

Martial Arts 1001

Chapter 1001: Terrifying Heaven-Stage Martial Warriors

A total of 360 parts were placed neatly on the smithing table, exuding a sharp glow. One could tell how dangerous they were just from that.

The Thousand Armaments Vessel was a spiritual weapon. Every single part was a weapon by itself. Once they were combined, the effects would be amplified by more than ten times. It was an amazing artifact.

From the design point of view, it was similar to Wang Teng's Shooting Star Spiral. They were both a combination of spiritual weapons, but the power of the Thousand Armaments Vessel was much greater than the Shooting Star Spiral.

Every part is like a piece of art. An Lan couldn't help but lean forward. His eyes were glistening as he asked in disbelief, "Are you done already?"

"Don't be impatient. I haven't carved the runes yet."

"I'm not in a hurry. Take your time. Just make it the best." He paused and asked another question, "Oh right, are you going to carve the runes yourself?"

"Yes." Wang Teng nodded and started carving the runes without any hesitation.

An Lan felt that he had asked a stupid question. Wang Teng was a triple-field grandmaster. Was he supposed to ask another grandmaster to help him instead of doing it himself?

But when he saw Wang Teng starting the carving process immediately without any rest, he felt the corners of his lips twitching.

"Why don't... we rest first? I'm not in a hurry," An Lan said.

"Don't disturb me. If my hand twitches and I carve wrongly, all the efforts will be in vain. Don't blame me at that time." Wang Teng threw a glance at him.

"... Okay, I'll keep quiet." An Lan immediately retreated to the side, not daring to say another word.

Wang Teng ignored him. The Emerald Glazed Flame made an appearance again and enveloped the 360 different parts. This was the last step.

At the same time, he started carving the parts using his spiritual power.

Runes started landing on the components of the Thousand Armaments Vessel, forming bizarre and dense patterns.

Under the nourishment of the flames, the runes glowed brightly. The different parts started to look more holy and divine, and they gave off a terrifying aura.

Before the Thousand Armaments Vessel was completed, it was already showing off its formidable power.

An Lan stared at it with an intense gaze. He was getting more and more excited.

Thousand Armaments Vessel!

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He had been thinking about this weapon for a long time. Finally, his wish was coming true!

More than an hour later, all 360 parts had been carved with runes. Along with a faint glow, they floated in the flame like exquisite pieces of art.

These parts were of different shapes and sizes. Some were shaped like a dagger while others looked like long swords. A few even seemed like tiny flying needles...

They might look similar, but they were actually different parts.

At this moment, the Forces in the surroundings ignited and started to get restless.

“Assemble!” Wang Teng’s gaze shimmered as he shouted in a low tone.

The different parts started moving. Turning into rays of light, they shot toward the center. Instantly, a dazzling black light appeared, making it hard to see what was happening inside.

Boom!

The Force trembled violently, and the black light soared into the sky like a huge pillar.

The dome of the smithery studio opened slowly. A blurry weapon rose into the sky within the pillar of black light.

“Success!” An Lan raised his head in happiness.

Boom!

Dark clouds were gathering in the sky. Terrifying thunder clapped and shook in the entire city. The passers-by stopped in their tracks and looked up at the sky.

The lightning calamity caused by the Secondary Career Alliance seemed a little frequent recently!

Wang Teng retracted his spiritual power and Emerald Glazed Flame. “What are you doing here? Go and handle the lightning calamity!”

“Oh, right!” An Lan regained his senses, his expression changing. He tapped the ground with his feet and shot into the sky like a rainbow. He was afraid that his Thousand Armaments Vessel would get damaged if he was a step too late.

“Finally, I don’t have to handle the lightning calamity myself,” Wang Teng shook his head and gloated.

I wonder if An Lan can withstand it?

Wang Teng looked at the dark sky. It was getting blacker and blacker by the second, with numerous bolts of lightning flickering and adding a dreary atmosphere. The calamity lightning power within was a few times more terrifying than the ones he met in the past.

But An Lan was a heaven-stage martial warrior. The lightning calamity shouldn't be a problem for him.

He sat down on a chair and took out a spiritual fruit. He watched this rare lightning calamity show happily. In the past, he was the one in the sky being watched by others. Now, it was finally his turn to enjoy the action.

Boom!

The dark clouds became extremely thick, and a bolt of lightning struck down. It shot right toward the Thousand Armaments Vessel in the black pillar of light.

An Lan was dressed in a black robe because he didn't want anyone to recognize him. He stretched out his hand and pointed at the bolt of calamity lightning in the sky. A ray of Force glow streaked out from his finger. It paled in comparison to the lightning calamity.

However, when the finger-sized Force glow collided with the lightning, it shattered it instantly and continued soaring into the dark clouds.

The dark clouds felt provoked. Lightning Force churned in the sky and gathered into another bolt of lightning, striking down again.

Boom!

The finger-sized Force glow smashed into the second bolt of lightning, causing a thunderous explosion.

The second calamity lightning disintegrated. The Force glow disappeared too.

"F**k!" Wang Teng cursed uncontrollably with wide eyes.

One finger was enough to destroy two bolts of lightning. Was this how terrifying a heaven-stage martial warrior was?

"Impressive! Exceptional!" Wang Teng finally understood how powerful heaven-stage martial warriors were. He didn't dare to underestimate them anymore.

At first, when he heard that one trillion was enough to deal with a heaven-stage martial warrior, he regarded them as nothing. Well, he was too young!

If he honestly provoked a heaven-stage martial warrior, he might get pinched to death without him knowing.

At the same time, the people watching the scene outside were flabbergasted too.

"A heaven-stage martial warrior!"

"A heaven-stage martial warrior acted personally!"

"This weapon must belong to this heaven-stage martial warrior. That's why he acted."

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They weren't the only ones watching this show. An Lan's appearance had attracted the attention of many other heaven-stage martial warriors. Gazes shifted in his direction from all corners of the city.

“I wonder which heaven-stage martial warrior he is?”

“This is an extraordinary weapon. It’s a top-tier weapon even among the heaven-level weapons.”

“Which grandmaster blacksmith crafted this?”

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All the heaven-stage martial warriors were observing in the dark. They were a little envious when they saw the Thousand Armaments Vessel in the pillar of light.

An Lan noticed their gazes, but he didn’t care. He placed his hands behind his back, looking extremely confident and relaxed.

Finally, the aura of a heaven-stage martial warrior exuded from his body. No one dared to underestimate him.

Wang Teng was dumbfounded. But soon, he shifted his gaze away and focused on the attribute bubbles on the ground.

These attribute bubbles were dropped after the calamity lightning disintegrated. He pulled them over with his spiritual power.

Constellation Force (Lightning)*300

Constellation Force (Lightning)*410

Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning*60

Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning*45

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Wang Teng picked up the attribute bubbles happily. The third bolt of calamity lightning was formed and struck down.

Boom!

This bolt of calamity lightning was thick and huge. Countless silver sparks shimmered around it, spreading through the sky like spiderwebs.

“Hmph!”

An Lan snorted. He only lifted his finger when the bolt of lightning was inches away from his head.

The bolt of lightning was like a lightning dragon. It was enormous. An Lan’s finger landed directly on its head.

The entire world seemed to pause for a second. Then, the lightning dragon fell apart inch by inch and shattered into pieces.

Before everyone could react, the fourth and fifth bolts of lightning landed simultaneously. They crashed towards An Lan with astonishing power.

Wang Teng frowned slightly, his expression turning a little grim.

The last two bolts of lightning were much more powerful than the first three bolts. Just one was comparatively stronger than all three bolts of lightning combined.

However, An Lan remained extremely calm. He didn't use any other methods and raised his finger.

Boom!

Powerful and boundless energy flowed out of his body. The energy transformed into a giant golden dragon under the help of an invisible force and charged toward the lightning bolt.

"Spiritual power!" Wang Teng was stunned.

Indeed, An Lan was a divine spirit master!

When he asked him to forge the Thousand Armaments Vessel, Wang Teng guessed that An Lan was a divine spirit master. He had hit the mark.

Boom!

An Lan's giant golden Force dragon collided with the lightning calamity, the explosion creating an earth-shattering explosion. The entire sky seemed to be trembling.

No one expected that the standstill would only last for a split second. The lightning calamity couldn't withstand the attack of the golden Force dragon and collapsed into tiny sparks, forming a sea of lightning sparks in the sky.

The Force dragon passed through the "sea of lightning" and dashed right into the clouds.

Boom!

The dark clouds erupted without any warning as if they were torn apart by a formidable force. They disappeared without a trace.

The sky regained its brightness.

Silence!

There was dead silence.

An Lan didn't care about the others' reactions. He stretched out his hand and kept the Thousand Armaments Vessel. Then, he disappeared.

The people below finally reacted in time. They gasped in surprise.

"So strong!"

"That was a divine spirit master!"

"That martial warrior must be at the peak of heaven stage."

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The other heaven-stage martial warriors observing in the dark started mumbling to themselves with a stern expression. They were gauging An Lan's ability.

Wang Teng exclaimed at An Lan's might. He felt fortunate that he had managed to find such a strong bodyguard for himself. This was a good bargain.

Heaving a sigh of relief, he scanned his surroundings and silently picked up all the attribute bubbles scattered on the ground.

He mustn't waste these attribute bubbles An Lan had worked hard to drop.

Constellation Force (Lightning)*800

Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning*120

Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning*105

Constellation Force (Lightning)*1000

Constellation Force (Lightning)*900

Constellation Force (Metal)*3200

Celestial Realm Spirit*1200

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So many! Wang Teng's eyes were filled with happiness. He didn't expect such a good harvest.

He counted his gains and realized he got 4300 points of constellation lightning Force, 3200 points of constellation metal Force, 480 points of Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning, and 1200 points of Celestial Realm Spirit.

Constellation Metal Force: 81000/90000 (planetary stage ninth level)

Constellation Lightning Force: 22500/50000 (planetary stage fifth level)

He had been fighting star beasts in the virtual universe whenever he was free, so his metal Force had already reached the ninth level. He would be able to advance to the celestial stage soon.

As for the lightning Force, it was a rare mutated Force. It was still at the fifth level even though it had risen greatly.

Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning: 600/10000 (first rank)

Then, there was the Heaven-Earth Calamity Lightning. After a few rounds of lightning calamity, Wang Teng accumulated many calamity lightning attributes.

