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Chapter 951 - The Phenomenon Reappears (Compensation 18)

In the Forbidden Land, danger lurks everywhere, every step is perilous, and it's always possible to encounter some formidable beasts. Some beasts can even hide their presence, launching a deadly attack when people are unprepared.

However, correspondingly, the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi in the Forbidden Land is several times denser than the outside, with all kinds of spiritual medicine almost everywhere, all being aged spiritual medicine.

When Ye Fan found Chu Ji and Su Liuli, Chu Ji's injuries had already recovered more than half, and the residual efficacy of the Returning Essence Pill in her body was now playing an important role.

"Xiao Fan, how is it? Did you kill Xu Wudao?"

Seeing Ye Fan fly over from afar, Chu Ji ignored her own injuries and hurried to meet him and ask.

Ye Fan shook his head gloomily. Letting Xu Wudao escape this time means it will be difficult to kill him next time, as he will surely be on guard and won't confront him unless he is absolutely confident.

"It's okay, Ye Fan, although you didn't manage to kill him, you've already planted an invincible seed in his heart. Don't forget, you broke through in the heat of battle, and only your Magic Cultivation has advanced, your Martial Arts Cultivation has not yet broken through. Once it does, wouldn't killing him be a piece of cake?"

Su Liuli consoled from the side. As an observer, she saw more clearly than Ye Fan, and as someone with the Glazed Body, she could reflect everyone's reactions around her in her heart.

From the moment Xu Wudao chose to flee, he was actually already defeated, eternally defeated by Ye Fan, with no chance of ever turning the tables in this lifetime.

At their level, battles are no longer just about brute force; they are about higher-level things. Once fear creeps in, the outcome is basically decided, and there's no need to fight to know the result.

Ye Fan nodded, agreeing with Su Liuli. He also knew that since Xu Wudao chose to escape this time, he no longer had the qualification to challenge him.

After resting for a while, Ye Fan helped Chu Ji recover from her injuries again. Once she was basically recovered, they set off again, heading deeper into the Forbidden Land.

The entire Forbidden Land is vast and boundless, with steep mountains and ridges undulating endlessly, towering trees are everywhere, and vines either clinging to rocks or winding around tree trunks, making it virtually pathless.

Ye Fan could only summon the Xuanye Flying Blade to slash through the road, acting as a pioneer ahead for the two women. Surely you couldn't let Su Liuli or Chu Ji do such rough work?

Moreover, often hidden within the vines of the forest are some unknown poisonous insects and mutant beasts. The beasts are less of a concern, as the three of them together can protect themselves unless they encounter a High-level War God realm Mutant Beast.

But those poisonous insects are very tricky because they are not mutant beasts and basically have little cultivation. Even with Ye Fan's spiritual sense, it's hard to detect them in advance in such a situation.

And these poisonous insects are not only intensely poisonous, but more importantly, they are incredibly ugly and appear exceptionally terrifying. Although Su Liuli and Chu Ji are strong martial artists, they are women first and foremost, and no woman can instinctively avoid feeling fear towards such poisonous insects.

Naturally, this path-clearing task fell on Ye Fan's shoulders.

However, whenever a mutant beast is encountered, as long as it's not too powerful or a king among Mid-stage War God Realm Mutant Beasts, Ye Fan would let the two women seize the opportunity for practice and accumulate real combat experience.

The two women do well, no matter how powerful the beast is, it will be quickly dealt with by their tacit cooperation, unless encountering more than one beast, Ye Fan would seldom make a move.

The two women know that Ye Fan's Martial Arts Cultivation needs a large number of Beast Cores to break through to the Mid-level War God Realm, so they are especially eager to kill mutant beasts to collect enough Beast Cores for Ye Fan.

As such, the mutant beasts in the Forbidden Land are having it tough, encountering two female fiends, and aside from futile resistance, they can only obediently offer up their Beast Cores.

Ye Fan himself occasionally took action to kill some relatively stronger mutant beasts to ease the pressure on the two women.

Fortunately, what the Forbidden Land lacks in everything else, it more than makes up for in mutant beasts, all showcasing their innate talents. Each time, the three had to undergo a life-and-death struggle to successfully slay the beasts.

"Kid, how many Beast Cores have you accumulated? Is it enough for your breakthrough?"

After slaying a two-headed giant python, Chu Ji asked Ye Fan.

During this period, Chu Ji was more furious than Su Liuli, the bloodstains on her clothes dried and got wet again, wet and dried, basically needing a bath once a day, otherwise the pungent smell of blood was really unbearable.

Su Liuli was the same. Although she mostly attacked from a distance and didn't engage in close combat with mutant beasts, her white clothes still weren't spared from being splattered with blood.

"Haha, Sister Chu, don't ask, it's definitely not enough yet, otherwise Brother Ye Fan wouldn't have us continue fighting like this."

Before Ye Fan could speak, Su Liuli interjected.

Chu Ji sighed and said: "I really don't know when this tense and thrilling life will end. I am somewhat tired of it."

"Auntie, you probably have no choice. I guess you're also not far from a breakthrough. Real combat experience is often more important than strength. Once this opportunity is gone, it won't come back. Seize this chance to refine yourself so you can handle greater crises in the future."

Ye Fan himself was tired of spending every day in bloodshed, but he had no other choice but to accept it.

This Forbidden Land is mysterious, with some kind of Forbidden that only allows entry but not exit.

But Ye Fan wasn't worried; since it was in the Trial Holy Land, there had to be a way out of this Forbidden Land, only they haven't found the exit yet.

In the outskirts of the Forbidden Land, there's basically no hope, so the hope must surely be in the central area of the Forbidden Land. Only by passing the most brutal trials can one successfully exit.

Chu Ji wanted to laugh but couldn't, reluctantly accepting this reality, and continued striving to hunt mutant beasts.

After continuous battles, both Chu Ji and Su Liuli's actual combat experience skyrocketed, now they are completely confident in defeating any cultivator of the same realm.

Of course, Su Liuli doesn't count, she is now a Mid-stage War God Realm cultivator, but if she encounters Xu Wudao, it's still extremely dangerous.

As the days passed, the number of mutant beasts they killed gradually increased, with each beast core harvested, their experience also grew.

During the day, Ye Fan was the protector for the two, paving the way to advance deeper into the Forbidden Land, and at night, he sat cross-legged for cultivation.

To break through, relying solely on beast cores is far from enough; improving one's cultivation is the most important, moreover, his magic has just broken through and needs time to consolidate, lest he accidentally falls and that would be a big joke.

The cultivation of magic relies entirely on the improvement of spiritual power, and spiritual power cultivation is the hardest, without any effective cultivation techniques.

This is also the reason why there are so few magicians on Earth, Ye Fan can only rely on the mental method of Flying Sword Skill for cultivation, or manipulate ten flying blades to swiftly fly, practicing attacking and defense while rapidly depleting his spiritual power.

There are no shortcuts for spiritual power cultivation, not even a systematic cultivation technique to improve spiritual power, but there is a clumsy way, which is consumption.

After depleting the spiritual power, take a good sleep and let the spiritual power naturally recover; as long as it recovers, the spiritual power will grow slightly.

Day after day, the three got closer to the central area of the Forbidden Land, encountering increasingly powerful mutant beasts, sometimes all three had to cooperate to slay the beasts.

However, the quality of the beast cores also improved significantly; strong mutant beasts naturally had cores of decent quality.

Gradually, the three had reached the depths of the Forbidden Land, not too far from the central location.

After slaying a leader among the Mid-stage mutant beasts, the three decided to rest for the night before continuing, having spent almost every moment from morning till noon in tense battles, their mind and body were already exhausted.

Ye Fan naturally took on the role of chef again, quickly preparing some delicious food for the two beauties to enjoy.

Unfortunately, Su Liuli and Chu Ji were so tired that they lay on the ground unwilling to get up, even the food couldn't invigorate them again.

"Liuli, Auntie, dinner's ready, get up and eat something."

Ye Fan helplessly coaxed the two women to get up and eat like a parent coaxing a child.

At this moment, Ye Fan inadvertently lifted his head and suddenly saw auspicious clouds rising and radiant light shooting up from a mountain peak in the distance, as if some treasure was about to emerge.

Hmm?

Ye Fan suddenly stood up, focusing his eyes on the distant mountain peak, indeed feeling as if some divine object was about to appear, otherwise such a phenomenon wouldn't occur.

Su Liuli and Chu Ji were initially planning to chat with Ye Fan for a bit, but upon seeing his expression as if he'd seen an unparalleled beauty, the two women instantly scrambled up and looked towards the direction of Ye Fan's gaze.

Upon seeing this, they gasped, eyes shining, saying: "Reflected lights everywhere, there must be a treasure, quick, we need to hurry over, otherwise, we'll let others get there first."

With that, Chu Ji took the lead, grabbing a piece of golden roast meat from the nearby fire, eating as she ran towards the mountain peak enveloped with radiance.

Su Liuli and Ye Fan exchanged a glance, quickly packed up the roasted meat, and followed Chu Ji.

Meanwhile, in another direction, Xu Wudao and Anton also noticed the phenomenon on the mountain peak, exchanged glances, and saw excitement and greed in each other's eyes.

In the Forbidden Land, there's a treasure, surely no ordinary thing, such a phenomenon from a treasure might not be found anywhere in the entire cultivation world, right?

Liquor turns people red and wealth stirs hearts, neither of the two are indifferent people; after exchanging a glance, they almost simultaneously dashed towards the peak.

"Fair competition, whoever grabs it first, it's theirs," Anton said to Xu Wudao as he ran.

"Alright! Whoever gets the bunny first wins, but before that, let's see who's faster."

Xu Wudao laughed, unfolded his movement technique, like a flash of lightning towards the shining mountain peak.

Anton was no less competitive; after all, the treasure might only be one, whoever grabs it first owns it. He naturally didn't want to fall behind, pushing himself fiercely, his speed almost equal to Xu Wudao's!

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The mountain seemed within reach, yet it took nearly an hour for Xu Wudao and Anton to arrive near the Divine Mountain, despite its appearance of being close.

Looking up from the foot of the mountain, the two were suddenly struck to find an ancient tower at its peak, its age inscrutably ancient.

Radiant red light seeped out from various crevices of the ancient tower, enveloping it in a shroud of mysterious splendor.

The two were astonished by this ancient tower. Who would have thought that a man-made structure could exist in the heart of this Forbidden Land? What does this signify?

In a moment, both realized simultaneously that since the mysterious light was emanating from the ancient tower, it was without doubt that some treasure was hidden in some part of it.

Xu Wudao, without speaking a word, dashed toward the ancient tower at the mountain's summit, moving even faster than before, indicating that he was going all out.

Anton naturally wouldn't fall behind, almost using up the last ounce of his strength, closely following Xu Wudao's pace, and the two arrived at the ancient tower one after another.

From the mountain's base, the tower didn't seem so grand, but standing before it, they realized it was majestic and awe-inspiring, filled with the vicissitudes of time.

"The people of the past are truly remarkable, managing to build such a grand tower in a Forbidden Land; it's simply unbelievable."

