"No!" Gu Mingyue shook her head quickly.

How could Yang Chen not see what Gu Mingyue was thinking as she tried so hard?

He spoke calmly, "Ming Yue, there's no need to rush. If you truly want to improve, you might not be as good as others now, but one day, you won't be inferior."

Upon hearing Yang Chen's words, Gu Mingyue felt warmth in her heart. Sorrowfully she said, "Young Master, is it because I'm clumsy compared to those people? I always feel that I'm doing things that would make me lose face for you."

Yang Chen couldn't help but laugh, "I also came from the Vast Wilderness. Who looked down upon me? Ming Yue, in my heart, you're always the best. No one can compare to you. If I truly thought they were better than you, I would have agreed to let them be my maids just now. But I didn't. Do you know why?"

Gu Mingyue was stunned, "Young Master, why?"

"Because you are unique to me." Yang Chen said earnestly.

Gu Mingyue's eyes moistened, and she couldn't help but wipe her tears, touched and crying.

Yang Chen said gently, "Alright, don't cry. If you cry, you won't be pretty." Gu Mingyue nodded again and again.

She now understood that as long as Yang Chen didn't look down on her, it didn't matter if the world did. However, she still couldn't disappoint Yang Chen. From now on, she would serve him wholeheartedly, without distractions, and not think about anything else.

With that, on the second day, Yang Chen used his Divine Soul Detection and found that Gu Mingyue had run out early in the morning, not knowing what she was doing.

Surprisingly, when she returned the next day, everything from serving tea to her bearing had improved a level. She even learned how to make tea, which surprised Yang Chen.

Upon asking Jin Cheng, Yang Chen found out that the little girl had asked the City Lord's Mansion's Steward early in the morning to teach her..