600 points were many times more than before.

He looked at the attributes panel. This was only the first rank. Would there be stronger calamity lightning in the future?

However, one rank required ten thousand points. This was a little tough.

Lightning calamity wasn't easy to get!

Wang Teng shook his head dejectedly. He looked at the last attribute.

Spirit: 9500/50000 (celestial realm)

This time, he had received 1200 points of the Celestial Realm Spirit at once. His spirit went forward by a little step.

This was a sizable number. In the past, he had never collected this much celestial realm attribute at once.

As expected of a divine spirit master. Only a divine spirit master could drop these many attribute bubbles. It looked like he would have to get more attribute bubbles from divine spirit masters in the future. If not, he would have to waste much time to raise his spirit attribute.

The only problem was, divine spirit masters weren't easy to find, especially powerful ones.

Wang Teng touched his chin. His gaze landed on An Lan, looking extremely happy...

Chapter 1002: A Small World

"Your gaze is a little strange," An Lan commented as he walked over, noticing Wang Teng's expression.

"Really? I don't think so. You're thinking too much." Wang Teng felt that a heaven-stage martial warrior was indeed extremely vigilant. He restrained his expression and shook his head sternly.

"No?" An Lan didn't believe him. He felt that Wang Teng was up to no good.

"You're a heaven-stage martial warrior. What can a planetary-stage nobody like me do to you?" Wang Teng felt speechless.

"Who knows? You're a sly little fellow." An Lan pouted.

"Hey, what are you saying? I just helped you craft the Thousand Armaments Vessel, and now, you're trying to push me away? Are you kicking me to the curb because I'm not useful anymore?" Wang Teng asked angrily.

"Cough, don't make me sound so heartless. Since you helped me forge the Thousand Armaments Vessel, I'll keep my promise."

"Hmph, heartless," Wang Teng snorted.

Silence.

Heartless your head!

You sound as if we have some indecent relationship!

"Let me have a look at this Thousand Armaments Vessel. I haven't observed it carefully, so I don't know its quality," Wang Teng said. He heaved a sigh of relief when he noticed An Lan's thoughts going astray. He hurriedly changed the topic.

An Lan stretched out his hand, and a black rectangular box appeared on his palm.

The Thousand Armaments Vessel was three feet long and a foot wide. Nothing much could be seen on the surface except many complicated rune patterns. They looked mysterious and magical.

Its real power would only be displayed after segmenting the vessel into its various parts. To a divine spirit master, this was an extremely powerful weapon.

"I can win against any heaven-stage martial warrior with it," An Lan smiled and said. He was in a great mood.

"Oh?" Wang Teng was shocked. He didn't think that An Lan possessed such ability.

Heaven-stage martial warriors were formidable characters. Every one of them had the ability to destroy a planet. If they gave it their all, they could cause mass destruction.

Yet, An Lan was saying he could defeat any heaven-stage martial warriors.

What kind of idea was this?

Wang Teng didn't dare to think.

While he was immersed in astonishment, a message popped up on his wristwatch.

"Wang Teng, there's a message from the Noble Family Consultation Chamber." Round Ball's stern voice sounded in his mind.

It was overlooking Wang Teng's identity account, so it knew the content of the message.

"Trial?" Wang Teng's gaze turned serious as he hazarded a guess.

"Yes, they've come up with the final trial content. You need to go over now."

"Okay." Wang Teng nodded.

"What is it?" An Lan asked when he noticed something amiss with Wang Teng's expression.

"The noble trial is about to start."

"It looks like your battle with Cao Hongtu is about to officially start." An Lan frowned. "I don't think I can help with your trial."

"Let's take a look first." Wang Teng walked out of the smithery studio.

They left the Secondary Career Alliance and boarded a rune energy flying car to head to the Empire Noble Family Consultation Chamber.

Approximately ten minutes later, they arrived at the Great Qian Noble Family Consultation Chamber and saw a figure standing at the entrance from afar. This was the guardian of the Noble Family Consultation Chamber, Ming Cheng, whom Wang Teng had met once.

"You're here."

"Guardian Ming Cheng." Wang Teng nodded and bowed.

“The elders are waiting for you. Please follow me,” Ming Cheng said. He glanced at An Lan and continued, “Your friend won’t be able to enter. He can only wait in the lobby.”

Wang Teng hesitated before nodding. He used voice transmission to speak to An Lan. Then, he followed Ming Cheng to the ninth floor.

Everyone was waiting in an ancient grand hall.

The difference this time was, Cao Guan wasn’t the one representing the Cao family. It was Cao Hongtu. Sinclamon wasn’t representing the Parkers family either. Instead, Andrais’s father, Valteru, had taken his place.

As for the other families, Wang Teng didn’t recognize them. But he didn’t pay much attention to them last time, so he wasn’t familiar with them.

He followed Ming Cheng in. Everyone’s gaze turned towards him, their intentions unclear.

His seat was still opposite the Cao family.

The head of the chamber nodded at Wang Teng and said, “Have a seat.”

Wang Teng sat down and met Cao Hongtu’s gaze, who even gave him a smile.

“Wang Teng, the chamber has decided to split this trial into two parts.” The elder went directly to the point.

Wang Teng’s expression changed slightly. He looked at the elder and listened carefully.

“The empire’s baron title is an extraordinary title. The person holding it must possess great potential, ability, and intelligence. The first trial will aim to test your potential. To be a baron, you need to at least be at the cosmos stage. For that, you must have emperor-level talent.”

Wang Teng heaved a sigh of relief.

The first test isn’t so difficult. I just need to have emperor-level talent.

“The second trial will test your ability and intelligence. After some careful consideration, we’ve decided to send you to the Flaming River World for this trial,” the elder continued slowly.

“The Flaming River World?!” Wang Teng was confused.

What is the Flaming River World?

The head of the chamber noticed Wang Teng’s confusion and explained, “The Flaming River World is a small world left behind by a martial warrior at the peak of the universe stage after he died.”

It was a simple explanation. There was nothing else.

A world left behind by a universe-stage martial warrior. Wang Teng took a deep breath. He was dumbfounded.

He understood what a universe-stage martial warrior represented after entering the universe.

People at that level grasped a part of the origin of the world. They possessed a small fraction of the ability to create a world, but the world they created wouldn't be complete. Hence, it was called a small world.

You could only become a universe martial warrior if you managed to create your own small world.

After a universe-stage martial warrior died, the small world in their bodies would normally perish along with them. However, there was a slight chance that it might survive.

The probability was small, so every single small world left was precious.

The small worlds were all created based on the real world. There were many fortuitous encounters inside, and some universe-stage martial warriors even hid their treasures there. This was a good trial ground.

Normally, after these small worlds were discovered, they would become the training ground for various factions. Their disciples would get the chance to enter these worlds to gain experience.

The Flaming River World was one such small world possessed by the Great Qian Empire.

"Also, Cao Hongtu has achieved many military exploits, so he does have the right to inherit the baron's title. We can't deprive him of this right." The head opened his mouth again after a moment of silence.

Wang Teng's gaze flickered. His heart sank.

Chapter 1003: Talent Still A Little Too Low!

The elder's words pulled Wang Teng's thoughts back from the astonishment he received after hearing about the existence of the small worlds. He had a bad feeling.

He initially thought that he would be able to get the baron's title after passing the test.

Now...

They weren't able to strip Cao Hongtu of his right to the title!

This meant that they would be fighting with each other.

"So, this will be a trial between both of you. The one with the greater potential and the one who gets more benefits in the small world, proving that you have stronger ability and intelligence, will inherit the baron's title," the head said.

Wang Teng took a deep breath. Were they asking him to fight with a heaven-stage martial warrior?

"May I say something?" Wang Teng interrupted the head of the chamber with a frown.

"Go ahead." The head nodded.

"Are you telling me to enter a small world to compete with a heaven-stage martial warrior?" Wang Teng asked directly with a contemptuous smile.

The head didn't get angry. He understood Wang Teng's concern and replied calmly, "When y'all enter the small world, Cao Hongtu's ability will be suppressed to the cosmos stage."

"Also, you can look for reinforcements. However, including yourself, there can only be five people. Everyone that enters must be lower or at the cosmos stage."

"Five people lower or at the cosmos stage!" Wang Teng contemplated. "How can you ensure that there's no one above the cosmos stage on both sides?"

"The Flaming River World only allows cosmos stage and below martial warriors to enter. There's only one last chance to enter this small world before it collapses and disappears forever. If someone uses an attack above the cosmos stage, the world will disintegrate immediately, and everyone inside will perish.

"Are you satisfied with this arrangement?" the head finished his explanation and asked Wang Teng.

Wang Teng's expression was gloomy. He pondered for a moment before nodding. This was the best result at this stage. And it wasn't like he didn't have any chances.

Wang Teng glanced at Cao Hongtu. The smile on his face was blossoming.

He snorted. The guy must be thinking he would definitely win. He would be able to find three cosmos stage martial warriors if he wanted to.

Wang Teng also decided to have An Lan suppress his ability to the cosmos stage and enter the Flaming River World with him.

He didn't mind copying Cao Hongtu's tricks.

Cao Hongtu probably didn't know that he had a heaven-stage martial warrior on his team. Moreover, this martial warrior was at the peak of the heaven stage.

As for talent, he had nothing to be afraid of. He didn't mind dazzling them with his divine-level wind talent.

But he wouldn't do it unless it was necessary. Divine level talent meant that he had the potential to reach the eternal stage. Many people would be fearful of him, and it wouldn't bring him any benefits.

He needed to restrain his potential lest he invited trouble to his doorstep.

"When are we taking the test?" Wang Teng asked.

"The talent test will be held today. Then, you'll have two days to prepare before entering the Flaming River World," the head said.

He got up and walked out of the hall. "Follow me."

Everyone stood up and followed him. No matter what their motive was, these people wanted to know who would win the talent test.

Many of them looked down on Wang Teng since he came from a faraway planet. They were pure-blood nobles with honorable status. They found it a joke that this low-class monkey wanted to squeeze his way in and be a part of them.

Rather than saying they wanted to know who would win, it was more accurate to say that they wanted to see how Wang Teng would lose and get exiled from this city.

They didn't think that he was comparable to Cao Hongtu.