Xu Wudao sincerely praised this, recognizing from the architectural style of the tower that it was likely constructed by the ancients of Huaxia.

"This is nothing. I have studied your Huaxia history and ancient culture, and I found that many unofficial histories and legends recorded some individuals possessing great divine powers surpassing heaven and earth. If those scribes are true, then building such a tower in the Forbidden Land wouldn't be difficult for such individuals."

Anton spoke fluent Chinese, without a trace of awkwardness, indicating that he had put in much effort into studying, and he knew a lot and in detail about Huaxia's ancient culture.

Xu Wudao nodded and said, "That's right. In the past, many would consider those stories as sheer legend, deliberately exaggerating facts, and perhaps some were entirely fanciful; but now, as Martial Artists' abilities gradually increase, who dares to claim they are merely legends? Perhaps such people indeed existed in ancient times."

Just as the two reached the ancient tower, Ye Fan, Su Liuli, and Chu Ji almost immediately also arrived at the summit, the two groups encountering each other unexpectedly.

Seeing Xu Wudao and Anton together didn't surprise Ye Fan at all; it would have been strange if the two weren't together.

Upon seeing Ye Fan's group at the Divine Mountain, Xu An's and Anton's hearts skipped a beat. They both knew that if they couldn't kill or drive away Ye Fan's group, neither could enter the ancient tower to retrieve the treasure.

Although they worked seamlessly on the surface, there was competition between them in secret, with neither willing to let the other obtain the treasure.

Exchanging a glance, they saw the intense killing intent in each other's eyes. Ye Fan's presence was too unfortunate, and a fierce battle was inevitable before anyone could enter the ancient tower and lay claim to the treasure.

Ye Fan, along with Chu Ji and Su Liuli, similarly understood that without driving away Xu and Anton's duo, it would be impossible for them to enter the ancient tower to seek the treasure.

Under these circumstances, a great battle seemed unavoidable. Ye Fan took a deep breath to prepare for the impending battle, as Chu Ji and Su Liuli were likewise ready.

Their combat skills and experience had been rapidly increasing these days. Although they were facing two of the Cultivation World's top geniuses, neither dared to hesitate.

Anton sneered, "What ill-timing, Ye Fan. Not sure if you're lucky or unlucky to stumble upon the two of us here."

Ye Fan smiled faintly, "I consider myself lucky. Perfect time to finish you both together and save me the trouble of hunting you down one by one."

"Such big talk, aren't you afraid your tongue might get caught in the wind?"

Anton coldly laughed and signaled to Xu Wudao, "Finish the fight quickly, then we'll distribute the treasures."

Saying this, Anton lunged towards Ye Fan, infusing Gang Qi into his right fist, unleashing a series of explosive sounds aimed at Ye Fan's face.

Meanwhile, he also remained wary of Ye Fan's Flying Knife Assassination Technique, for according to Xu Wudao, Ye Fan's Magic Cultivation had already reached the Mid-stage War God realm, and caution was paramount.

As soon as Anton moved, Xu Wudao let out a long howl, his black Big Spear transforming into a flurry of spear shadows, sending gun light shooting towards Ye Fan.

In his eyes, Ye Fan was the greatest threat. As long as he eliminated Ye Fan, Su Liuli and Chu Ji would pose no challenge, and he could handle them as he pleased!

Especially since Su Liuli was a disciple of Bodhi Wu Yin, emanating a kind of holy light. If he could recklessly play with such a woman, it would be the ultimate accomplishment for any man.

Profaning the sacred seems to be a genetic flaw inherent in men, and throughout history, nearly no one has been immune.

As for Chu Ji, in her thirties, she was at her most alluring, and famously called the Demoness outside. Few men had ever succeeded in becoming her confidante. To conquer such a woman was immensely satisfying as well.

Aware of Ye Fan's strength, Xu Wudao launched a killing move immediately, sparing no effort and aiming a thrust at Ye Fan with full force, evaporating the air around Ye Fan.

At the same time, he was deeply dissatisfied with Anton, as even at this critical moment, Anton was still holding back his strength and hadn't displayed his full combat power.

Ye Fan nonchalantly smiled, lightning-fast with a punch that combined his internal Gang Qi and blood energy perfectly, forming a dazzling Punch Ray.

The Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi around seemed to be mysteriously attracted, rushing towards the Punch Ray, forming a solidified Punch Ray.

Azure Sky Overlord Blood!

What seemed like a casual punch from Ye Fan was actually his most powerful attack. The punch ray tore through the air, clashing fiercely with Anton's Iron Fist.

Boom...

One was poised to strike, the other underestimated his opponent. The result was obvious—Anton was effortlessly sent flying by Ye Fan's punch.

Simultaneously, Su Liuli's Bodhi Tree and Chu Ji's sword radiance confronted Xu Wudao's gun light one after another, trying to block a strike for Ye Fan.

Sizzle sizzle!

Two soft sounds seemed to ring out simultaneously as Xu Wudao skillfully twirled his spear, knocking their weapons aside. However, he also completely lost the opportunity to attack Ye Fan.

At that very moment, a flying knife shot out from Ye Fan's sleeve, carrying a dazzling sword light a yard long, finding the True Destiny Prince amongst numerous gun shadows and clashing heavily with the spear tip.

Ye Fan swayed slightly, his face flush with red before quickly returning to normal, whereas Xu Wudao involuntarily stumbled a step back due to the overwhelming force.

Within a single move, the outcome was determined. Although assisted by Su Liuli and Chu Ji, Ye Fan held the upper hand even when facing two opponents, astonishing them both.

Anton, in particular, felt indignant, believing his defeat was due to carelessness rather than a lack of strength, convinced that in terms of true power, he wouldn't lose to Ye Fan.

"Xu Wudao, you handle those two women. I'll fight him!"

As he spoke, Anton slowly drew his long knife, took a deep breath, and assumed a peculiar stance, the knife tip faintly pointing at Ye Fan.

Xu Wudao paused, then retracted his spear and stepped back, leaving Ye Fan to Anton, while he turned his attention towards Su Liuli and Chu Ji, who had just intercepted him.

Ye Fan feared for Chu Ji getting hurt again, as she was the weakest among all present. Yet, there was no way he could protect her while fighting Anton.

In an instant, Ye Fan made a decision. He flicked his wrist, tossing the Yanhuang Furnace towards Chu Ji, saying, "Aunt, use this for protection."

Chu Ji did not hesitate, catching the Yanhuang Furnace. She was aware of her strength and realized that facing Xu Wudao without protection would likely end unfavorably.

After giving the Yanhuang Furnace to Chu Ji, Ye Fan coldly stared at Anton, saying, "Make your move. Let me see what progress you've made lately."

"Fool!"

Anton sneered, holding his knife with one hand, striking like lightning, slashing diagonally with fierce sword light towards Ye Fan's shoulder.

This move was impressively executed because whether the slash was vertical or horizontal, Ye Fan might dodge it, but the diagonal slash was not as easily avoidable, leaving only the option to retreat.

As long as Ye Fan retreated, driven by energy traction, Anton's moves would flow continuously like the Yangtze River, each slash faster than the last, until Ye Fan fell beneath his blade.

Therefore, faced with such an attack, Ye Fan could not retreat but had to withstand it. However, the full strike of a Mid-stage War God-level Martial Artist was not easily endured.

Observing Anton's move, Ye Fan immediately discerned his intention. From his sleeve, another flying knife emerged, driven by the third style of the Flying Sword Skill, 'Flowing Light.'

Whoosh—

The palm-sized flying knife shot out with a yard-long sword light, colliding with Anton's sword light.

It can be said that Ye Fan's flying knife was not at the same level as Anton's long knife, yet at this moment, they both emitted sword light, facing sword light with sword light.

Clang!

The sword lights collided, producing a sound like metal clashing, as the sword light formed by Gang Qi exploded instantly. It was as if an ultra-large firework had gone off between them, the intense light causing both to squint.

In this strike, they matched each other. On the ground between them, a crater reminiscent of a bomb blast appeared, with radial cracks extending, and a gale seemed to whip around, showcasing the tremendous attack power in their exchanges.

Kill!

Kill!

Both had the same idea, seeking a quick resolution. After their clash, they charged at each other in unison!

Meanwhile.

Su Liuli and Chu Ji also approached Xu Wudao!

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Whoosh!

Whoosh!

Su Liuli and Chu Ji did not retreat; instead, they advanced, taking the initiative to attack, launching their strongest killing moves.

In an instant, a massive tree of Gang Qi appeared before Su Liuli, while Chu Ji slashed out a sword radiance.

"Kill!"

Xu Wudao roared, instantly thrusting two spears, and two beams of gun light howled towards the Bodhi Tree and the sword radiance.

Boom——

The next moment a loud noise erupted, an energy storm swept in all directions. Su Liuli and Chu Ji successfully resisted Xu Wudao's attack unharmed, thanks to their defensive magic tools.

Although Xu Wudao was powerful, Su Liuli was also a mid-stage War God level cultivator, and the only disciple of the Martial Arts genius Bodhi Wu Yin, practicing a skill comparable to Ancient Heavenly Technique, the "Bodhi Skill".

Once Su Liuli fought desperately, her combat power was astonishing!

Chu Ji, although not having broken through, was on the verge of doing so. Through this period of teaming up and hunting mutant beasts with Su Liuli, they had formed a seamless teamwork!

Moreover, both had strong defensive magic tools!

This was why Ye Fan felt at ease letting them battle Xu Wudao!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Constant muffled sounds could be heard, Gang Qi filled the air, and silhouettes intertwined as all three engaged in a frenzied battle.

Su Liuli's Bodhi Tree and Chu Ji's treasure sword complemented each other, with one attacking and one defending. For a time, Xu Wudao was completely at a loss, unable to break the duo's coordination.

At this moment he realized his mistake, initially thinking that with his strength, defeating Su Liuli and Chu Ji was a piece of cake, only to find out that it was not the case once the real fight started.

Every time he saw an opportunity to fiercely attack Chu Ji, she would shield with the Yanhuang Furnace, and he couldn't break through its defense, making the battle a deadlock.

Meanwhile, Ye Fan and Anton finally clashed. Ye Fan abandoned the flying knife assassination, switching to the Domineering Fist to confront the opponent's treasure sword head-on.

Anton had an extremely sharp saber technique, often adopting a mutual destruction strategy, which demanded high levels of morale and psychological readiness, attacking with a do-or-die mentality.

Ye Fan also fought with a reckless abandon, engaging fiercely with him.

Swish!

Anton slashed downward, the sharp sword light tearing through the air toward Ye Fan's face. Simultaneously, Ye Fan's right hand, donned with Black Iron Fist set, clenched into a fist, meeting it with the Azure Sky Overlord Blood from the Domineering Fist, while silently kicking out a foot.

This kick, to prevent the opponent from knowing in advance, was done with hidden energy, silent, and without the slightest wind sound.

Anton was playing the same trick; at the moment the saber and Black Iron Fist set collided, he swept a leg horizontally, attempting to break Ye Fan's legs.

Bam!

Their legs collided below, but Anton swept horizontally while Ye Fan kicked out in the shortest straight line, essentially kicking right into Anton's sweeping foot, catching him off guard.