One was a planetary-stage martial warrior while the other was a heaven-stage martial warrior. It was easy to tell who had more potential.

Who knew if Wang Teng could reach the cosmos stage, much less the heaven stage?

As for Cao Hongtu, he was already a formidable character. A heaven-stage martial warrior deserved to be respected. Besides, he had gained many military exploits. Even if they didn't like him, they wouldn't belittle him.

In summary, the universe was a place where one's ability ruled.

Wang Teng's strength was just too low.

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After everyone left, only Wang Teng and Cao Hongtu were left in the hall.

"Junior Brother, there's still time for you to admit defeat. It'll be a life-or-death battle in the Flaming River World. This isn't what I want to see." Cao Hongtu smirked as he stood up and patted his elegant and exquisite purple long gown.

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"That's not for you to worry, Senior Brother Cao. You should think about the talent test later. Don't lose to a planetary-stage martial warrior like me," Wang Teng sniggered. He wasn't angry at all.

He turned and left the hall without waiting for Cao Hongtu's answer.

Cao Hongtu frowned and went out too.

Everyone came to the fifth floor of the chamber. There was a place especially for testing one's talent.

When Wang Teng walked in, he noticed an enclosed area in the middle of this huge room. Its walls were transparent, so one could see the situation from the outside.

"This is a talent testing device. You'll enter and absorb the Force inside for ten minutes. The device will be able to detect your talent level."

"Who will go first?"

The head looked at Wang Teng and Cao Hongtu.

"Senior, please," Wang Teng said.

He allowed the other party to go first because he didn't want to scare everyone too much. All he had to do was to make sure his talent was a level above the other party.

"In that case, I'll go first." Cao Hongtu entered the device without any hesitation.

As the device closed up, the entire space got filled up with earth Force. Cao Hongtu was an earth-element martial warrior.

As he stood in the middle of the device, all the Force started surging to his body. The absorption rate was fast. In the blink of an eye, a Force whirlpool formed around him.

“Cao Hongtu’s earth talent has reached the emperor level!”

“Emperor-level earth talent. That’s barely a pass.”

“However, he’s able to reach the heaven stage with his emperor-level talent. Cao Hongtu is someone with strong perseverance. He has encountered some good opportunities too.”

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The nobles around started discussing in low voices when they saw this scene.

Emperor-level talent? Wang Teng smiled when he heard the different voices.

His lowest talent was at that level. Beating Cao Hongtu was a piece of cake.

“Top-tier emperor-level earth talent!”

After some time, the device reported Cao Hongtu’s talent level. Just as everyone predicted, it was at the emperor level. There was no surprise.

But he had top-tier emperor-level talent.

Every talent was segregated into top-tier, middle-tier, and low-tier. Top-tier emperor level was good enough. It was many times better than a middle-tier emperor-level talent.

Cao Hongtu walked out calmly. He didn’t seem to think that possessing a top-tier emperor-level talent was something impressive.

This was the truth. Most of the people here had a higher talent than him. The emperor level must be the lowest level present.

He felt helpless.

The lower one’s talent, the harder one’s path would be in the future.

He was lucky and managed to advance to the heaven stage, but he was only at the second level of the heaven stage. As he went further, he felt his cultivation speed slowing down exponentially. It was getting extremely difficult to achieve a breakthrough.

Talent was something one was born with. Unless one was a heaven-defying monster, there was no way one could change one’s innate talent.

Although Cao Hongtu was an ambitious man, his path would get narrower in the future. He might not be able to reach the fifth level of the heaven stage.

Heaven-stage martial warriors could still die. If he didn’t manage to break through to the universe stage before his life came to an end, he would perish.

This was why he wanted to get the baron's title by hook or by crook. With it, he could get more resources. If his talent wasn't up to the mark, he would use more resources. He would immerse himself in resources until he reached the universe stage.

In the Great Qian Empire, he could only become his own ruler if he reached the universe stage. That was the only way he could control his life and not be treated like a dog.

At that time, he wouldn't need to bend his back and sell his daughter to appease the powerful families.

No one knew the emotions swarming in his heart under that calm expression. They didn't know how frustrated and humiliated he felt.

The others were aware that talent would affect one's future, so they sympathized with Cao Hongtu. His talent was still a little too low!

Chapter 1004: Crushed Using Talent

While the members of the noble families were feeling sad for Cao Hongtu, the head's voice interrupted their thoughts.

"Wang Teng, it's your turn."

Everyone's attention was shifted to Wang Teng. Cao Hongtu's talent was at the top-tier emperor level. What about Wang Teng?

It was normal for a martial warrior from an underdeveloped planet to have a low talent. It was already a miracle for a planetary-stage martial warrior to be born there. Their talent limited their progress.

The talents of the living creatures born on the same planet were almost the same. It was hard to groom a real genius if one's talent was too low.

Race and bloodline were predestined. It sounded helpless, but it was the truth.

Emperor-Level Earth Talent*250

Emperor-Level Earth Talent*300

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Wang Teng walked over after collecting the attribute bubbles Cao Hongtu had dropped. He stepped into the enclosed space.

"Please choose your Force." A mechanical voice sounded.

"Fire!"

Instantly, the enclosed area was filled with a thick fire Force.

Wang Teng was puzzled. This device seemed quite convenient. It was able to fill up the entire area with ample Force in an instant. Would it be effective if he used it for cultivation?

His gaze landed on the ground and saw many tiny holes on the floor. The fire Force was flowing out of them.

“I see.” Wang Teng activated his Eyes of Essence and understood how the Force was produced.

These were Force gathering rune arrays. The device would activate the relevant array according to the element the martial warrior chose.

He stopped hesitating and activated his talent, absorbing the fire Force.

Swoosh!

The fire Force started gathering around Wang Teng. In the blink of an eye, a fiery-red Force whirlpool appeared in the enclosed space.

This scene was similar to when Cao Hongtu was absorbing his earth Force.

“Emperor-level talent!”

“Looks like they’re on par.”

“This is strange. I didn’t think a young lad from a remote planet would possess such potential.”

“Hmph, this is nothing strange. If he didn’t have such talent, he wouldn’t be selected as the baron’s heir.”

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Everyone discussed in low voices. They were surprised that Wang Teng had emperor-level talent.

Cao Hongtu’s gaze flickered. There wasn’t any expression on his face, though. Their talents might be at the same level but he was already a heaven-stage martial warrior.

He understood how difficult it was if Wang Teng wanted to rely on his emperor-level talent to reach the heaven stage.

You could say that one of them was already at the finish line while the other was still at the starting point. How could Wang Teng be compared to him?

“Top-tier emperor-level talent!”

As expected, when the device announced Wang Teng’s talent, it was emperor level. Similarly, it was a top-tier emperor-level talent.

Their level was the same, but everyone was shaking their heads. They didn’t have high hopes for Wang Teng.

Not all emperor-level talents could reach the heaven stage. Wang Teng was just a planetary-stage martial warrior. The difference between them was huge.

The test had ended. There was no suspense. Everyone lost interest and wanted to leave.

“Wait!”

Wang Teng's voice was heard suddenly.

"Huh?" The head stopped in his tracks and looked at Wang Teng who was still in the enclosed space.

"What's the matter?"

"My test hasn't ended yet." Wang Teng glanced at the impatient crowd and continued calmly, "I want to test my earth Force too."

"You want to test your earth Force?" Everyone was stunned.

Cao Hongtu furrowed his brows, staring at Wang Teng intently.

"Are you a double element martial warrior?" The head was surprised.

"I'm a triple-element martial warrior." Wang Teng pondered for a moment and felt that two elements were too little. He decided to add one more.

"Three elements!"

This time, everyone was dumbstruck.

Triple-element martial warriors were not common. If Wang Teng possessed three elements and all his talents were at the emperor level, he would be quite a genius.

Cao Hongtu's expression darkened. His gaze turned gloomy.

He didn't expect Wang Teng's talent to be so high. He didn't mind if his talent was at the same level, but if he possessed three elements, his potential would be much higher.

This meant that he had lost the first round!

"What are your other two elements?" the head asked.

"Earth and metal." Wang Teng picked two talents randomly.

"Good, continue testing." The head nodded.

Everyone got interested too, waiting for the test result. They wanted to see if all of his three elements had reached top-tier emperor-level.

"Starting the earth and metal element test!"

A mechanical voice resounded in the enclosed space. The fire Force was dispelled, and a large amount of earth and metal Force swarmed out at the same time.

Wang Teng activated both his talents simultaneously and absorbed the two Forces.

Swoosh...

A gale blew in the enclosed space. Earth Force and metal Force gushed towards Wang Teng furiously. A bizarre scene appeared around him.

The earth Force and the metal Force were divided, one on the left and one on the right. They formed two close circuits with Wang Teng in the center. None of them affected each other.

“This is...”

“What a strong control!”

“He’s absorbing two different Forces but both of them remain separated. Wang Teng’s talent must have reached the peak of emperor level to be able to do this.”

“Haha, there will be a good show to watch.”

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Everyone was stunned, their curiosity piqued. Some stared at Cao Hongtu with a smirk. Wang Teng’s talent was obviously higher than his!

They thought that this would be a simple pass, but Wang Teng possessed three elements and all of them weren’t low. Cao Hongtu was the one who got crushed.

Cao Hongtu also knew that his talent was lower than Wang Teng’s when he saw this scene. He stood there without any expressions on his face. No one knew what he was thinking.

“Top-tier emperor-level earth talent!

“Top-tier emperor-level metal talent!” The device announced Wang Teng’s talent quickly.

Both were top-tier emperor-level talents but the crowd could tell that all three of Wang Teng’s talents had reached the peak of top-tier emperor level.

This was extremely rare. He could go further with his talents.

Wang Teng walked out of the device.

“Your talent is not bad.” The head of the chamber nodded at Wang Teng.

“Thank you.” Wang Teng bowed to show his gratitude. However, he was calm and composed throughout.

He only displayed three top-tier emperor-level talents. It was nothing to be proud of. He could get better talents by picking up attribute bubbles, so these three emperor-level talents would be forsaken soon.

Beating Cao Hongtu was quite easy. What was there to compare? He didn’t even reveal his true power.

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“You’ll have two days to prepare. We’ll gather here two days later and head to the Flaming River World.” The head left after his reminder.

The other members of the chamber followed him. They didn’t interact with Wang Teng at all.

Valteru from the Parkers family glanced at Wang Teng. There were no emotions on his face. Then, he turned and left.

“Junior Brother, you sure gave me a surprise!” Cao Hongtu exclaimed pretentiously.

"It's nothing," Wang Teng replied in a composed manner.

Cao Hongtu didn't expect this reply. He was stunned.

"Senior Brother Cao, I need to prepare for the next trial. Do you have anything else to say?" Wang Teng waved his hand and turned to leave.

"Are you sure you don't want to reconsider it? The Flaming River World is not a safe place. Not everyone who enters manages to come out," Cao Hongtu said in an eerie tone.

"If you're not afraid, why would I be?" Wang Teng turned and smiled at him. Then, he left without any hesitation.

Cao Hongtu stood at the same spot and stared at Wang Teng's back. His gaze turned deep, and strong killing intent flashed in his eyes.

Wang Teng gathered with An Lan and told him about the trial. He told him his plan.

"You want me to suppress my ability and go to the Flaming River World with you?" An Lan exclaimed in surprise.

"Yes. Since Cao Hongtu is doing that, I'll learn from him." Wang Teng sneered.

"Sure, I'll handle Cao Hongtu. He's just at the second level of the heaven stage, so it's not hard to deal with him," An Lan said confidently.

"It'll be great to kill him in the Flaming River World." Wang Teng's gaze turned sharp.

An Lan was shocked by Wang Teng's decisiveness and ruthlessness. He kept quiet for a second before asking, "How do you plan to find the other three cosmos-stage martial warriors?"

"I think I'll look through the Secondary Career Alliance's mission board," Wang Teng replied helplessly.

"If you don't mind, I can introduce three to you." An Lan coughed awkwardly.

"Oh?" Wang Teng looked at him.

"As long as the money is good." An Lan rubbed his hands and sniggered.

It was quite funny for a mecha to do this action.

"F**k, do you love money so much?" Wang Teng laughed.

"So, what do you think?" An Lan didn't mind Wang Teng's teasing.

"No problem. Three cosmos-stage martial warriors. Is 90 billion enough?" Wang Teng was loaded and acted as such.

"Enough, enough!" An Lan didn't bargain. He seemed extremely satisfied with this price. His eyes were glowing.

"Thank you then." Wang Teng smiled.

He had to spend this money anyway, so he didn't mind letting An Lan earn it. He had a pleasant time working with this mecha. He might be a money-lover, but he fulfilled his duties.

"I'll go find them now." An Lan did some operations on his wristwatch and continued, "They'll be able to reach within half a day. My spacecraft is parked on the transit planet."

"Your clansmen?" Wang Teng asked in surprise. He had a guess.

"Yes, my clansmen from the mecha race." An Lan nodded.

Wang Teng didn't probe further. They went back to Fan Taining's house and waited for the Flaming River World trial two days later.

Chapter 1005: Three Missions

Two days later, in front of the Noble Family Consultation Chamber, all members of the chamber were gathered here, including the people who would be joining Cao Hongtu in this trial.

Wang Teng hadn't arrived yet. Many people started to get impatient after waiting for a while.

"Why isn't Wang Teng here?"

"How can he make so many people wait for him?"

"Did he give up because he can't gather four cosmos-stage martial warriors?"

"Maybe. He doesn't have any background, so it won't be easy for him to find four cosmos-stage martial warriors."

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Of course, only a few people were complaining. Most of them had their heads lowered and eyes closed to rest.

These members of the Noble Family Consultation Chamber didn't have any noble status. They were just representatives sent by the various families.

The noble families had been around for a long time, so each faction was huge. Normally, for such occasions, the ones who were free would come. Thus, there were many young martial warriors. They didn't have much consideration and just spoke their minds.

Moreover, this matter was a waste of time and they couldn't earn any money from it. It was understandable that they felt unhappy.

Cao Hongtu smirked when he heard the discussions around him. He lost the first round, but he would definitely win this one.

Wang Teng had no background. How could he fight with him?

Even if he managed to find a five-member team, he wouldn't possess any threat.

Cao Hongtu was a heaven-stage martial warrior. Even if his ability was pushed down to the cosmos stage, he wouldn't have any problems dealing with a few other cosmos-stage martial warriors.

After a few minutes, when everyone was getting even more impatient, Wang Teng finally arrived.

"I'm sorry I'm late," Wang Teng said helplessly.

He was going to leave early in the morning, but someone unexpectedly came to find him and brought news of the Flaming River World, hence why he was late.

Of course, he couldn't explain things clearly to the people here.

Everyone appeared furious. They wanted to mock him, but the head of the chamber spoke first, "Since everyone is here, let's go."

The head and the other members of the chamber were assessors of this test, so they would be heading to the Flaming River World too.

Since the head had spoken, the others had nothing to say. They shut their mouths obediently.

Cao Hongtu glanced at Wang Teng and saw the four figures dressed in gray gowns. He frowned slightly.

Four cosmos-stage martial warriors?

He was puzzled, wondering where Wang Teng found these people.

The head glanced at the four men in gray too. There was a strange glimmer in his eyes.

Then, everyone boarded the rail train and came to the planet's dock. They took a universe spacecraft to the Sirius Planet.

It was a universe-level spacecraft owned by the empire's military. It was huge, exceptionally huge. The most important thing was, the material used to build it was tough and sturdy. It was strong enough to withstand a universe-stage martial warrior's attack.

One universe-level spacecraft was worth as much as a few hundred QY-E63 spacecraft.

The spacecraft departed from the dock. It traveled through space and flew toward the Sirius Planet.

Everyone sat in their respective seats on the universe-level spacecraft.

The nobles knew how to enjoy themselves. They already had delicious wines and spiritual fruits on their tables. Many beauties from various races were attending to them...

Such vices!

Wang Teng complained in disdain.

Then, he touched his chin and wondered if he should get some beautiful ladies on his spacecraft after this trial. They could talk about life and study some psychology together. It would add some fun to his life.

He had too much money and nowhere to spend it.

“Wang Teng, Cao Hongtu!” the head suddenly spoke.

“Sir!” Wang Teng and Cao Hongtu replied hurriedly.

“Before we reach the Sirius Planet, let me explain the details of this trial.

“After you enter the Flaming River World, you’ll need to complete three missions,” the head said slowly.

“Three missions!” Wang Teng turned serious, paying full attention to the head.

“The first mission is to find 25 thousand kilograms of flaming river crystals. The one with more flaming river crystals wins.”

There was a commotion after the head finished speaking.

“25 thousand kilograms of flaming river crystals?”

“That’s not easy. The flaming river crystals are found under the lava stream in the Flaming River World. The lava streams are death zones formed by the owner using the power of origin. Normal cosmos-stage martial warriors won’t be able to stay there for more than half an hour.”

“Also, after many years of development, there aren’t many flaming river crystals left. It won’t be easy to get 25 kilograms.”

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These missions were decided after many discussions with other universe-stage martial warriors. Hence, the members of the chamber didn’t know about them.

Wang Teng was surprised by the noises around him and the deep frown on Cao Hongtu’s face.

The first mission seemed quite hard.

“Round Ball, do you know what the flaming river crystals are?” Wang Teng asked in his mind.

“It’s a special crystal found in the Flaming River World. The owner created it accidentally when he merged the origin of flame with other high-class energy stones. It’s great for fire-element star beasts,” Round Ball said.

“So this crystal is good for Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion,” Wang Teng touched his chin and said.

“That’s right. It’s useful to your two spiritual pets.” Round Ball shook its head and continued, “However, you need to get them first.”

“Are they hard to find?” Wang Teng asked.

“Didn’t you hear what they said? There are probably only a few flaming river crystals in the stream now,” Round Ball said.

Wang Teng started contemplating. He didn't ask any more questions.

"The second mission is to kill 500 Fire Black Toads at the celestial stage or above. A tenth of them must be at the cosmos stage. Similarly, the more the better," the head explained the second mission.

Everyone was shocked once again.

Round Ball started to explain before Wang Teng could ask, "The Fire Black Toad is a special star beast found in the Flaming River World. It's the hardest star beast to deal with. Most of the time, it hides in the flaming rivers.

"The flaming rivers or streams are one of the five most dangerous places in the Flaming River World. There're many rivers covering the entire world. This is where the world got its name from.

"If you want to kill a Fire Black Toad, you need to enter the flaming river. It's rumored that there are some strange flames in the river, so it's an extremely dangerous place.

"However, besides having a higher temperature, no one has discovered any strange things inside.

"But many martial warriors died after entering the rivers. No corpses could be found and no one knows the reason."

This strange flame can't be a divine flame, right? Wang Teng chuckled. He didn't care.

Divine flames weren't common.

On the other side, Cao Hongtu's expression turned grim. He knew how difficult it was.

He was an earth-element martial warrior. He didn't have much advantage in the dangerous fire element world.

The flaming rivers were known as one of the five most dangerous places in the Flaming River World. Even he was worried.

Wang Teng started to gloat when he saw this scene.

"The third mission is the hardest. No one has ever completed it," the head continued.

"The hardest mission? Could it be..."

Many people realized something and were astounded.

"Father, is it..." Cao Wu's expression changed as he asked.

Both he and Cao Jiaojiao were cosmos-stage martial warriors. They were helping their father in this trial.

Cao Hongtu furrowed his brows and nodded slowly. He was thinking of the same thing.

Wang Teng felt a little confused when he noticed their expressions.

No one had ever completed this mission?

"It should be that mission." Round Ball's serious voice resounded.

"You know about it?" Wang Teng asked in surprise.

“There’re many legacies left by the owner in the Flaming River World. That guy is quite a weirdo. He left 53 legacies. 52 of them had been found. Only one is left,” Round Ball explained.

“53 legacies?” Wang Teng was dumbfounded. Then, he understood and said, “The last mission is probably to find the remaining legacy, right?”

“Highly likely,” Round Ball replied.

“Your third mission is to find the last legacy,” the head revealed the answer.

“Sir, no one has ever found the last legacy. What if we fail?” Cao Hongtu asked involuntarily.

“That’s right, this mission is quite impossible.”

“In the past, many formidable warriors entered the Flaming River World, but no one has ever found it. Maybe...”

The other people agreed. All of them felt that the third mission was impossible.