If it wasn't for Anton also plotting against Ye Fan, imbued with Gang Qi, this single move could have broken his foot.

Even so, Anton felt a sharp pain in his ankle, nearly losing his balance, and urgently retreated, widening the distance from Ye Fan!

At this moment...

Ye Fan launched another fierce attack, two flying knives circled with sword light over a meter long, attacking from both sides.

Simultaneously, the Azure Sky Overlord Blood struck out again, the blazing punch ray infused with a massive amount of Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi, fiercely targeting Anton's chest.

Anton never expected Ye Fan's martial arts cultivation, which hadn't even reached the mid-level War God realm, had such powerful attack power. Under time pressure, he slashed out two beams of sword light to either side, while he opened his mouth to spray a beam of Innate Gang Qi, like an arrow, towards Ye Fan's punch ray.

Clang clang...

The sound of the sword lights colliding resonated in everyone's ears, as Anton's sword light narrowly managed to shatter Ye Fan's flying knife sword light.

Meanwhile, Ye Fan's punch ray arrived as well. The Innate Gang Qi, though powerful, was wishful thinking if it hoped to crush Ye Fan's Azure Sky Overlord Blood.

In the instant the Innate Gang Qi touched the punch ray, it was crushed instantly.

At this time, Anton was horrified to find that he couldn't dodge, his body seemingly immobile; he barely managed to twist his body, avoiding a lethal blow to his heart.

Boom...

The punch ray directly struck Anton's protective Gang Qi, which only held for half a second before being shattered, viciously striking his right chest.

Pfft!

Anton immediately spewed a mouthful of blood, struggling to operate the waning Gang Qi to defend and dissolve the heart-piercing punch ray, his body simultaneously being involuntarily flung backward.

Only now did he realize how correct Xu Wudao had been—Ye Fan truly was a demon. Despite not breaking through to the mid-level War God realm, he was already so formidable; once he did break through, perhaps no one of the same age could challenge him!

Unfortunately, knowing now was too late. Anton's Gang Qi circulated many times within his body to finally dissolve the heart-piercing punch ray, but it was almost impossible to fight again.

Seeing Ye Fan's intent to pursue and destroy him, Anton dared not linger any longer. Taking advantage of the momentum of being thrown backward, he directly executed a flying martial technique. A pair of Gang Qi wings instantly materialized behind him, allowing him to flee.

Ye Fan did not chase, instead turning directly to walk towards Xu Wudao, who was currently engaging in a fierce battle with Su Liuli and Chu Ji, steadily gaining the upper hand. Defeating the two was only a matter of time.

However—

At this moment, Anton couldn't withstand Ye Fan's attack and escaped alone!

Seeing this, Xu Wudao was so furious that he almost broke his steel teeth. He originally planned to deal with Su Liuli and Chu Ji and then turn around to join forces with Anton to attack Ye Fan. Unexpectedly, Anton deserted on the spot, foiling the plan!

Although he was seething with anger, Xu Wudao knew very well that if Ye Fan joined the fight, he would have no chance of winning and was doomed to die.

Huff! Huff!

With his life in danger, Xu Wudao unleashed unprecedented potential, executing a move named 'Conquer the World,' his black spear transforming into countless gun lights, forcing Su Liuli and Chu Ji back while simultaneously launching a Great Void Slash at Ye Fan.

As Ye Fan defended himself, Xu Wudao summoned an Ancient War Chariot, escaping in a blink, leaving only a small black dot behind.

This battle, though seemingly simple, was extremely perilous. Whether it was Ye Fan, Su Liuli, or Chu Ji, if any side failed to withstand the fierce attacks and lost, the other was sure to die as well.

Ye Fan frowned slightly. If he hadn't grasped the Azure Sky Overlord Blood and advanced his magic to the Mid-level War God Realm, it would have been impossible to drive back Anton and Xu Wudao.

Su Liuli and Chu Ji were also filled with dread—Xu Wudao's intention was to injure and capture them alive to coerce Ye Fan, or possibly to retaliate against him. Otherwise, it was uncertain whether they could have truly blocked his final strike aimed at Ye Fan.

"You guys take a rest and then enter the Ancient Tower to search for treasure. I'll stand guard here. They probably haven't gone far and will surely keep an eye on this place."

After speaking, Ye Fan stood in front of them, looking in the direction where the two had fled.

Ye Fan wasn't mistaken. In reality, Xu Wudao and Anton hadn't escaped far but were hiding on the other side of a mountain peak, sneaking curious glances in this direction.

They all agreed that there must be treasures inside the Ancient Tower, even if they couldn't obtain them, seeing what was inside would be worthwhile.

Moreover, they were still contemplating stealing the treasures, thinking that as long as the treasures weren't on Ye Fan, they might have an opportunity to act.

After the intense battle, both Su Liuli and Chu Ji were quite exhausted. Though the treasure was close at hand, they still heeded Ye Fan's words, sitting cross-legged on the ground to restore their strength through cultivation.

A few minutes later, the two opened their eyes and, after glancing at Ye Fan, they headed towards the Ancient Tower upon his nod.

Ye Fan stood alone at the entrance of the Ancient Tower, like a statue of a War God, exuding an aura that seemed to block thousands.

Half an hour later, the radiance from the Ancient Tower vanished suddenly. Anton and Xu Wudao exchanged a glance, seeing deep disappointment in each other's eyes.

No doubt, the treasure had been taken by either Su Liuli or Chu Ji; only then would the light disappear without a trace.

With Ye Fan by their side, the two felt that the chance of seizing the treasure was almost nil unless they divided their forces. However, given the cleverness of Su Liuli and Chu Ji, how could they possibly separate from Ye Fan?

Disappointed, the duo reluctantly retreated into the distance. Having no fate with the treasure, they decided it was better not to look to avoid unnecessary longing.

Shortly after they left, Su Liuli and Chu Ji emerged from the Ancient Tower, empty-handed.

Ye Fan looked at the two in surprise and asked, "Did you find the treasure? Why didn't you bring it out?"

The two smiled wryly, leaving Ye Fan even more puzzled, wondering what they were laughing about.

"Let me explain!"

Su Liuli grinned again and said to Ye Fan, "Ye Fan, there are no treasures in this Ancient Tower at all. What was glowing was just a stele!"

A stele? Glowing? And with radiance? What on earth is that?

Ye Fan looked at them both, confused, waiting for Su Liuli to continue.

"According to the text on the stele, this tower is called the 'Sky Tower,' with a total of five levels. Each level has extremely difficult trials, and those who can fully pass will gain unexpected benefits.

However, since these are trials, they won't be easy. Passing is likely difficult, but failing doesn't matter. Participants will be teleported out just before death, so they won't lose their lives.

That's all the stele records. When we arrived, we didn't touch anything, and the radiance disappeared by itself."

Chu Ji continued the explanation to Ye Fan, she, like Ye Fan, had learned about the changes in ancient script from Chu Xuanji, so although the characters on the stele were ancient, they weren't beyond her capacity to decipher.

"I see. So, did you take the trials?"

Ye Fan realized it suddenly, pondering that such a design by the ancients must have been intended for some of the geniuses among geniuses. As for the unexpected benefits mentioned, Ye Fan couldn't guess what they could be.

Since they are unexpected, if guessed, they wouldn't be unexpected. Still, the rewards for passing all levels would certainly not be too meager.

Chu Ji shook her head, saying, "No, probably due to the long passage of time, the characters on the stele were somewhat blurred. I spent a lot of effort deciphering them, and we had no time for the trials."

Su Liuli added in agreement, "Moreover, neither of our strengths have returned to peak state, so attempting the trials now would be self-torture, and we were also afraid you might worry while waiting, so we came out first to inform you."

"Alright then, start cultivating immediately and try to recover to peak state, then attempt the trials. I'll guard the tower entrance to prevent those two from coming back."

With these words, Ye Fan sat cross-legged, focusing on his breath until his heart calmed, entering a meditative state, quickly beginning the process of restoring his strength.

He needs to regain his peak strength as quickly as possible!

Firstly, to guard against Anton and Xu Wudao's potential return; secondly, to prepare for the upcoming trials!

Sky Tower, he must conquer it!

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Four hours later, Chu Ji and Su Liuli finished their cultivation, their strength restored to peak condition.

"No wonder this is called the Forbidden Land. The Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi here is incredibly dense. Without it, we couldn't have possibly returned to our peak so quickly."

Su Liuli couldn't help but marvel at this. Achieving peak condition in just four hours was almost unimaginable in the outside world.

"If we could come here to cultivate anytime, all bottlenecks would no longer be insurmountable barriers for us. We could easily break through."

Chu Ji nodded in agreement. The Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi here was several times denser than outside, meaning a day of cultivation here was equivalent to several days outside.

As the two finished their cultivation, Ye Fan also ceased his practice, stood up and said, "Alright, now you take turns going in. I hope you succeed."

Su Liuli and Chu Ji hesitated for a moment, eventually deciding Chu Ji would go first since there was no real danger to their lives.

With Ye Fan, a great master, present, as long as there was a breath left, he could smoothly restore her, so there was no need to worry about that.

Chu Ji no longer hesitated, took a deep breath, and stepped into the Ancient Tower.

Ye Fan and Su Liuli stayed at the entrance of the Ancient Tower to guard against Xu Wudao and Anton in case they returned.

An hour later, Chu Ji was ejected from the tower door, her face pale, clearly having faced a strong attack, and her aura was somewhat chaotic.

After coming out, Chu Ji struggled to explain to Ye Fan and Su Liuli the tower levels she had passed and the dangers they might encounter inside.

Having spoken, she sat down cross-legged on the spot to use her powers for healing.

Ye Fan and Su Liuli exchanged a glance, and Su Liuli saw a strong sense of encouragement in Ye Fan's eyes. Her own eyes became firm; regardless of whether she succeeded in passing the trials, she would give it her all to try.

Nodding slightly at Ye Fan, Su Liuli stepped into the Ancient Tower with determined steps.

Ye Fan moved behind Chu Ji, placed one palm on the Life Gate point on her back, and gently injected refined Pure Yang Qi into her meridians to help her quickly repair the damaged channels.

This time, Su Liuli stayed inside a bit longer. After about one and a half hours, she too was unsurprisingly ejected from the tower, her face just as pale as Chu Ji's.

However, her condition was slightly better than Chu Ji's. After all, she was a Mid-level War God Realm Martial Artist, significantly stronger in realm than Chu Ji.

Steadying herself, Su Liuli said with fear, "Ye Fan, I only made it to the second layer before failing. I didn't expect ten Mid-stage War God Realm mutant beasts to be nearly unbeatable on the second layer."

Ye Fan recalled Chu Ji's words; Chu Ji had barely managed a fierce battle to slay the first layer's Mid-stage War God mutant beasts before being ejected from the second layer after a few moves.

Ten Mid-stage War God Realm mutant beasts—a formidable force indeed!

With both stopped on the second layer, could he pass it himself?

More importantly, if the second layer's trial was so difficult, what of the third? The fourth? Knowing the Ancient Tower had five layers, Ye Fan turned grave.

Reason told him that passing the trials would be incredibly challenging!