The head wasn’t in a hurry. He waited silently for them to finish before replying in a commanding tone, “You must complete this mission. If you succeed in the first two missions but fail in the last, you can only inherit the baron’s title after accumulating enough military exploits.”

“What!” Everyone gasped in shock.

This request was a little unexpected.

“Sir, if I complete the first two missions, can I inherit the baron’s title immediately? After all, I’ve accumulated many military exploits,” Cao Hongtu hesitated before asking.

“Those military exploits allowed you to have the chance to participate in this trial. If you want to win, you need to continue accumulating merits,” the head replied.

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“I understand.” Cao Hongtu was frustrated.

“Pfft!” Wang Teng almost burst out laughing. He glanced at Cao Hongtu and noticed that his face was a little black.

But this wasn’t a good thing for him either. He must complete the third mission if he wanted to inherit the baron’s title immediately.

Accumulating merits wasn’t easy. Mind you, Cao Hongtu spent countless years before he earned enough of them. Yet he still couldn’t get the title.

If he had to restart the accumulation, who knew how long he would take?

Chapter 1006: Sirius Planet, Fire Tung Tree!

Five days later!

A blue-white planet appeared in everyone's vision.

The universe-level spacecraft traveled at a fast speed. This journey was meant to take eight days, but they reached their destination in five.

The Sirius Planet was a life planet at the northwest boundary of the Great Qian Empire. It wasn't as big as the Great Qian Planet, but it was much bigger than Earth.

This life planet was magical. Many formidable warriors were born here, and all of them had achieved numerous military exploits. They were prominent figures of their generation.

The boundaries of the empire were the frontline of resisting dark apparitions. This was where worse battles were held. Anyone who managed to survive the frontline wouldn't be ordinary.

The owner of Flaming River World was one of them.

The universe-level spacecraft landed and parked on the dock of the Sirius Planet. Wang Teng alighted with the head of the chamber. Cars came to fetch them.

Sitting in the flying car, Wang Teng admired the scenery on the planet. They passed through the busy streets and came to the outskirts of the city. They entered the wilderness.

The Flaming River World wasn't in the city.

The rune energy flying car traveled for more than an hour before coming to a stop. A huge valley had appeared before everyone with buildings erected in the middle. It was a prosperous sight.

"This should be where the descendants of the owner of the Flaming River World live." Round Ball's voice appeared in Wang Teng's mind.

The flying car stopped in the valley. Someone came to welcome them immediately.

The person was a middle-aged heaven-stage martial warrior who had long fiery-red hair. He smiled and said, "The Qi family prepared for a long time after learning about your arrival. It's our honor."

The head nodded at him.

"Sir, this way please." Qi Tiancheng bowed respectfully before leading the way in front.

"There's no need to trouble you. Please bring us directly to the Flaming River World," the head said.

"Alright, please follow me." Qi Tiancheng nodded. He didn't force them.

They went deep into the valley under his lead.

This place was secluded and heavily guarded. It was the forbidden ground of the Qi family, a place other people couldn't enter.

Suddenly, a towering fiery-red tree entered everyone's vision. It shot right into the sky.

The tree was enormous. If ten people linked their hands and went around it, they might not be able to circle it. This was how huge the trunk was. The branches were filled with fiery-red leaves like flames burning in the air. It looked holy and divine.

A thick fire Force floated around the giant tree, with no other plants around it. Roots as thick as giant pythons bulged out of the ground. They seemed exceptionally rough and gigantic.

"This tree!" Wang Teng was dumbstruck.

"We're here!"

Qi Tiancheng stopped and pointed to the giant tree in front. "The entrance of the Flaming River World is in the tree hole."

The Flaming River World is... in a tree?! Wang Teng was flabbergasted. His face was filled with disbelief.

"Why are you making a fuss? A small world can exist anywhere. It can be as big as a planet or as small as a speck of sand. Some martial warriors at the peak of the universe stage are able to instill a small world the size of a life planet within a speck of dust. It's nothing strange that this one is in a tree," Round Ball said with contempt.

"A speck of dust!" Wang Teng didn't mind Round Ball's sarcastic tone. Or rather, he didn't have the time to care about it. He was in awe when he heard what it said.

A universe-stage martial warrior could create a small world in a speck of dust. How frightening was that!

This skill was mysterious and heaven-defying!

No wonder the Parkers family didn't dare to offend a universe-stage martial warrior.

A universe-stage martial warrior was indeed extremely powerful. They mustn't be underestimated.

Some other people were also hearing this for the first time, so they were bewildered too. They found it hard to believe.

Qi Tiancheng smiled proudly when he saw their expressions. "My ancestor ascended to heaven below this fire tung tree. Before he left, he cultivated here for ten days and ten nights and finally managed to seal the small world into this fire tung tree using his exceptional ability and skill.

"The Flaming River martial warrior is a person of exceptional talent. I wish he could overcome the barrier and enter a higher realm." The head sighed and shook his head.

Qi Tiancheng appeared saddened too. The death of a universe-stage martial warrior was a great loss to their family.

Unfortunately, it was extremely difficult for a universe-stage martial warrior to break through to the eternal stage. Despite investing all their resources and wealth, they were unable to help him to advance.

"Everyone, the Flaming River World is on the verge of collapsing. We need to strictly control the number of people entering this world and their ability must not be greater than the cosmos stage. If not, the implications are unimaginable," Qi Tiancheng gathered his composure and said.

The head nodded. He looked at Wang Teng and Cao Hongtu. "Are y'all ready?"

"Sir, I'm ready," Cao Hongtu said in a low voice.

"No problems on my side either," Wang Teng replied.

“Alright, go ahead.” The head waved his hand and said to Qi Tiancheng, “Mr. Qi, please open the Flaming River World.”

“Yes.”

Qi Tiancheng answered and walked forward. A fiery-red token appeared in his hand. He waved it in front of the tree.

A red beam of light flew out from the token and slammed into the tree hole.

“Boom!”

Everyone heard a loud explosion within the tree hole. Then, a beam of glaring red light pierced out, along with heat waves.

“You will only have 15 days. If you don’t come out by then, you might disappear along with the Flaming River World,” Qi Tiancheng said seriously.

“Thank you for your reminder.” Cao Hongtu cupped his fists.

“Thank you.” Wang Teng also did the same.

“There’s no one else inside the Flaming River World. The star beasts seem to know that the world is about to disappear, so they’re extremely restless and irascible. There might be a riot at any time,” Qi Tiancheng added.

It looks like the difficulty has increased again. Wang Teng gave a bitter smile in his heart.

“I’ve said everything I should. This is the token. Follow the signs given by the token when returning. Please.” With a wave of his hand, two beams of red light shot toward Wang Teng and Cao Hongtu.

They took the token and studied it before putting it in their pocket. Then, they turned to look at the head of the chamber. With his nod, they walked out with their teams.

There were five people on both sides.

Besides Cao Jiaojiao and Cao Wu, the other two members were cosmos-stage martial warriors too. One of them was wrapped in a black gown, so no one knew his identity.

Wang Teng’s team was simpler. He stood in front and the four people behind him were all covered with gray gowns. Nothing could be seen.

Qi Tiancheng wanted to laugh when he saw their attire.

Cao Hongtu brought his team forward. At first, his aura was that of a heaven-stage martial warrior, but with each step he took, his aura dwindled. It went from the second level heaven stage to the first level heaven stage. Finally, it reached the ninth level cosmos stage and stayed there.

By now, he had reached the tree hole and stepped in without any hesitation. With a flash of red light, he vanished. The other members of the team followed closely and disappeared in front of everyone.

Wang Teng blinked. He led his team toward the tree hole without any hesitation.

As An Lan walked toward the tree hole, his aura started to change too. It tumbled from the peak of the heaven stage to the ninth-level cosmos stage.

Wang Teng and his team held each other's hand and stepped into the tree hole.

"Was that... the aura of a heaven-stage martial warrior?"

They weren't surprised when Cao Hongtu revealed his heaven-stage ability. After all, everyone knew about it. However, they were astounded by An Lan.

That quiet man in a gray gown was also a heaven-stage martial warrior!

"Gasp!"

"This is getting interesting!"

"Cao Hongtu would never expect Wang Teng to have a heaven-stage martial warrior hiding behind him."

"How did he do it? How is a planetary-stage martial warrior like him able to get the help of a heaven-stage martial warrior?"

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Everyone let out a long sigh as they recovered from their astonishment. They started discussing with strange expressions on their faces.

Valteru from the Parkers family pulled a long face. He stared at the tree hole coldly. He wished he could rush in, but it was too late.

The entrance had disappeared. No one could enter now. Even if he wanted to, the head of the chamber wouldn't agree.

Qi Tiancheng was flabbergasted. He didn't think that there would be a heaven-stage martial warrior on both sides.

What was going on?

Wasn't this a simple trial?

Why were there heaven-stage martial warriors participating?

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No matter how magical this Flaming River World was, it has limited benefits for a heaven-stage martial warrior. Why did they go in?

Wait... could it be for the last legacy?!

Qi Tiancheng's gaze turned sharp. However, he knew he shouldn't ask.

This trial was a combined decision made by the universe-stage martial warriors of the empire. Even if their Qi family had some power, they couldn't stop it. They could only cooperate with them.

Besides, the Qi family was declining. No universe-stage martial warrior had appeared in this generation. If this continued, their future would be dire.

Sigh, why didn't our ancestor leave the legacy for us directly? Our Qi Family wouldn't be in this state if he did. Qi Tiancheng shook his head and lamented in his heart.

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The world started spinning.

A moment ago, they were still in the Qi residence. In the blink of an eye, they saw streams of lava merging to form rivers.

Wang Teng and his team were in mid-air.

Out of the blue, they fell into the lava. They didn't have much time to react.

Plonk, plonk...

Wang Teng's expression changed. He immediately covered his body with the Emerald Glazed Flame to isolate the high heat. Then, he dashed out of the lava stream.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

All five of them jumped out of the lava and landed on the banks.

An Lan and Wang Teng were unscathed. However, steam could be seen rising from the bodies of the other three mechas. The gray gowns on them were burned, revealing their mecha bodies below. There were red patches on their skin like metals melting at high heat.

Chapter 1007: My Dear, Don't Run!

Five of them rushed out of the lava stream and stood at the banks. There were still waves of heat coming from all around them, and the ground was extremely hot. A planetary-stage martial warrior wouldn't be able to even stand.