Nonetheless—

No matter the outcome, Ye Fan had to try.

Before making an attempt, Ye Fan activated the Golden Feather Wings, thoroughly searching the area around the Sky Tower and confirming there was no trace of Anton and Xu Wudao. Then, he returned to the front of the Sky Tower, cautioning Su Liuli and Chu Ji to guard the tower door carefully, and he entered the Ancient Tower.

Upon entering the Ancient Tower, Ye Fan discovered that its interior was much more spacious than it appeared from the outside. Next to the entrance was a stele carved from Diamond Rock, inscribed with many ancient Golden Furnace Characters.

Since he already knew the contents, Ye Fan paid it no further heed and headed towards a distant staircase. Since the first layer's beasts had been slain by the others, he had no reason to linger.

As he reached the staircase entrance, a weak yet chilling airflow attacked from behind.

Without thinking, Ye Fan leapt up, somersaulting mid-air to hang upside down, witnessing a golden ray strike where he had just stood.

Shh!

The golden light struck the wooden staircase, causing ripples as if on water, yet leaving the wooden staircase unharmed.

A flash of insight hit Ye Fan. The Ancient Tower likely possessed a certain type of forbidden technique, capable of absorbing immense Attack Power without damage; otherwise, it would have long been destroyed.

Just then, Ye Fan noticed an oversized rat, like a big dog, darting from the shadowy corner.

Mid-stage War God Realm mutant beast!

Ye Fan never expected the Mid-stage War God Realm mutant beast to be a rat. Nonetheless, he didn't care to ponder why there was another one after Chu Ji and Su Liuli had eliminated the first layer's beasts.

In mid-air, Ye Fan struck with a hand blade, slicing down directly onto the head of the mutant beast Haozi, not giving it a moment to react.

Bang!

Ye Fan's movements were too fast, his attacks too fierce, one strike smashed the skull of the Haozi, mixing blood and brain matter splattered out.

This Haozi convulsed on the ground for a moment before completely dying, unable to hinder Ye Fan even for a moment.

Only after it was utterly dead did Ye Fan lightly descended from the air, without even glancing at the repulsive beast, too lazy to extract the beast core, he headed straight for the Second Layer.

The wooden stairs creaked loudly as Ye Fan climbed them, making him deeply worried that these stairs, aged beyond memory, might collapse under his weight.

Fortunately, although each step was nerve-wracking, he managed to reach the Second Layer of the Ancient Tower without any incident.

Differing from preserved towers today, this ancient tower's stairs did not spiral upwards, but had them located in different positions on each layer, making direct ascent to the Third Layer impossible upon entering the Second Layer.

Ye Fan took a deep breath and crossed the central open space, heading towards the stairway to the Third Layer.

Through the experiences of Chu Ji and Su Liuli, it was known that each layer posed trials that must be passed before moving to a higher level.

Therefore, he prepared for battle, waiting only for the appearance of the ten Mid-stage War God Realm mutant beasts.

Looking at the empty surroundings, Ye Fan pondered where these beasts could be hiding; even powerful beasts need sustenance, yet this Ancient Tower was clean to the point of having no dust, raising the question of how these beasts sustained themselves.

At this moment, Ye Fan suddenly noticed the walls adorned with carvings of ten mutant beasts, each vividly lifelike, exuding a primal fierce aura.

"Don't tell me these beasts carved on the wall will come alive to battle me?"

As this thought arose in Ye Fan's mind, the walls flashed with light, and each beast depicted jumped down from the stones, becoming real mutant beasts surrounding Ye Fan, eyeing him like a piece of prey.

"Damn, it's true!"

Ye Fan was utterly speechless; previously neither Chu Ji nor Su Liuli had clarified the origin of these beasts, yet their manifestation was indeed bizarre.

These mutant beasts possessed Mid-stage War God Realm strength, and if faced one or two at a time, Ye Fan could quickly end the battle, but such a multitude attacking simultaneously was no weaker than an Alpha-level mutant beast attack.

A long shout resounded from Ye Fan's mouth, initially not loud but then sharply piercing, accompanied by the shout, Ye Fan's whole body surged with vitality.

First move to attack, lose if slow to react, Ye Fan knew well in battles of this caliber, seizing the initiative was paramount, holding nothing back, he directly launched a Domineering Fist at a beast charging towards him.

Punch Ray emitted, Qi followed!

Ye Fan's first strike unleashed the Azure Sky Overlord Blood of Domineering Fist, the fierce attack sent a mutant beast facing him flying, slamming into the wall, vomiting blood, losing its combat capability.

Taking down one Mid-stage War God Realm Mutant Beast, Ye Fan dared not be complacent, understanding the following battle would be even more brutal.

That beast was caught off guard, struck down before it could demonstrate its battle capability.

But the same tactic could only work once, attempting it again might fail, Ye Fan was aware of this, so upon successfully neutralizing one beast, he simultaneously unleashed three Flying Knives.

Given Ye Fan's current skill, controlling four Flying Knives was no issue, but to err on the side of caution, Ye Fan chose to manipulate only three.

Whoosh whoosh whoosh...

The three Flying Knives, under Ye Fan's control using the third technique of Flying Sword Skill and Flowing Light Heart Technique, with long sword light, shot towards three beasts behind him.

Pick them off one by one, Ye Fan aimed to pick them off one by one, only by gradually clearing these ten beasts could he relieve the pressure and significantly increase his chances of passing the trial.

Roar...

At the moment Ye Fan moved, those beasts also reacted, roaring and pouncing towards Ye Fan.

For these beasts, Gang Qi was just part of their strength, real attacks relied on sharp teeth, claws, robust physique, and swift agility.

At this action, Ye Fan realized these beasts were exceedingly formidable!

The three beasts targetted by Ye Fan's Flying Knives simultaneously spat Innate Gang Qi, collided head-on with the incoming knives, while their powerful claws lifted, shimmering with earth-colored light, swatting directly at the knives.

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The battle had just begun and had already entered a white-hot phase. The nine-headed mutant beasts were extraordinary, with formidable attack and defense capabilities.

If it were ordinary cultivators at the mid-stage War God Realm, they wouldn't be able to withstand it.

Even Su Liuli, who cultivated the Bodhi Skill comparable to the Ancient Heavenly Technique, couldn't handle it!

The three mutant beasts that Ye Fan focused on were raising their giant claws to fiercely strike the flying knives just as the Innate Gang Qi collided with the sword light.

Boom...

With a loud bang, the three mutant beasts were instantly knocked back by a powerful force, crashing fiercely into the wall behind them.

Meanwhile, the Xuanye Flying Blade, after being blocked by the Innate Gang Qi and the massive beast claws, had its sword light dissipated and no longer had much attack power.

Ye Fan's consciousness was also greatly shaken, as a strand of his mind was left inside the Xuanye Flying Blade. With the Xuanye Flying Blade severely damaged, his strand of mind was also impacted, almost failing to recover.

At this moment, Ye Fan was also attacked by other mutant beasts. These beasts were quite powerful, forcing Ye Fan to respond with full strength.

After blasting away the most ferocious attacking beast with a punch, Ye Fan's eyes erupted with golden brilliance, launching a mind attack immediately.

Another mutant beast was infiltrated by his mind in an instant, destroying its consciousness completely, allowing him to control the beast.

Awoo...

Under Ye Fan's control, this mutant beast suddenly attacked the other beasts beside it, catching several mutant beasts off guard.

The mixture of fresh blood and screams echoed throughout the second layer of the Ancient Tower, plunging the entire second layer into chaos.

Ye Fan cautiously controlled that mutant beast while unleashing powerful attacks.

His body's strength was already not inferior to those of the mutant beasts. In a moment of fierce determination, he abandoned martial arts and magic attacks, directly engaging in close-quarter battles with these beasts.

It could be said that besides Ye Fan, no one dared to have the most brutal close combat with the mutant beasts, given their tough skin and incredible defense, leaving human cultivators at a disadvantage compared to the beasts physically.

The mutant beasts didn't expect Ye Fan to engage in close combat with them initially, and were momentarily stunned by Ye Fan. After losing two beasts, the remaining came to their senses, roaring as they launched a counterattack at Ye Fan.

The two beasts were smoothly dealt with by Ye Fan with one punch and one kick, drastically reducing the pressure. He employed his movement technique to maneuver among the six remaining beasts, occasionally delivering deadly strikes.

Since it was a trial, he had to completely slay these mutant beasts, or at least render them incapable of fighting.

Even though he wouldn't die, after eliminating three mutant beasts, one was controlled, becoming his puppet and tool. The remaining six mutant beasts seemed to realize Ye Fan was not easy to deal with and roared, exhibiting their strongest powers.

Bam!

Ye Fan, caught off guard, was struck on the shoulder by a beast claw, sending a wave of intense pain surging through him, clearing his mind. It felt as if his shoulder blade had been crushed.

The beast's attack was indeed exceptional, but Ye Fan didn't let it go in vain. Seizing the moment it struck him, his Azure Sky Overlord Blood exploded, directly blowing the beast apart before him, drenching him in hot blood.

The gruesome atmosphere made the remaining five mutant beasts shiver with fear, especially as there was still one causing chaos. Though controlled by Ye Fan, its strength was not weakened, and its fearlessness significantly hindered the other beasts.

This tactic was a spontaneous idea from Ye Fan and turned out to be remarkably effective. The mutant beasts naturally showed no mercy to him as a human, but they hadn't anticipated a traitor among them, which had never happened before.

After some chaos, two mutant beasts focused solely on dealing with the one controlled by Ye Fan, while the remaining three formed a triangle approach towards Ye Fan.

Ye Fan gasped, not expecting these beasts to have a high intelligence, knowing to divide their forces and encircle him strategically, initially relying on their overwhelming advantage without setting up formations.

Wiping the blood off his face, Ye Fan's eyes turned cold, and his entire being became like an unsheathed sharp sword, emitting a chilling killing intent.

Though the battle time was short, it was extremely ferocious, with beast corpses all over the ground and a strong stench of blood.

Ye Fan found it puzzling that these beasts supposedly walked down from the stone carvings on the walls, but how could they bleed, appearing so lifelike?

The severely injured beasts were barely breathing, clearly incapable of fighting anymore, yet they persisted.

Three mutant beasts had all mutated from wolves, with claws and teeth containing venom. If it weren't for Ye Fan being immune to all poisons, he would have long since fallen dead on the ground.

Howl...

The three mutant beasts howled simultaneously, pouncing at Ye Fan like lightning, aiming respectively for his throat, abdomen, and ankles.

Ye Fan's eyes remained unruffled, exuding a calmness that was terrifying. Yet these beasts couldn't sense such a feeling. With the howling, the mouths of the three Azure Wolf Beasts spewed a nauseating stench as they approached Ye Fan.

At this moment, Ye Fan moved. The perfect combination of Gang Qi and his entire body's vitality increased his confidence. With a wave of his hand, his Azure Sky Overlord Blood burst forth, as he punched at the Azure Wolf directly in front of him.

The Azure Wolf apparently knew of the danger and tilted its head, its body twisting peculiarly in the air as it aimed to bite Ye Fan's shoulder.