"Is everyone alright?" Wang Teng asked as he looked at An Lan and the others.

"I'm fine." An Lan shook his head and then asked the other three cosmos-stage mechas, "An Feng, An Jian, An Dong. What about you guys?"

"It's nothing. It's just a little hot. If we didn't react fast enough, we would be in trouble," a mecha race martial warrior answered.

"This lava stream is the real thing. Even our bodies wouldn't be able to bear it," another mecha race martial warrior said.

"Be careful. If you turn into a pool of molten iron, I'll have to spend money to reforge your bodies. It's troublesome," An Lan cautioned.

Silence.

Wang Teng had a strange feeling when he heard that. It didn't matter if a mecha's body was destroyed. You could just have it changed with money.

This feels so good! He was a little envious.

"Understood, boss." An Feng rubbed his mechanical head.

Clang!

An Lan angrily smacked An Feng's head, making a loud noise. He then lambasted, "Stop calling me boss. It makes us look like a band of bandits."

"Oh." An Feng nodded hurriedly like he was his punching bag.

The other mecha race martial warriors tucked in their heads like they were traumatized by An Lan.

Wang Teng peeked at An Lan. He felt that the mechas really looked like bandits. Maybe they were.

This reminded him of Jin Yuan and Hadock who he met back on Earth. Both sides did things the same way and were as slippery as an eel.

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Unfortunately, they ran away when he was entering the remains left by Nangong Yue.

"Hey, there are attribute bubbles here," Wang Teng uttered softly. There was a look of surprise in his eyes.

Not far away, a few attribute bubbles emerged from the lava stream.

Collect!

Constellation Force (Fire)*20

Constellation Force (Fire)*30

Constellation Force (Fire)*5

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There were a total of 55 points of the constellation fire Force. Although it wasn't much, Wang Teng was anticipating more.

Does this Flaming River World generate attribute bubbles from time to time?

If so, he had struck gold!

"Where are we going now?" An Lan looked around.

Wang Teng retracted his gaze and switched on his wristwatch. A map appeared. It was given by someone before he left.

And the person who gave this to him was Di Qi!

He didn't know if Di Qi had entered the Flaming River World previously or obtained this information from others. Anyway, he helped Wang Teng a lot. Otherwise, he would be searching aimlessly in the Flaming River World and would waste more time.

They only had fifteen days.

"Go this way." Wang Teng pointed in a direction. "Let's go to the lava swamp first. It shouldn't be too far."

"Yes!"

An Lan naturally followed Wang Teng's decisions.

"Let's go!"

The five of them set off after choosing the direction. They looked around and scouted the area as they flew.

This was the only chance where they had the time to look at the peculiar environment of the Flaming River World.

It was very different from the outside world.

There were three huge fireballs hanging in the sky that looked like suns. The whole sky was illuminated with fiery red color.

The ground was also covered with reddish-brown soil. Lava streams intersected each other and were spread all over the land, exuding bursts of steam.

In such an environment, ordinary creatures and plants wouldn't be able to exist. However, there were still strange species that relied on the fire Force to survive. They were the natives of this world.

So many attribute bubbles!

Wang Teng's eyes lit up. Along the way, he realized that the surroundings were littered with red attribute bubbles. This was especially so near the lava streams, where there were even more bubbles. They appeared from the lava every now and then.

He immediately sent forth his spiritual power and picked them up.

Constellation Force (Fire)*10

Constellation Force (Fire)*8

Constellation Force (Fire)*15

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Fire Force attribute bubbles gathered toward Wang Teng. Although they didn't have high value, there was a vast number of them.

With so many of them, he obtained thousands of attributes in just a short while. The constellation fire Force circulated in his body and merged inside his sea of nihility.

“Looks like this time, I can probably advance to the celestial realm.” Wang Teng felt the change in his constellation fire Force.

After flying for half an hour, they gradually closed in onto the lava swamp. The lava streams started converging, looking like they were flowing out from the swamp.

Likewise, there were many attribute bubbles. Wang Teng was overjoyed.

Psst!

Suddenly, a tongue of flame shot out from the lava stream and headed toward one of the mechas.

Everyone’s expression changed slightly.

The flame was too fast.

Before a mecha martial warrior could react, his leg was entangled. He then felt a huge force pulling him toward the lava stream below.

However, they were still cosmos-stage martial warriors after all. When faced with a sudden change, they didn’t panic. The mecha’s arms wriggled and turned into a sword. He then condensed his Force, creating a sword glow.

“You’re looking for death!” the mecha roared and slashed at the tongue of flame.

The sword glow struck the flame and cut it apart.

Croak!

A strange cry came from the lava stream below. Everyone only saw a black shadow flashing before it disappeared. They could no longer find a trace of it.

“It’s the Fire Black Toads!”

“Be careful!” Wang Teng and An Lan shouted simultaneously as they stared at the lava steam vigilantly.

No one expected that they would encounter Fire Black Toads here.

Fire Black Toads were one of their missions. However, only the flaming river had the most number of Fire Black Toads. The lava streams would only have one or two occasionally.

They were lucky to find one here.

“This Fire Black Toad is a sly one. If you don’t take it out with a single blow, it will just hide,” An Lan said.

“Since we encountered one, we can’t give it up so easily.” A smile appeared on Wang Teng’s face.

No matter what, it was still better than nothing!

No matter how cunning this Fire Black Toad was, it couldn’t have escaped from him.

“The lava hinders our spirit. If the Fire Black Toad continues hiding, it will be difficult for us to find it.” An Lan frowned.

“That might not be true.” Wang Teng snickered.

In an instant, Emerald Glazed Flame surged out from his body and rushed into the lava stream like chains of fire.

Hiss! Hiss! Hiss!

They made a sizzling sound when they touched the lava, remaining unscathed.

The emerald chains swam fast in the lava stream like flaming pythons. Wang Teng used his spiritual power and sensed the situation under the lava.

“Found it!” After a while, his eyes lit up. He then controlled the chains to go toward a place in the lava stream.

Croak!

The strange sound came again, and it was even louder this time like it was in a panic.

Boom!

With a loud bang, the lava exploded and splashed everywhere.

A huge black shadow rushed out from the lava stream. It was a red toad with a back full of bumps.

The Fire Black Toad leaped out of the stream in a bid to escape in the other direction. However, several chains shot out and chased it.

“You’re still running!” Wang Teng was calm. The Emerald Glazed Flame turned into a large net and covered every direction.

Croak!

The Fire Black Toad didn’t expect to be ambushed and slammed its head into the net formed by the Emerald Glazed Flame.

Croak...

It struggled frantically, and the bumps on its back burst. Blobs of lava emerged and blew several small holes in the net formed by the Emerald Glazed Flame.

It swung its claws and ripped the net apart, trying to grab the opportunity to escape.

“My dear, don’t run!” Wang Teng yelled, and a dark ice spear appeared in his hand.

Chapter 1008: Why Do I Need This Fire Tongue?

Nether Frost!

This was the special ice he found on the Nether World Giant Python. It was able to curb fire element star beasts.

It was just the right item to deal with the Fire Black Toad.

Swoosh!

With a wave of his hand, the long spear shot out. It turned into a beam of black light and hurled down at the Fire Black Toad.

Sensing danger, the Fire Black Toad started struggling frantically in the big net. It managed to free half of its body, but it was too late.

The long spear made from Nether Frost arrived above the Fire Black Toad in an instant. Then, it stabbed into its body.

Splurt!

A red flower blossomed, its beauty amplified by a cry of sorrow.

Croak!

The Fire Black Toad's huge body flew out under the impact of the long spear. There was a loud bang. It was pinned on the ground some distance away.

However, it was still alive. It continued struggling, stomping the ground with its limbs in an attempt to pull out the long spear.

Swoosh...

A chill exuded out of the long spear and spread through the body of the Fire Black Toad. All its Force and blood were frozen.

At the same time, a layer of black ice appeared on its surface.

The Fire Black Toad stopped struggling. Its body stiffened, and it froze on the spot. No signs of life could be detected anymore.

"This ice..." An Lan squinted. He was astounded when he saw Nether Frost.

He landed in front of the Fire Black Toad and touched the ice. A chill entered deep into his bones, along with a layer of frost on his mecha body.

"What a powerful frost!" another mecha martial warrior exclaimed.

"Wang Teng, I didn't know that you're an ice-element martial warrior too. This isn't normal frost, right?" An Lan looked at Wang Teng intently as he probed.

"It's nothing special." Wang Teng waved his hand nonchalantly as he walked over and sized up the Fire Black Toad.

An Lan had nothing to say. A normal person like him couldn't converse with this young man who loved to put on an act.

"This Fire Black Toad is probably at the fifth level of the celestial stage," An Lan took a deep breath and said.

Wang Teng nodded and picked up the attribute bubbles dropped by the Fire Black Toad.

Constellation Force (Fire)*3500

Fire Tongue*1

Blank Attribute*4500

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Huh? What can I use this fire tongue for? Wang Teng gave a contemptuous look.

This was a special technique, but he couldn't use his tongue as a weapon like the Fire Black Toad, right?

It felt exciting just thinking about it... Cough, it felt disgusting!

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However, after picking it up, he realized that this wasn't the case. He could form a tongue using flames. It would be agile and great for sneak attacks.

Besides this special skill, he also gained 3500 points of constellation fire Force and 45000 blank attributes. It was a sizable sum.

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Wang Teng kept the corpse of the Fire Black Toad in his space ring. He had finished 1/500 of the second mission.

"Let's go."

Everyone continued their journey towards the lava swamp.

Another ten minutes passed quickly. The group finally reached their destination. A vast and boundless swamp appeared in front of them.

This swamp was different from usual. It was made of lava, and it was scorching. The lava was rumbling loudly. Bubbles formed on the surface and burst after some time. Steaming hot lava splashed everywhere.

Wang Teng saw numerous attribute bubbles at one glance.

Collect!

Constellation Force (Fire)*30

Constellation Force (Fire)*25

Constellation Force (Fire)*35

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Within a few seconds, Wang Teng collected more than 2000 points of constellation fire Force.

"We're finally here." An Lan glanced around him in awe. "I heard that this swarm is always expanding. I wonder if it's true."