They have great confidence in the poison on their teeth. No matter where they bite Ye Fan, the poison can incapacitate him.

Ye Fan's eyes tightened, and with a thought, he silently shrank the sword light of a Xuanye Flying Blade to a foot long and stabbed at the chrysanthemum of the Azure Wolf lunging at his side.

Such an insidious move, Ye Fan used it for the first time as he had no choice in the face of the joint attack by three mutant beasts.

Being able to hold on in the chaos until now, the strength of these three Azure Wolves is definitely top among the ten mutant beasts.

Awoooooo...

That Azure Wolf was about to succeed, but unexpectedly, it felt its chrysanthemum chill as the Flying Knife pierced through from its neck, giving it a thorough chill.

During this life-and-death struggle, outside the Ancient Tower, Chu Ji and Su Liuli were anxiously waiting.

Ye Fan had been inside for a while now. Given his strength, the mutant beasts on the first layer definitely wouldn't stop him. But can he pass the test on the second layer with ten mid-level War God Realm mutant beasts?

Even if he can pass, what about the third layer? Heaven knows what kind of monstrous trials are waiting for him there.

The two girls worried while praying that Ye Fan could smoothly pass the trial and receive the so-called unexpected benefits.

Ye Fan certainly had no idea what Chu Ji and Su Liuli were thinking. At the moment, he had no leisure to think about these, and after eliminating one Azure Wolf, he kicked fiercely at the Azure Wolf attacking low, causing it to scream and spin away.

In just a flash, the three mutant beasts suffered different degrees of blows, a result even Ye Fan couldn't believe.

With the Nine Heavens Profound Body, Gang Qi seemed endless. Even after a fierce battle, Ye Fan showed no signs of fatigue, still as vigorous as ever.

Whoosh!

At this moment, Ye Fan used the third move of the Flying Sword Skill "Flowing Light."

Three Flying Knives, each with long sword light, pinned the three Azure Wolves to the wall.

This battle was essentially over; the remaining two mutant beasts had one bitten off its throat by the one Ye Fan controlled, lying on the ground and twitching—death was only a matter of time.

The remaining mutant beast, though still attacking fiercely, was already beyond saving, and the beast controlled by Ye Fan was even more miserable, bitten all over like a blood-soaked sack, bleeding profusely.

However, strictly speaking, this beast was already dead the moment Ye Fan took over its body.

It naturally wouldn't feel pain unless its head was bitten off, otherwise, its attacks wouldn't stop.

Ye Fan inadvertently discovered another use for Magic and wasn't willing to end the battle quickly, so he sat at the side, operating his skills to recover from the battle loss while splitting half of his mind to command this beast to keep fighting.

After the battle lasted long enough to brew a cup of tea, the beast fighting furiously was finally pinned by the puppet beast Ye Fan controlled, which bit its neck ferociously and did not let go.

A moment later, that beast couldn't hold on any longer, slowly stopped struggling, as the air throughout the second layer of the Ancient Tower was filled with an overwhelming scent of blood and intense atmosphere.

Ye Fan retrieved his consciousness from that beast, and its eyes immediately turned gray and dim; it staggered twice before falling to the ground with a thud.

"Congratulations, young man, you've passed."

Just as Ye Fan was inwardly called lucky, a suddenly old voice echoed like an elderly person speaking near him.

With the elder's words, the bodies of the mutant beasts on the ground, including those not yet dead but incapacitated, simultaneously turned into white light and returned to the wall.

Ye Fan's eyes nearly dropped on his own foot—this was possible? He hadn't even had a chance to collect the Beast Cores, gone just like that?

Passing the level without any rewards—seems the designer of the Sky Tower is pretty stingy. At least he should be rewarded some Spirit Stones or Beast Cores!

"Proceed to the third layer!"

That old voice sounded again, Ye Fan knowing well the voice might have been left long ago and the person probably long dead, but still thanked.

After slightly adjusting his breath, Ye Fan stepped forward intently, with determination, toward the third layer.

No matter the trial on the third layer, even if he can't make it, he must check it out. Even if he can't pass this time, there should be another chance.

As he stepped into the third layer of the Sky Tower, Ye Fan habitually examined the Ancient Tower's surrounding wall to see if there were any carvings of mutant beasts.

Being able to know in advance what mutant beast it is helps in strategizing battle tactics, as engaging with mutant beasts requires not only strength, strategic combat is essential too.

At this moment, Ye Fan suddenly heard a middle-aged man's voice in his ear: "For so many years, I'm almost rusted; finally, a human cultivator comes, step forward to meet your fate!"

With the voice, a ball of white light appeared in front of Ye Fan. As the white light dissipated, a strange mutant beast with a height of about a meter and length not exceeding two meters appeared on the ground.

Chapter 956 High-level War God realm Mutant Beast

Mutant beasts do not necessarily become stronger as they grow larger, especially when they reach the High-level War God realm; this rule is broken.

Although those large High-level War God realm mutant beasts are formidable, the smaller and more delicate ones often can unleash even stronger combat power.

The mutant beast before Ye Fan was obviously of this type. It seemed even smaller than a Tibetan Mastiff, and even appeared quite delicate compared to those Mid-stage War God realm mutant beasts on the second floor. However, Ye Fan dared not underestimate this mutant beast.

From the outside, this mutant beast was covered with black scale armor, each piece about the size of a fingernail, reflecting a black, glossy light.

Its claws were sharp, like human hands, divided into five fingers. Its head looked extremely similar to a Qilin, with forked horns growing on it. When it opened its mouth, it revealed a mouthful of fangs, looking extremely terrifying.

Its tail resembled a lion's, the entire body was indescribable, and Ye Fan had never seen such a mutant beast before, so instinctively categorized it into the Mo Qilin type.

In Xu Zhonglin's "Fengshen Legend," there was once a great hero whose mount was a Mo Qilin, this hero was the Grandmaster Wen Zhong of the Shang Dynasty.

But that was mere legend, not to be taken seriously, and Ye Fan definitely did not believe in the existence of Qilin; they were just auspicious beasts fabricated by people.

Stepping back, if Qilin really existed, they shouldn't be enemies with humans. This one clearly wasn't.

From the aura emanating from this mutant beast, Ye Fan could determine it was definitely a High-level War God realm mutant beast. Unexpectedly, the third layer was already a High-level War God realm mutant beast; what would the fourth layer be?

Such a trial seemed impossible for anyone to pass. As for the unexpected benefits, since the trial itself couldn't be passed, there's no need to mention benefits, as they were fundamentally unattainable.

Hearing the mind transmission from this mutant beast, Ye Fan knew that its intelligence was absolutely on par with humans.

Immediately, Ye Fan used mind transmission to speak to this mutant beast, "At your level, you must have transcended the realm of mutant beasts. I want to know, what exactly is your race?"

To know oneself and one's enemy is the key to victory. Although Ye Fan knew that defeating this High-level War God realm mutant beast was almost impossible, he still wanted to understand it.

According to his thoughts, since this mutant beast was a High-level War God realm mutant beast, its heart must be proud. Since his magic had just broken through to the Mid-stage War God realm, and his martial arts cultivation hadn't broken through yet, naturally it wouldn't take him seriously.

In this case, this mutant beast might reveal some things he wanted to know.

As expected, this mutant beast hadn't communicated with others for who knows how many years, and was quite talkative. Initially warning Ye Fan to come and accept death was just part of its duties, something it had to do.

According to the intention of the builder of this ancient tower, one must defeat it to pass the trial. Although it wouldn't truly die, the experience would definitely be unpleasant, so it naturally didn't want to try.

At this moment, hearing Ye Fan's courteous inquiry, it was immediately delighted. Previously, the human cultivators it met would start fighting without a word.

Of course, most of them were beaten senseless by it and directly bounced out of the Sky Tower.

"Kid, you're quite polite! Let me ramble on."

This High-level War God realm mutant beast was obviously in a great mood, and it began to talk endlessly to Ye Fan about its own matters, name, race, and even its abilities.

It had absolute confidence.

In its eyes, even if it told its abilities in advance to this human cultivator in front of it, it wouldn't matter. This human cultivator had only one foot in the Mid-stage War God realm, vastly inferior to itself, posing no threat at all.

Through its words, Ye Fan learned that this High-level War God realm mutant beast was called Big Teeth, a type of mutant beast from ancient times, named the Golden Tooth Beast.

Big Teeth even boasted, claiming to be a divine beast among mutant beasts, incomparably noble, worshipped by all beasts.

Ye Fan almost burst into laughter but feared angering this High-level War God realm mutant beast, so he just held a stiff face and endured.

As for its origin, it shocked Ye Fan greatly. It said it didn't even know how it came about, only that since gaining consciousness, it has been sealed within the walls of the Sky Tower, only manifesting when someone challenges it.

Big Teeth's divine skills were no joke; its scale armor alone could rival treasure armor, able to withstand most attacks, and its horns could shoot out a Glazed Light that instantly petrified whoever it struck.

Additionally, it knew some advanced beast techniques, capable of launching sound wave attacks, making it an unbeatable presence.

The more Ye Fan understood, the heavier his heart sank. Facing an opponent whose defense was like a tank and attack like a laser cannon almost left no chance of victory.

After rambling for half a day, Big Teeth finally said, "Alright, now you kid have a comprehensive understanding of me. Tell me your plan, will you retreat directly, or let me knock you out?"

Ye Fan took a deep breath and said, "You are very strong, so strong that I don't have the slightest chance of victory, but I still want to try. If I don't try, I won't be content. You don't need to hold back; attack with full force!"

Big Teeth was stunned, looked Ye Fan up and down, and sneered, "Do you deserve me going all out just on you? How about I promise not to use the Glazed Light from my horns and just play with you using my martial techniques. It's been a long time since anyone kept me company for some exercise. Rest assured, I'll only use eighty percent of my strength."

Contempt, naked contempt!

Ye Fan's eyes instantly turned icy cold, his entire aura continuously rising, his eyes glinting with golden light, and his clothes fluttering without wind.

Big Teeth indifferently waited for Ye Fan to accumulate his momentum to its peak. It had absolute strength to easily defeat Ye Fan at his peak.

"Huff!"

Ye Fan knew he didn't have many chances, so he immediately unleashed his strongest Azure Sky Overlord Blood, fiercely punching towards Big Teeth's nose.

At the same time, Ye Fan's mind flicked, sending a flying knife with scorching sword light shooting towards Big Teeth's eyes.

"Interesting, you're actually engaged in Dual Cultivation of Magic and Martial Arts, but you've got the order of attack wrong. You should have first used the flying knife assassination to disrupt my vision, affecting my judgment, and then used your bizarre martial arts to attack my vital points, throwing me into chaos."

Big Teeth was practically showing off its combat experience. When Ye Fan's fist was right in front of it, it only then sprayed out two streams of Innate Gang Qi from its nose, utterly shattering Ye Fan's punch ray, while tilting its head to fiercely knock the flying knife away with its hard horns.

Ye Fan was forced back three steps by the rebound force before stabilizing himself, but Big Teeth remained motionless, the disparity in strength was too vast.

"Kid, you've got some skills, but compared to me, you still need more practice. If you choose to back out now, I won't give you a hard time and will even point out your shortcomings. But if you want to continue the challenge, don't blame me for being ruthless."