"I think so. Look at the rocks around it. They're melting slowly." Wang Teng finished picking up the attribute bubbles and looked below him. He squatted down and tapped a piece of rock lightly. It broke immediately and fell into the lava.

A mecha martial warrior placed his finger into the lava. When he took it out, his finger had melted.

"Ouch... it hurts." The mecha commented without any expressions on his face.

Clang!

An Lan slapped the martial warrior's head and scolded, "Don't be stupid. You shouldn't waste your energy like this."

"Yes!" A blue glow appeared in the mecha martial warrior's eyes. His finger started growing back like liquid.

"Erm, is there something wrong with their brains?" Wang Teng asked An Lan through voice transmission.

"Don't worry, ordering them around won't be a problem." An Lan smiled apologetically and patted his chest.

"I hope so." Wang Teng glanced at him helplessly.

Then, he twirled his eyeballs and released the metal armor flaming scorpion and Little White from the space fragment.

After absorbing the Constellation Elixirs, they had gone into hibernation and woke up a few days ago. Both of them had advanced to the emperor level. They possessed the same power as a planetary-stage human martial warrior.

The metal armor flaming scorpion was at the third-level emperor level while Little White was at the fifth-level emperor level. It had surpassed the metal armor flaming scorpion.

The metal armor flaming scorpion felt frustrated because of this. At first, it was more powerful than Little White. Yet, it was lagging behind now.

The metal armor flaming scorpion cursed Wang Teng for being biased numerous times. He must have given Little White a lot of good stuff. If not, how could Little White surpass it?

However...

"Master, what do you need from me?" The metal armor flaming scorpion crawled toward Wang Teng obediently when it realized that it was in a place filled with fire Force. It tried to curry favor with Wang Teng.

"Caw..." Little White still couldn't speak, so it cawed and landed in front of Wang Teng, rubbing its head on his palm.

"This is a small world known as the Flaming River World. This lava swamp is a dangerous place. There are flaming river crystals beneath it. I want you to go down and search for this crystal with me," Wang Teng replied.

“Go down!” The metal armor flaming scorpion placed its scorpion tail in the lava and exclaimed, “The constellation fire Force inside is very thick. It’s dangerous, but it’ll be of great help to our cultivation.”

“This is a good opportunity. Take the chance to upgrade yourselves,” Wang Teng said earnestly. He didn’t feel that he had found two hard laborers for himself.

“Don’t worry, Master. We’ll work hard,” the metal armor flaming scorpion said firmly.

“Alright, you’ll work together with Little White. Don’t stay too far from me. If there’s any danger, I might not be able to rush over in time,” Wang Teng said.

“These are your spiritual pets?” An Lan walked over and asked in surprise.

“That’s right. Ask An Feng, An Dong, and An Jian to team up with them,” Wang Teng nodded and said after some contemplation.

“Okay.” An Lan had no objections. He turned and spoke to the three other mecha martial warriors.

After some time, he said to Wang Teng, “The temperature below is very high. We won’t be able to stay below for too long and will need to return to the surface soon. This is a waste of time.”

Wang Teng pondered and took out three battle armors.

He took these from the alien candidates in the past. They were all mass-produced items. They had no owners now, so anyone could wear them.

“Wear these battle armors,” Wang Teng said.

An Lan and the others were confused, but they still wore the battle armor. A plus point of these mass-produced battle armors was that they could change according to the size and height of the wearer.

Thus, when they wore them, they fitted them perfectly.

Wang Teng went forward and gathered Nether Frost on his palm. A layer of frost covered the armors.

An Lan’s eyes lit up. He finally understood Wang Teng’s plan.

“How do you feel?” Wang Teng asked.

“Hahaha, this is a good idea. The frost will have little effect on us because of the battle armor,” An Lan smiled and replied.

“That’s good. Wear this to enter the swamp and you can stay below for a longer time. When you feel uncomfortable, come to me and I’ll cover you with frost again.”

“Yes.” An Lan nodded.

Wang Teng organized his team and continued on their quest.

“Let’s go.” The instant he said this, everyone leaped into the lava swamp.

Plonk! Plonk! Plonk!

Lava splattered into the air, submerging Wang Teng and his team. They controlled their bodies as they went down.

Chapter 1009: In And Out

Lava swamp.

Only lava could be seen here. Steam rose into the air, and the lava bubbled happily. Even the air seemed to have turned distorted from the heat.

There were no living creatures here. The place was barren and empty.

This environment wasn't suitable for living either. Wang Teng wondered why the owner of this small world created it.

Shouldn't he create a utopia with an abundance of lives and a comfortable environment?

Mind you, the creator could enter this small world too.

Many universe-stage martial warriors would build extravagant sculptures in their small world and plant all sorts of special flowers and fruits. They would then buy some beauties and put them in the small world to serve them. They had an amazing time inside.

But the Flaming River World wasn't a place to relax and enjoy. It was torture to be in this environment.

Wang Teng didn't understand why the creator of the Flaming River World made this small world for himself. It made no sense at all!

Could it be that this creator wanted to lead an austere life?

Wang Teng complained silently in his heart as he sank down the lava and opened a path so that they could travel within.

What comforted him was that there were more attribute bubbles below the swamp compared to the surface.

Bubbles were scattered all over the bottom, looking conspicuous in his eyes.

Collect!

Constellation Force (Fire)*50

Constellation Force (Fire)*40

Constellation Force (Fire)*60

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As more and more constellation fire Force entered his pocket, a smile crept up Wang Teng's face uncontrollably.

The environment in the swamp was special, so Wang Teng didn't put down his guard even though his team wasn't weak. He remained vigilant.

His team members were wearing armors covered with Nether Frost, so they could temporarily resist the lava. However, they would still melt in the high temperature. They wouldn't be able to stay here for long.

Fortunately, Nether Frost was special. Other normal frost or ice wouldn't be able to resist the high temperature in this place.

As for Wang Teng, he was different. He covered his body with the Emerald Glazed Flame, rendering the lava useless. He could travel freely in the swamp.

An Lan looked at him with envy. This was how powerful a divine flame was. Wang Teng wasn't afraid of any normal fire!

"Split up but don't go too far," Wang Teng spoke to his team using voice transmission.

Everyone separated according to the plan. The five martial warriors and the two spiritual pets split into two small groups.

Wang Teng and An Lan were one group. Little White, the metal armor flaming scorpion, and the other three mecha martial warriors formed another group.

Wang Teng used the Emerald Glazed Flame as a medium and hid his spiritual power in it. He then created many tentacles and stretched them into the lava.

He checked his surroundings as he moved forward.

"Let's go this way." His eyes lit up suddenly because he sensed something. He changed direction and moved to his left.

"You found something?" An Lan chased after him hurriedly and asked through voice transmission.

"I sense a thicker constellation fire Force there. It might be the flaming river crystals," Wang Teng said.

An Lan nodded, not probing further. He knew that Wang Teng was more sensitive in this environment, so he listened to him.

He didn't feel any unwillingness. Wang Teng was a triple-field grandmaster with powerful spiritual power. Even as a cosmos-stage divine spirit master, he didn't dare to say that he was more powerful than Wang Teng.

An Lan was a heaven-stage martial warrior and a cosmos-stage divine spirit master. The combination of these two was extremely powerful.

After some time, Wang Teng saw more attribute bubbles in front of him. His eyes shone brightly.

Looks like this lava swamp is my lucky ground. Wang Teng muttered in his heart. He released his spiritual power and picked up the attribute bubbles.

Constellation Force (Fire)*80

Constellation Force (Fire)*50

Constellation Force (Fire)*100

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These attribute bubbles have a higher value than the ones above. Looks like this is the right place. There must be flaming river crystals here.

Wang Teng stopped in his tracks and signaled to An Lan. Then, he focused his gaze below.

“Found it. The fire Force here is thicker.” Wang Teng pointed below.

“Below the ground? Leave it to me.” An Lan chuckled. He waved his hand, and a beam of light shot out of his body.

Boom!

It penetrated right into the ground below. The rock layer at the bottom of the swamp was extremely special. It was able to withstand extremely high temperatures and was tougher and harder than normal rocks.

Yet the destructive power of the beam of light made short work of it. A cut was instantly made in the bottom layer.

A dense red glow penetrated from the crack.

An Lan had a strong grasp of his power. The instant he cut through the bottom layer and noticed the red glow, he stopped.

Wang Teng finally saw the real identity of the beam of light.

This was a cone-shaped spiritual weapon. It was spinning madly under An Lan’s control and penetrating the hard layer of rock bottom.

“This is... Thousand Armaments Vessel!” Wang Teng was shocked.

“Hahaha, you’re right. I didn’t think you’d recognize it with one look.” An Lan laughed. With a wave of his hand, the spiritual weapon started dismantling into various parts. It combined again to form the familiar black box Wang Teng knew.

“Good riddance, I knew that the Thousand Armaments Vessel had many combinations when I made it. Indeed, after seeing this form, this is an amazing weapon,” Wang Teng exclaimed.

The blueprint An Lan gave him didn’t consist of all the combinations. This might be the trump card An Lan kept for himself.

The blacksmith might know the theory of how to make the Thousand Armaments Vessel, but without the combinations, its power would be heavily discounted.

Wang Teng knew that some made-to-order spiritual weapons were exclusive. There was no counterfeit.

It wasn't like those mass-produced weapons. They were of a certain grade, but they weren't unique. They couldn't be compared to these special weapons.

This Thousand Armaments Vessel was a spiritual weapon designed by the mecha race. Besides them, Wang Teng was probably the only one who touched it.

An Lan knew what Wang Teng was thinking. Since he took it out here, he didn't plan to hide it from him. He pointed at the bottom of the swamp. "Let's take a look."

Wang Teng nodded, sinking further down. He arrived at the spot where the red light came from.

A patch of fiery-red crystals could be seen below the rock layer. The scene was dazzling to the eye.

"These are the flaming river crystals!" Round Ball's voice appeared in Wang Teng's mind. It sounded a little excited. "You're so lucky. You found them so quickly."

"Haha, I have the Emerald Glazed Flame, so places filled with fire elements are a piece of cake for me." Wang Teng chuckled. He was in a good mood.

"Let's start digging."

He called An Lan over, and the duo started digging.

"Be careful, don't damage them too much or the fire energy inside will be destroyed," Round Ball reminded him.