Big Teeth looked nonchalantly at Ye Fan. This kid was indeed not bad, being able to reach this step when he's half a foot into the Mid-stage War God Realm. Not even the previous demons could achieve this.

"Anyway, there's a Forbidden here, so you can't kill me. I have no concerns. Bring it on. I choose to continue fighting. The experience and lessons gained from battles are the most precious, and such opportunities don't come often. Why would I waste it?"

Saying this, Ye Fan assumed a stance, determined to continue challenging this High-level War God realm Mutant Beast.

"Oh! You're indeed different from the others, very well, knowing how to utilize every resource available. Fine, before we start, let me guide you a bit; otherwise, you won't even touch my edge, and it's no fun fighting you."

A glimmer of surprise flashed in Big Teeth's eyes. It had encountered many human genius cultivators before, but none had ever dared to consider it as a sharpening stone. Ye Fan was the only one.

Such an amusing opponent was not easy to come by. Big Teeth decided to guide Ye Fan's combat prowess from its own experience and perspective.

"Your fist technique martial arts move is quite good, but the attack power is too weak and must be strengthened to threaten me."

Ye Fan couldn't help but be speechless. The second style of Domineering Fist, the Azure Sky Overlord Blood, had a formidable attack power. He could even kill someone a realm higher than himself, yet here with Big Teeth, it was considered too weak.

Instantly, Ye Fan realized—their realms were worlds apart!

With these thoughts flashing in his mind, Ye Fan chose to remain silent.

In his view, since the opponent pointed out the problems, there should be a solution.

Seeking advice from a mutant beast wasn't shameful at all. Ye Fan naturally didn't mind it saying his Domineering Fist's attack power was too weak.

"How should it be improved then? The mental method I'm cultivating is just like that; it's reached its extreme, and it's impossible to increase the attack power further."

Ye Fan deliberately provoked Big Teeth. The more impossible it sounded, the more the opposite party, if having a method, would show off.

As expected, Big Teeth became furious and said, "Nonsense, who told you that? Domineering Fist does have some memories; it was created by a person named Madman Zhang, but there is still room for improvement, depending on whether you can comprehend it and dare to change it."

Saying this, Big Teeth raised a front claw, striking the empty ground beside Ye Fan, causing the earth to shake, leaving a shallow beast claw imprint on the ground.

"Give it a try, use all your strength, and let's see what effect it has."

Big Teeth withdrew its claw, eyes filled with a teasing light, as if waiting to see Ye Fan make a fool of himself.

What about this?

Ye Fan decisively gathered all his strength, striking hard beside the beast claw mark.

Boom!

With a loud crash, ripples spread across the ground. Ye Fan felt as if his punch plunged into water, having no effect whatsoever.

Looking at the ground again, not even a single trace was left, leaving him somewhat dumbfounded. He had quite confidence in his Domineering Fist but didn't expect such a result.

Chapter 957 Seclusion and Escape (Repaying 20)

"Surprised?"

Big Teeth's teasing voice came through, saying, "Although there is a restriction here, all traces will automatically disappear within an hour, but I can leave a trace with a casual strike, while you can't leave a trace even with a full-force strike. Do you know why?"

Seeing the puzzled look on Ye Fan's face, Big Teeth continued, "The reason is simple. It's not because my realm is higher than yours, but because I understand technique. More accurately, it's compression."

Compression!

These two words entered Ye Fan's mind, instantly causing his whole body to tremble. Yes, it's compression. The power unleashed from the same Gang Qi when compressed and not compressed would naturally not be the same.

It's like a spring—the harder you compress it, the more violent the rebound, and the greater the power. A pile of gunpowder is also not as lethal as a grenade; the principle is compression.

"It seems you've had a revelation, but thinking about it is one thing; doing it is another. You still need time to digest it. Also, I might as well tell you, absolutely don't compress all the Gang Qi in your body when compressing, otherwise, death wouldn't be far from you.

Separate a wisp of Gang Qi, control the compression, and only when you hit at the critical point can you unleash terrifying power, understand?"

Big Teeth looked at Ye Fan with a grin, suddenly raised his forepaw, and unleashed a terrifying Beast Technique at Ye Fan. A Beast Claw entirely condensed from Gang Qi imprinted on Ye Fan's chest at lightning speed, directly knocking him out of the Ancient Tower.

Ye Fan was greatly shocked, and before he could react, he felt the threat of death, followed by a tightness in his body, and sudden darkness in front of his eyes.

When he regained consciousness, he was already outside the Sky Tower. Looking at the Third Layer, a complex feeling surged in Ye Fan's heart.

He couldn't figure out whether he should hate Big Teeth or be grateful to it, but overall, Ye Fan felt he should be grateful because the gap in strength between them was too great. Even if he was prepared, he couldn't guarantee he would withstand a few moves.

Being kicked out wasn't so bad; it was a good opportunity to digest what it had just imparted. For Ye Fan, Big Teeth's few words seemed to open another door for him, showing him how Gang Qi could be used.

"Ye Fan, how are you doing?"

"Little brat, come over and tell your aunt, how many layers did you break into? What kind of mutant beasts did you encounter?"

As soon as Ye Fei Na was bounced out, Su Liuli and Chu Ji swept over, supporting him from both sides. Chu Ji casually checked his pulse point, relieved to find no serious injuries.

Having grown up in a family, even those who didn't specialize in medicine would understand a bit. Although Chu Ji didn't specifically study Medical Skill, growing up with the Divine Doctor Chu Xuanji, even without learning, she picked it up.

So, upon learning that Ye Fan was not injured, she became very curious. They were attacked fatally before being bounced out by a mysterious force; how did Ye Fan, uninjured, also get bounced out?

Ye Fan told the two about encountering Big Teeth on the Third Layer, leaving them both stunned. They didn't expect the Third Layer to be a High-level War God level mutant beast.

Even more unexpected was that this High-level War God level mutant beast was such an oddball. To have a good fight with Ye Fan, it actually guided his cultivation.

However, Big Teeth's guidance wasn't just useful to Ye Fan, but also provided immense insight to the two women.

"Liu Li, Auntie, I have decided to go into closed-door training for a while to thoroughly digest this knowledge and hope for some achievement. You two can hunt some mutant beasts nearby to enhance your actual combat capabilities and control over Gang Qi."

Ye Fan shared his plan with the two, and both expressed agreement. Only Ye Fan had the hope of clearing the level; the two women had no hope.

Then, Ye Fan hunted a Mid-stage War God level mutant beast, and the three set up a fire near the Sky Tower, roasting a mutant beast to satisfy their appetite—they hadn't eaten anything since arriving here, as they were constantly fighting and worrying.

After filling up, Ye Fan went directly to the first layer of the Sky Tower. Since he had already passed the first layer's trial, the mutant beast of the first layer naturally wouldn't appear again.

While Ye Fan was in closed-door cultivation, Xu Wudao and Anton had slaughtered several mutant beasts and collected a large number of Beast Cores, wandering among the precipitous mountains in the center of the Forbidden Land.

That day, the two unknowingly intruded into the territory of a High-level War God realm mutant beast, and once discovered, it roared and chased after them.

The two were quite self-aware, knowing that fighting a High-level War God realm mutant beast with their current cultivation was undoubtedly seeking abuse. One summoned the Ancient War Chariot while the other used their Flying Martial Technique to flee.

That High-level War God realm mutant beast chased them for eight hundred miles, scaring them nearly to death, forcing them to burn Gang Qi to drive their Flying Artifacts and Flying Martial Techniques to increase their flight speed.

Finally, after being chased for a thousand miles, the High-level War God realm mutant beast, realizing it couldn't catch them and worried about its territory being invaded by other mutant beasts, reluctantly returned.

Seeing the High-level War God realm mutant beast no longer chasing, the two still flew some distance before stopping on a mountaintop.

After landing, they gasped for half a day to recover, not knowing where they had flown.

After picking some wild fruits to quench their hunger and thirst, the two suddenly discovered a deep abyss on the other side of the mountaintop, with something seemingly attracting them within.

"Let's go down and take a look!"

The two made a simultaneous decision to fly into the abyss once again.

Before long, the two had descended to the bottom of the abyss. Looking around, strange flowers and herbs were everywhere, but none of them had the kind of refreshing fragrance associated with spiritual medicine. Although many flowers bloomed, there was no scent at all.

"What is this place?"

The two were very puzzled, not expecting that there would be such a place in the forbidden land. All the flowers were extremely radiant, white as snow, red as blood, looking extraordinarily bizarre.

"Anton, be careful. The plants here might all be poisonous, never touch them."

Xu Wudao admonished Anton while both felt the sensation of being summoned became even more intense, flying towards the source of the summoning.

A quarter of an hour later, they discovered a ruined palace within the abyss. Although it appeared severely damaged, it hadn't collapsed.

"Why is there a palace here?"

The two walked into the palace with curiosity, only to find bodies strewn all around, lying in disarray; some limbs were even severed, evidence of the fierce battle that once occurred.

These corpses had long turned into white bones. As they walked past, the wind raised by their movement turned the bones to bone powder, making it impossible to recognize anything.

As soon as they entered the great hall, they discovered a one-meter high altar in the center, surrounded by even more skeletons.

The two jumped directly onto the altar and found complex patterns engraved upon it, including flowers, birds, fish, insects, and flying and aquatic beasts, along with some ghost talismans they couldn't understand.

Though Anton was versed in Huaxia culture, he was dumbfounded in the face of these things, totally unable to discern their purpose. But both could confirm, the mysterious summoning was coming from this eerie altar.

"Brother Xu, you are a native Huaxia person. Without a doubt, this thing was left by your Huaxia ancestors. Do you know what it's for?"

Anton asked Xu Wudao respectfully, knowing his own limitations. In the presence of these mysterious ancient Huaxia cultures, he felt like an elementary school student, even less competent, thus he lowered his posture significantly.

Xu Wudao furrowed his brows in intense scrutiny before finally catching a glimpse of understanding. In an uncertain tone, he said, "This seems to be a transmission array, but I don't know its destination."

"Transmission array?"

Anton rolled his eyes, saying, "Brother Xu, is this the time for jokes?"

Xu Wudao, with a furrowed brow, responded coldly, "I'm not joking. This altar very likely is a transmission array—you should not forget how we entered the Trial Holy Land. If there can be transmission arrays there, why can't there be one here?"

"Furthermore, we can no longer retrace our path out of the forbidden land, so how can we leave? It necessarily has to be through some sort of transmission array to be sent out."

Listening to Xu Wudao's words, Anton felt a pang of hope. He'd been stuck in the forbidden land long enough, daily dancing on the edge of Death God's scythe; had it not been for luck, he would have perished here long ago, naturally he hoped to leave.

With his interest piqued, Anton calmly asked, "How confident are you?"

Xu Wudao sneered, "If you have another way out, I certainly won't stop you. But let me remind you, this could be our only chance, whether it is or isn't, we need to experiment."

With that, Xu Wudao ignored Anton and started to investigate meticulously.

Any transmission array requires energy, or it cannot function.