"Don't worry, I know what I'm doing." Wang Teng acted carefully. He was a divine spirit master, so he could use his spiritual power to control his weapons. There wouldn't be too much deviation.

An Lan didn't need any warning either. He was a cosmos-stage divine spirit master. He was more powerful than Wang Teng, a celestial-stage divine spirit master. His level of control was higher than Wang Teng's.

The flaming river crystals here weren't all gathered in one location. They were scattered around, increasing the difficulty of their excavation.

However, with their cooperation, they progressed rather quickly. They managed to dig out a few thousand kilograms of flaming river crystals in the blink of an eye. Wang Teng kept them.

"These flaming river crystals are indeed special. I can tell that they're beneficial to fire element martial warriors and star beasts," Wang Teng smiled and said.

"You're a fire-element martial warrior. If you use them to cultivate, you'll be able to rise to the celestial stage very soon," An Lan looked at him and said.

Wang Teng smiled. He would be able to advance to the celestial stage without the flaming river crystals.

There were many attribute bubbles in the Flaming River World. Not only could he advance to the celestial stage, but he would also be able to raise his ability greatly.

An Lan didn't know what he was thinking. He thought that Wang Teng was extremely confident in himself and disdained using the flaming river crystals.

Relying on oneself for a breakthrough was better than relying on external forces.

Based on their senses, there were at least a few more kilograms of flaming river crystals deep below. They were deeper, so the digging process was harder.

Just when Wang Teng was about to dig up the rest of the flaming river crystals so that they could move to the next location, a beam of red light shot out from the hole among the rocks and attempted to bite Wang Teng's wrist.

"Be careful!" An Lan reminded him in a low voice.

Wang Teng reacted swiftly. He formed a layer of Nether Frost on his finger and pointed at the beam of red light.

An astonishing scene appeared.

The beam of red light was as fast as lightning. It shrank back instantly and disappeared without a trace.

Wang Teng's finger froze in mid-air. He didn't know what to do. What was he supposed to point at when he didn't have a target?

He exchanged glances with An Lan and felt speechless. "Did you see what that was?"

"Erm... I didn't," An Lan said helplessly.

Swoosh!

At that moment, the beam of red light appeared again. It seemed to know that Wang Teng was hard to deal with, so it dashed towards An Lan.

An Lan blinked. He raised his hand, and Force gathered on it. He prepared to give it a heavy blow.

The beam of red light didn't think that An Lan's reaction would be so fast as well. It shrank back again. It seemed extremely timid.

An Lan's finger paused in mid-air. The corners of his lips twitched.

The two martial warriors stared at one another. They could tell that this beam of red light was powerful, but it was amazingly fast.

It was... a little timid too!

It came out and shrank back.

Was it playing with them?

"I think I saw it this time. I think it's a red earthworm," Wang Teng said uncertainly.

"Earthworm?!" An Lan frowned.

"Maybe it's a Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm," Round Ball said.

"Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm?" Wang Teng quickly asked in his mind. "Do you know what it is?"

Chapter 1010: Making Everyone Crave For It!

“This is a mutated beast that lives on flaming river crystals. It’s originally called the Red Phosphorus Worm. After they were released here by the Flaming River World’s owner, they started feeding on flaming river crystals and mutated.”

Round Ball thought for a moment and started explaining, “This Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm has great nutritional value because of all the flaming river crystals that it devours all year round. It’s delicious when you fry it till it’s golden-brown.”

“... Are you craving it?” Wang Teng asked softly.

Round Ball: ...

To hell with craving!

What was going on with his mind?

Round Ball took a deep breath and said, “The important thing is that Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worms fear death. They do not allow others to steal flaming river crystals as the crystals are the food they rely on for survival. However, they do not dare to face enemies either, which is why they use a harassment tactic to get their enemies to retreat.”

“The Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm is rather strange.” Wang Teng was speechless.

“Although it’s disgusting, it is still a good tactic. Every creature has its own survival instincts. If the Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worms weren’t this elusive, they would have been wiped out long ago,” Round Ball said.

Wang Teng passed down Round Ball’s words, shocking An Lan. Although he was knowledgeable, he had never seen such a strange beast before.

The two looked down and saw the Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm darting in and out of the hole. Every time its head appeared, it would quickly retract again as if it would attack them at any time.

However, it annoyed Wang Teng and An Lan with its behavior.

“The Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm is only at the planetary stage. It is not that difficult to deal with,” An Lan said.

“Leave it to me.” Wang Teng shook his head. Not wishing to waste time here, he turned his Emerald Glazed Flame into a Fire Tongue and sent it downward.

The skill that he just acquired was not expected to be used so soon.

Destiny likes to fool people!

The Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm sensed something amiss and immediately dug underground.

The Fire Tongue was in hot pursuit and rushed into the hole.

Shrill...

A panicked cry resounded from the hole. The Fire Tongue began to shake violently as if something was struggling fiercely.

The Fire Tongue was known for being quick and nimble, and it wasn't less elusive compared to the Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm. Soon, the Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm was wrapped by the Fire Tongue and brought out of the hole.

The Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm was struggling frantically. It was only a meter long, which was considered relatively small as compared to other star beasts. Its attack power wasn't that great.

Its body glowed with a red light repeatedly as it tried to break free from the Fire Tongue.

However, no matter how much it struggled, it was all for nothing. The ordinary flame that it was using could never be compared with the Emerald Glazed Flame.

"You still want to run?" Wang Teng pointed at the worm's body. Nether Frost spread around and froze it.

Nether Frost was undoubtedly the most effective way to deal with fire element star beasts. He finally had the opportunity to study the Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm.

The one-meter-long body was crimson red and somewhat transparent like it was made of flaming crystals. There were two small eyes on its head, which looked a bit silly and not so disgusting.

After the Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm was frozen, it lost its vitality and a few attribute bubbles dropped.

Constellation Force (Fire)*600

Origin Of Flame*2

Blank Attribute*1200

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"Origin Of Flame!" Wang Teng's eyes narrowed as if he had seen something unbelievable.

The Origin Of Flame was a power of origin that only a universe-stage martial warrior could possess, yet it came out from this small worm.

This didn't make sense!

A universe-stage martial warrior could cultivate the power of origin and use it as the foundation of a small world. The small world would then undergo an evolution.

The flaming river crystals were formed by the Origin Of Flame, showing how extraordinary they were.

The trace of Origin Of Flame merged into Wang Teng's body and circulated around his limbs and bones. It gradually merged into the fire constellation in his mind and fell silent.

"Huff!" Wang Teng let out a deep breath, and his gaze flickered.

He obtained a power of origin that could only be cultivated by universe-stage martial warriors just like that. Although it was only a trace amount, it was still a power of origin and shouldn't be underestimated.

Wang Teng then kept the Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm in his space ring and said to An Lan, "Continue digging."

An Lan nodded and worked together with Wang Teng. He didn't forget to ask a question, "Why does your skill look a bit like the tongue of a Fire Black Toad?"

"Does it? I think you saw it wrong." Wang Teng's heart skipped a beat. He responded without a change in his expression.

"Is that so?" An Lan didn't dwell on it and concentrated on mining the flaming river crystals.

Ten minutes later, all the flaming river crystals in the area were dug out, which added up to about 2000 kilograms. It was quite a harvest.

Wang Teng sensed his surroundings again and called An Lan to leave after he had confirmed that there were no more flaming river crystals.

"Let's go."

Afterward, they found a few scattered pieces of flaming river crystals. The quantity paled in comparison to their first haul though, adding up to less than a thousand kilograms.

Nether Frost covering An Lan's battle armor was mostly melted. Wang Teng quickly added another layer for him.

Little White's team also returned to Wang Teng, and he replenished Nether Frost for the other mechas as well.

"Master, we managed to find more than 4000 kilograms of flaming river crystals." The metal armor flaming scorpion ran over and asked for credit.

"Oh?" Wang Teng was a little surprised. "You found more than 4000 kilograms?"

"Yes, it's all in the space ring. Look." The metal armor flaming scorpion spat out a space ring. The space ring was normally placed in its mouth.

Wang Teng rolled his eyes in disgust. He wouldn't hold it with his hands and brought it over using spiritual power. Looking inside, he saw a small pile of flaming river crystals.

"Good job." Wang Teng was satisfied and patted the metal armor flaming scorpion's armored shell.

After advancing to the emperor level, its body became larger, and the outer shell was extremely hard. It made a dull sound when he patted it.

Little White wasn't satisfied and cawed at the side.

Although Little White was a bird star beast, it had the fire element as well. And its Ghost Fire became stronger when it absorbed the Emerald Glazed Flame. It allowed it to fly freely and go under the lava swamp.

“Hahaha. That’s right. It’s also your hard work.” Wang Teng sensed the satisfaction that Little White conveyed through the spiritual pet contract and laughed while patting its head.

“Wang Teng, your spiritual pets are good. They found more crystals than us.” An Lan was surprised.

Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion raised their heads like peacocks. They knew that the chunk of mechanical parts in front of them was extremely powerful and were overjoyed to be praised by him.

An Lan didn’t know that he was just a powerful mechanical hunk in their eyes. Otherwise, he would probably die of anger.

A heaven-stage martial warrior was regarded as a chunk of mechanical parts.

He couldn’t bear this.

“They are fire element star beasts and have mutated. They are very sensitive to the fire element. It’s not surprising that they can find so many flaming river crystals.” Wang Teng smiled.

“Mutant star beasts are rare, and you have two of them. You’re lucky!” An Lan shook his head in envy.

“Calm down. You’ll get used to it after envying me a few more times,” Wang Teng said calmly.

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An Lan: ...

I don’t want to get used to it.

“We have less than ten thousand kilograms, which is far from the required number. We have to work harder. Keep going, everyone,” Wang Teng waved his hand and said.

Everyone stopped chatting and scattered to find more again.

Time passed slowly. After an hour, Wang Teng and the others found eight thousand kilograms of flaming river crystals.

He also encountered a few Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worms. He caught them all and tossed them in his space ring. Wang Teng planned to fry them and see if he could really make everyone crave this delicacy!

He was a grandmaster chef. It was a normal thing for him to try all kinds of strange food.

Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion also captured Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worms under Wang Teng’s instructions. The two of them were very good at hunting and had already caught several of them without his guidance.

But what really made Wang Teng happy was that he could obtain Origin Of Flame attribute bubbles from the worms, which increased his attributes by a lot.