Half an hour later, leveraging his profound knowledge of ancient culture, Xu Wudao discovered some mysterious aspects. In the center of the altar was engraved a Bagua Diagram, among which seemed to be traces of dried blood.

"Could it be that it needs blood to activate?"

Xu Wudao's thoughts quickly became alive, and he said to Anton, "Anton, go hunt a mutant beast outside and bring it back, preferably without external wounds, as quickly as possible."

Anton didn't know what Xu Wudao intended to do, but seeing Xu Wudao full of confidence, he naturally did not oppose him.

To him, hunting a Mid-stage War God Realm mutant beast was not difficult, and there were plenty of beasts here. In just a few minutes, Anton returned carrying a beast.

Placing the beast on the ground, Xu Wudao found it still alive, delightedly severed its artery, letting the blood spill onto the Bagua Diagram.

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The blood of a mutant beast is plentiful, but the Bagua Diagram on the altar seemed like a bottomless pit, crazily absorbing the mutant beast's blood.

Moments later, when the mutant beast's blood was nearly drained, the Bagua Diagram finally lit up, and the yin yang fish in the center began to rotate slowly.

"Your judgment is correct, the Formation seems to have been activated!"

Seeing this scene, Anton was very excited, Xu Wudao had bet correctly, this really is a Transmission Array, and no matter where it transports us, it's better than staying in this damned place.

However—

After the yin yang fish rotated for a while, its speed surprisingly began to slow down, and the originally lit Bagua symbols also randomly dimmed.

"This is not good, the blood isn't enough. Quick, let's add some of our blood and give it a try!"

Xu Wudao's face changed, and while speaking, he directly cut his wrist with the tip of the Big Spear, letting the blood flow from the wound and drip onto the Bagua Diagram.

Anton was not sluggish either; he dragged his long knife across his palm, clenched his fist, and let the blood drip from between his fingers.

With the addition of both their blood, the Bagua Diagram lit up once more, the yin yang fish rotated faster, the surrounding symbols grew brighter, and suddenly, it separated from the altar and floated mid-air, beginning to spin.

Crack—

Suddenly, there was a crisp sound, as the ancient altar began to shatter.

"Could it have failed?"

Seeing this, Xu Wudao and Anton both felt a tightening in their chests.

Immediately, before Xu Wudao and Anton could make sense of it, their vision went black, losing consciousness. When they regained clarity, they found themselves atop a snowy mountain.

The biting cold wind with snow particles piercing their skin like needles didn't bother them, as they had long been immune to cold and heat, indifferent to this harsh environment.

Scanning the surroundings, they unexpectedly found that the distant mountain top resembled the one at Bei Hai Canyon.

"We're out?!"

Xu Wudao and Anton were overjoyed, one summoned the Ancient War Chariot, while the other used a Flying Martial Technique, forming a pair of Gang Qi wings to fly toward Bei Hai Canyon.

At this time, there were less than twenty people waiting in Bei Hai Canyon.

Among them were elders from the Yanhuang Organization, strong people from the Xu Family, the Luoke Family, and the Huang Jin Family, as well as some cultivators who wanted to know the result first-hand.

Besides them, there were Lv Zhan, Xiao Selang, Ye Hei, and Wu Zi.

The strong people from the Xu Family, the Luoke Family, and the Huang Jin Family were Xu Wudao, Anton, and Andre's fathers. They stood together, their faces indifferent, emanating a powerful aura that made people recoil in fear.

Among them, Xu Wudao's father, Xu Changfeng, had the strongest power; he had long entered the High-level War God Realm and even had one foot in the Top Level War God status.

Hmm?

Suddenly, Xu Changfeng and the fathers of Anton and Andre all sensed Xu Wudao and Anton's presence, and they moved in their hearts, immediately directing their gazes over.

Whoosh whoosh whoosh...

Soon, Lv Zhan and others also sensed it and followed Xu Changfeng and the other two's gaze.

Soon, led by Xu Changfeng, the crowd saw two small black dots rapidly flying toward Bei Hai Canyon.

"Wudao!"

"Anton!!"

Xu Changfeng and Anton's father, Xisai, almost simultaneously called out, their expressions exceptionally excited.

Swoosh!

Swoosh!

As their words fell, the sound of air being sliced echoed, as Xu Changfeng and Xisai stepped on Gang Qi, soaring into the sky to rush and meet Xu Wudao and Anton.

Hmm?

Meanwhile, the elder from the Yanhuang Organization and Lv Zhan also saw Xu Wudao and Anton, but did not see Ye Fan's figure, nor Chu Xuanji's shadow.

This gave rise to a vague sense of foreboding in their hearts, and their brows furrowed unconsciously.

"Father!!"

In the sky, Xu Wudao and Anton also saw their fathers, and they appeared extraordinarily excited.

They had been hunted by Ye Fan in the Forbidden Land, and later pursued by a High-level War God realm Mutant Beast, truly a situation of Nine Deaths and One Life.

Seeing Xu Wudao and Anton not only unharmed but both having broken through to the Mid-level War God Realm, Xu Changfeng and Xisai both let out a long sigh of relief and then were all smiles.

"Why are only the two of you out? Where's my son Andre?"

At this moment, Andre's father gallantly used Qi Manipulation to fly into the air, staring at Xu Wudao and Anton with slight urgency and asking.

"Uncle Nissen, Andre is dead," Anton replied.

"Dead?!"

Andre's father Nissen's body trembled, nearly falling from the sky.

Simultaneously, Xu Wudao felt a stirring in his heart and suddenly spoke, "Yes, your son died at the hands of the Evil Emperor of Huaxia's disciple..."

"Bastard, I'll kill him!!"

Hearing Xu Wudao's words again, Nissen was utterly furious, roaring, "Where are they? Did they come out?"

"They are all dead."

Xu Wudao responded in a steady voice, "Besides me and Anton, everyone else died in the Forbidden Land."

"What... what??"

As Xu Wudao's voice fell, exclamations of surprise echoed. Whether it was the elder from the Yanhuang Organization or the four people of Lv Zhan, they all looked at Xu Wudao in disbelief.

Even Xu Wudao and Anton's fathers, Xu Changfeng and Xisai, were somewhat surprised!

"What's going on? How did Evil Emperor and the others die? How did you escape??"

In shock, the elder from the Yanhuang Organization rose into the air, quickly asking while staring intently at Xu Wudao and Anton as if not trusting Xu Wudao's words.

Anton remained expressionless and did not speak.

Although he had already guessed Xu Wudao's lying intentions, he felt it was better to let Xu Wudao cover up the lie.

"The forbidden land is not only full of Mid-stage War God realm mutant beasts but also High-level War God realm mutant beasts, very dangerous. They were all killed by High-level War God realm mutant beasts."

Xu Wudao, with an unchanged expression, said half-truthfully, "Anton and I also encountered High-level War God realm mutant beasts, were chased all the way, and finally managed to escape by burning Gang Qi to activate the flying magic artifact and flying martial technique. By accident, we stumbled into an abyss and discovered a damaged altar inside. Taking a chance, we activated the altar and were transmitted out."

"Is Ye Fan really dead?"

Lv Zhan, Xiao Selang, Ye Hei, and Wu Zi felt their hearts sink, staring at Xu Wudao and Anton, trying to find any flaws in their expressions, but their acting was too good, showing no flaws at all.

"Even you could come out alive; I don't believe Ye Zi would die in the forbidden land!!"

Lv Zhan spoke, clenching his fists tightly, extremely agitated, unable to accept the news of Ye Fan's death in the forbidden land.

"I don't believe it either!"

Xiao Selang, Ye Hei, and Wu Zi all agreed in unison.

Xu Wudao heard this, smiled coldly to himself but said nothing more, instead exchanging a knowing glance with Anton, as if saying: the rewards of the Hidden God List belong to us!

Anton understood without expression.

Moments later, Xu Changfeng and Xisai left Bei Hai Canyon with Xu Wudao and Anton, while Nissen also departed in grief.

With their departure, those cultivators waiting for results also left one after another, leaving only Lv Zhan, Xiao Selang, Ye Hei, and Wu Zi behind.

As they said, they firmly believed Ye Fan was not dead and decided to wait for his return!

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"Xu Wudao and Anton made it out alive from the forbidden land!"

"The Evil Emperor of Huaxia and others were all buried in the forbidden land!"

That day, this news spread like wildfire through the global cultivation world, causing a huge sensation.

"Since Xu Wudao and Anton managed to escape, why didn't the Evil Emperor and Ye Fan, his disciple, escape??"

"I don't believe the Evil Emperor and Ye Fan, master and disciple, are dead!"

"Xu Wudao and Anton managed to escape because they possessed top-grade high-level flying magic artifacts and flying martial techniques!"

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As the news of Ye Fan and others' burial in the forbidden land spread, it quickly sparked a heated debate in the global cultivation world. Some believed they were not dead, while others believed they were.

The latter opinion being the majority.

Meanwhile, at the Yanhuang Organization headquarters.

Yan stood by the window, staring into the distant sky, motionless.

He had been standing like this for three full hours—ever since he heard from the Yanhuang Organization's elder about Chu Xuanji and Ye Fan's death.

"Ring ring ring..."

Suddenly, the phone rang, sounding particularly shrill in the quiet office.

Yan returned from his thoughts, frowned, walked over to the desk, and picked up the phone.

"Leader, Xu Family's Xu Changfeng is calling, inquiring when the rewards for the Hidden God List competition will be issued," reported a Yanhuang Organization member respectfully over the phone.

Rewards?!

Upon hearing this, Yan was moved and then slowly relaxed his brow.

"Call back the Xu Family, informing them that since Ye Fan and other participants are currently missing, the rewards for the Hidden God List competition will not be issued for now. The specifics will be decided

by a meeting of the War God Alliance," Yan said in a deep voice, his eyes flashing, "also, inform all vice alliance hierarchs of the War God Alliance to hold a video meeting at 9 AM tomorrow to discuss the reward issuance for the Hidden God List competition."

"Yes, leader!"

"Click—"

Upon hearing his subordinate's response, Yan said nothing more, directly hung up the phone, and once more walked to the window.

"Xuanji, I don't believe you're dead."

Yan stood again by the window, staring into the distant sky, murmuring to himself, "As for Xiao Fan, he is someone of great fortune, there's no way he could die so easily!"

Chapter 959 Rapid Progress

Xu Wudao and Anton survived the Forbidden Land and walked out on the second day, the Vice Alliance Hierarchy of the Flame Organization's War God Alliance convened a special meeting to discuss the reward distribution plan for the Hidden God List tournament.

After research at the meeting, it was decided that although Xu Wudao and Anton claimed that Ye Fan, Andre, and Su Liuli, the three contestants who entered the finals, died in the Forbidden Land, there was no compelling evidence, so the rewards will temporarily not be issued. Six months later, if Ye Fan and the others do not appear, the Hidden God List rewards will be shared between Xu Wudao and Anton.

Once the meeting conclusion was announced, it sparked another heated discussion.

"Is Ye Fan dead?"

Almost everyone was curious about this point.

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Meanwhile, within the Forbidden Land.

"Awooo..."

In a valley near the Sky Tower, the roars and howls of mutant beasts echoed continuously, sounding particularly desolate.

In the Forbidden Land, it seemed there were no distinctions between the seasons; it was always a season of chirping birds and flowering blooms, with the fragrance of flowers wafting through the air.

"Kill!"

Su Liuli shouted fiercely, her hands transforming into a verdant and ancient Bodhi Tree, which she hurled violently towards a mutant beast resisting obstinately in front of her.

The Bodhi Tree surged with the wind, landing directly on the mutant beast, and its sturdy roots quickly drilled into the beast's seven orifices.

Visible Gang Qi strands transmitted through the roots into the Bodhi Tree, and in just a moment, the mutant beast was completely dead.

With a beckoning motion, Su Liuli made the Bodhi Tree fly back from the mutant beast, disappearing by her side. She felt her battle-depleted Gang Qi instantly replenished.

Chu Ji looked at her with envy; this wasn't the first time this had happened. Since Ye Fan went into seclusion, the two of them had started slaying the surrounding mutant beasts.

In combat, the two became more harmonious, and the effectiveness improved, with almost no mid-stage War God realm mutant beasts escaping their joint hunt.

Su Liuli also grasped this trick through a life-and-death battle, realizing that the Bodhi Tree's roots could drill into any crevice on a mutant beast to absorb the host's Gang Qi energy.

Once she absorbed all the Gang Qi from the mutant beast, Su Liuli would summon the Bodhi Tree back, retaining most of the absorbed Gang Qi for herself while the rest vanished mysteriously.

Combat between life and death is the best way to temper a Martial Artist's Martial Arts Will and strength, as well as their ability to manipulate Gang Qi.

Although Chu Ji still showed no sign of breakthrough, after this period of battle, her overall strength improved significantly.

Su Liuli likewise rapidly enhanced her combat ability in battles, now confident she could even face Xu Wudao.

During these past days, both women had spent their time in tense combat and naturally, their gains were considerable, accumulating a large number of Beast Cores.

These Beast Cores were prepared for Ye Fan's barrier-breaking attempt, as they believed Ye Fan must have his Martial Arts cultivation breakthrough to the mid-level War God realm to defeat the high-level War God realm mutant beast on the Third Layer; otherwise, it was almost impossible.

Meanwhile, Ye Fan had persisted in cultivation and reflection during this time. Without enough Beast Cores, breaking through his Martial Arts cultivation was nearly impossible, yet he could consolidate his Magic cultivation.

Through cultivation in this period, Ye Fan had reached the Great Perfection of early-stage War God realm in his Martial Arts cultivation, just one step away from breaking into the mid-level War God realm.

Additionally, the Gang Qi compression technique taught by Big Teeth had been repeatedly tested by him, gradually uncovering some secrets.

At full force without using martial arts, Ye Fan, controlling Gang Qi compression within his meridians through consciousness, and releasing through his punch, unexpectedly produced a power comparable to 'Qi Rushes to the Sky'.

This discovery greatly boosted Ye Fan's confidence, clarifying Big Teeth's ability; this high-level War God level mutant beast was genuinely terrifying in its might.

Though Ye Fan mastered Gang Qi compression, facing Big Teeth still left him uncertain, as its strength was unfathomable.

Similarly, understanding one aspect helped him apply compression methods to his Mind Power and experiment with compressing Telekinesis as well.

Under compressed Telekinesis control, the Xuanye Flying Blade moved with greater fluidity and vastly increased power, giving Ye Fan some confidence in defeating Big Teeth.

Until feeling no more improvement possible, Ye Fan ended his seclusion, wanting to test the enhancement of his compressed Gang Qi attack compared to the uncompressed state.

Standing on a mountain top's open space, Ye Fan punched down at the ground, using a tenth of his Gang Qi.

The Gang Qi-formed Punch Ray boomed on the earth, creating a three to four-meter-deep pit, scattering soil and rocks.

Next, Ye Fan used another tenth of his Gang Qi, but compressed within his fist until he couldn't compress anymore, then blasted it out.

Boom...

A blast resounded, and Ye Fan was shocked to find a fist-sized yet bottomless hole on the ground, with concentrated Gang Qi causing nearly three times as much damage as without compression.

Ye Fan found a nearby stick to probe the punch-created hole, curious about its depth.

Upon testing, even Ye Fan himself was stunned; it went down over ten meters, revealing the formidable power of compressed Gang Qi.

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Not far away in the valley, Su Liuli and Chu Ji, who were hunting mutant beasts, hurried back after hearing the commotion. Upon seeing the destruction caused by Ye Fan's punch, their eyes nearly fell to the ground in shock. This was too terrifying!

"Kiddo, is this your recent insight?" Chu Ji blinked and asked.

"Yes."

Ye Fan nodded and said, "I tried to compress and condense the Gang Qi into a single point before unleashing it, greatly increasing the power. You both should try to comprehend and train in it."

Hearing this, Chu Ji and Su Liuli's eyes lit up.

"I feel like I've hit a bottleneck; it's time to challenge the Sky Tower again." Ye Fan said.

"Ye Fan, during this time, my aunt and I have accumulated a lot of beast cores, which should be enough for your Martial Arts Cultivation to break through to the Mid-level War God Realm. Try the Sky Tower again after your breakthrough for higher success." Su Liuli suggested.

"No rush, my Martial Arts Cultivation hasn't yet reached the peak of the Early-Stage War God Realm. Rushing to break through to the Mid-level War God Realm isn't ideal. Besides, challenging it with my current strength is a rare training opportunity and may yield new insights."

After some contemplation, Ye Fan shook his head, dismissing Su Liuli's suggestion.

Chu Ji and Su Liuli had no objections to Ye Fan's decision.

Afterwards, Ye Fan roasted a mutant beast, and after Chu Ji and Su Liuli filled their stomachs, they entered the Sky Tower again.

Since Ye Fan had already successfully passed the first two layers of the Sky Tower, he was directly transported to the Third Layer upon entering.

"Big Teeth, show yourself, I'm here again!"

Ye Fan stood at the entrance of the Third Layer and shouted loudly.

As Ye Fan spoke, a flash of white light appeared on the open ground not far ahead, and Big Teeth emerged. It looked at Ye Fan and said, "Kid, show me your progress during this time."

Ye Fan took a deep breath, unfazed by Big Teeth's contempt, knowing that he was indeed fighting beyond his level and uncertain whether he could pass the test.

"Pardon me!"

With a thought, Ye Fan used Flying Sword Skill's third move, Flowing Light, instantly piercing through with the Xuanye Flying Blade, slicing through space and appearing abruptly at Big Teeth's throat!

At the same time, Ye Fan used the second move of Domineering Fist, Azure Sky Overlord Blood, pulling in the Heaven and Earth Primordial Qi from the air and integrating it into the Punch Ray, striking ferociously at Big Teeth!

"Oh?"

Big Teeth looked at Ye Fan, astonished, and said, "Not bad, you've grasped the essence of Gang Qi compression so quickly, your future is limitless!"

As it spoke, Big Teeth opened its mouth, letting out a tremendous roar, and the surging sound waves forcibly knocked away Ye Fan's Flying Knife Assassination, simultaneously raising a front paw to strike at the incoming Punch Ray.

Boom—

With a loud crash, the Punch Ray was shattered by Big Teeth's paw, the Gang Qi scattering, faint traces left on the walls and floor.

This indirectly proved Ye Fan's progress during this period—his attack power had indeed increased!

"If this is all you have, you still won't pass the test. Go back and continue cultivating, at least wait until your Martial Arts Cultivation breaks through to the Mid-level War God Realm."

Although saying this, the contempt in Big Teeth's eyes towards Ye Fan had disappeared; it had seen many human cultivator geniuses, but none as monstrous as Ye Fan before.

"Big Teeth, I haven't given my all yet!"

Not discouraged by a failed strike, Ye Fan knew he hadn't used the Gang Qi compression technique yet, merely attacking as he did the first time.

Eyes shifting, he mused silently that he must get it to move, otherwise it has no weaknesses, and he'd have no chance to defeat it.

"Watch out!"

Ye Fan's eyes suddenly became sharp as knives; he stepped forward and threw another punch, at the same time controlling the Xuanye Flying Blade that was knocked back, aiming once again for Big Teeth's eyes.

The sword light flickered, causing Big Teeth to squint its eyes.

This time, Ye Fan used the technique of compressing Gang Qi and Mind Power!

Feeling pressure, Big Teeth was on alert; Ye Fan now pressured it!

Faced with pressure, Big Teeth dared not be careless. It opened its mouth, shooting a Qi Ray from its fangs, colliding with the Flying Knife!

Swoosh!

Simultaneously, Big Teeth used a beast technique, a paw meeting Ye Fan's Domineering Fist.

Boom!

With a loud eruption, Ye Fan was jolted back seven or eight steps, only stopping when he hit the wall.

Big Teeth too tumbled over, rolling on the ground before standing back up in a bedraggled state, having lost its previous composure.

It couldn't have imagined Ye Fan could grasp the Gang Qi Compression Essence so quickly, making his punch three times stronger than before!

"Looks like I underestimated you. Since you have the strength to make me act, I won't hold back, bring it on!"

Though Big Teeth's strong defense left it unscathed, it stopped joking around, ready to take things seriously.

"Alright!"

Ye Fan shouted loudly, kicked off from the wall, launching himself like a cannonball at Big Teeth, unleashing his strongest strike since mastering Gang Qi compression with both fists!

Big Teeth leaped up, using a beast technique, confronting Ye Fan's Punch Rays with a pair of Gang Qi-formed beast claws.

"Roar..."

Simultaneously, Ye Fan roared, spitting out a Gang Qi stream like a sharp sword towards Big Teeth's forehead.

Unwilling to fall behind, Big Teeth also spat out a Gang Qi in return, while its dual horns shot out two spiraling beams.

Ye Fan was shocked; he had heard from Big Teeth about the power of this Glazed Light, which could petrify a person, and dared not take the risk.

Unfazed, Ye Fan's eyes immediately turned crimson gold, shooting two golden beams into Big Teeth's eyes.

Mind Attack!

Ye Fan retaliated, launching a mind attack!

His magic cultivation had already broken through to the Mid-level War God Realm, with Mind Power quality not much different from those of High-level War God level magicians.

Unexpected, Big Teeth was caught off guard by Ye Fan's trump card, briefly losing focus as Ye Fan's mind attack invaded its sea of consciousness!

Though it was only a momentary lapse, it was enough, the Glazed Light lost its lock on Ye Fan, missing its target.

Boom!

Ye Fan's Punch Ray clashed with Big Teeth's beast technique, exploding into brilliant fireworks.

The mighty attack seemed to make the entire Sky Tower sway. Ye Fan was blown back, crashing into a wall!

Big Teeth too tumbled several times on the ground again, getting up covered in dust, looking at Ye Fan with eyes full of shock—Ye Fan's progress had surpassed its imagination!

"You've truly impressed me; how little time has passed and your strength has grown so rapidly. Looks like I need to use my full combat power to drive you out."

Big Teeth shook its massive head, expression becoming serious.

Because...

Reason told it that Ye Fan now possessed the qualification to be its opponent!