

Martial Arts 1011

Chapter 1011: You're The One Who Has A Death Wish!

"There are no more flaming river crystals in this area!"

Wang Teng and An Lan met up with the rest of the team and discussed for a moment. They prepared to move to the next location.

They had searched all the areas around them. It was impossible to find any more flaming river crystals nearby.

They returned to the surface. Wang Teng opened the map and searched for their next destination. There were many red zones marked on the map. These were the places other people had dug before.

The lava swamp was huge, but after many years, most of the crystals had been excavated. They needed to find areas that hadn't been touched.

"Let's head to the north. That area is bigger," Wang Teng pointed to a patch of ground in the north and suggested.

"I have no objection," An Lan shrugged.

"Let's go." Wang Teng found where the north was and kept the map. Everyone flew in the direction under his lead.

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Approximately half an hour later, Wang Teng arrived at his destination and dived into the lava.

After a few plonks, the surface of the lava resumed its calmness. It was as if nothing had happened.

Approximately ten minutes later, two beams of light shot over from afar and stopped in the air above their heads. One of them was Cao Jiaojiao from the Cao family. The other person was covered in a black robe.

"Here it is. There should be flaming river crystals here," Cao Jiaojiao looked at the map and said.

"Yes." The man in the black robe nodded.

The next moment, the two of them leaped into the lava without any protection.

A magical scene appeared!

After they entered the swamp, a layer of light appeared on the surface of their bodies. The lava around them was blocked outside the layer.

Their bodies started sinking, and they quickly arrived at the bottom of the swamp.

The two of them sensed their surroundings and left quickly. They traveled in the swamp without hindrance as if they were on land. After some time, they stopped again.

The lava around them was pushed away, and a deep hole appeared in front of them. It was a new hole that was dug recently.

The two of them turned silent.

“They came recently,” Cao Jiaojiao gritted her teeth and said using voice transmission.

“Chase them!” The man’s gaze turned sharp. He rushed forward at a fast speed.

Cao Jiaojiao’s gaze flickered. She didn’t dare to stay any longer and followed after him.

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“Wang Teng, we must have collected 7500 kilograms of flaming river crystals here, right?”

An Lan asked happily as he dashed out of a deep hole with Wang Teng.

“About there. It might be a little more.” A smile appeared on the edge of Wang Teng’s lips. He seemed happy.

Suddenly, his expression changed. His gaze turned grim.

“What is it?” An Lan asked hurriedly.

The instant he asked the question, his expression changed too. He received a message through some unknown method.

“They got ambushed.”

Wang Teng received the news through his spiritual pet contract with Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion. He rushed in their direction without any hesitation.

“Damn it, they met a heaven-stage martial warrior. It must be Cao Hongtu!”

The news that An Lan received was even clearer. The mecha race had a special communication method. They were able to interact with one another within a certain distance. This was how the other three mechas contacted him just now.

“Don’t worry, Cao Hongtu won’t be able to release his heaven-stage ability here. My friends can resist for some time.”

An Lan consoled Wang Teng when he noticed how quiet he was. However, they increased their speed and tried their best to rush to the location.

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Boom!

A loud explosion came from the bottom of the lava swamp. Lava splattered everywhere.

An Feng and the three cosmos-stage mechas were fighting with a man in a black gown. They were the ones who caused the terrifying Force explosion.

The man in a black gown released his fist. A blue flame gathered and flew toward the three mechas.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The trio stood at three corners. Their arms turned into battle blades, and they released blade auras more than ten meters long.

They condensed their blade conscious into the blade glows, so the blade glows weren't very long. Instead, they appeared a little tiny. However, their power wasn't. They gathered together from three different directions and slammed on the blue fist mark, disintegrating the attacks of both parties.

Bang!

The lava got pushed away amid the loud explosion. An empty zone was left behind.

"Interesting. Wang Teng managed to find three mecha cosmos-stage martial warriors." The man in a black gown said in a hoarse voice, "I heard that mechas are great as slaves. I think I can capture y'all back."

The three cosmos-stage mechas were furious.

"How dare you!" An Dong shouted coldly. His arm turned into a heavy mace. It gave off a dazzling yellow glow and smashed toward the man in a black gown. The yellow glow formed an outline of a huge mace.

"Useless!" The man in a black gown snorted and hurled his punch out again. It collided with the mace and destroyed it instantly.

Boom!

An Dong was the first to bear the brunt of the frightening Force impact. He was thrown off his feet.

The other two mechas elongated their arms, giving rise to a series of mechanical sounds.

Their palms and arms connected together. They dashed out for more than ten meters and caught An Dong, pulling him back.

"Don't act rashly. Wait for the boss to come back," An Feng and An Jian said in low voices.

"Waiting for reinforcements? You're too naive." The man in a black gown moved instantly and charged toward the three martial warriors.

The three mechas furrowed their brows. They exchanged glances with one another and nodded. Their arms changed shape again and turned into huge cannons. Intense Force glows gathered on the mouth of the cannons quickly.

"Hmm?" The man in a black gown felt a sense of danger. He stopped and started retreating.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

However, the three mechas had already completed their power-up. Three brilliant Force pillars shot out.

"Hmph!"

With a snort, a giant ax appeared in the man in black's hand. As he twirled it, blue flames started burning violently. They formed the shape of an enormous giant ax.

Boom!

When he slashed his ax down, the ax aura collided with the three Force glows.

Bang, bang, bang...

Explosions were heard continuously. The lava around them erupted and blossomed like flowers of fire.

The three Force glows couldn't withstand the blue battleax. They got chopped, but the blue battleax continued hurling forward forcefully and slammed into the bodies of the three mechas.

Their bodies were torn apart. They were almost hacked into two.

"This is so scary. Let's run." The metal armor flaming scorpion called Little White over. It was flabbergasted.

"You can't run away." Cao Jiaojiao blocked their path and pushed her fist out.

Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion were just emperor-level star beasts. They couldn't resist the attack of a cosmos-stage martial warrior. They were thrown into the air and slammed into the rocks at the bottom.

Painful screams escaped their mouths. They had suffered heavy injuries.

Cao Jiaojiao wanted to catch them alive, so she didn't release all her power.

Thus, Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion weren't in any life-threatening danger.

"I'll give you one chance. Give us the flaming river crystals and bow down to us, if not..." The man in a black gown was extremely arrogant. He continued nonchalantly, "I'll turn you into scrap."

The three mechas were healing their bodies while their gazes flickered continuously. They couldn't hide their anger.

"Don't even think about it," An Feng replied coldly with a furious glare.

"It looks like you have a death—" The man in black stared at them sharply.

Before he could finish his sentence, a shout echoed over from afar.

"You're the one who has a death wish!"

Chapter 1012: You're A Beautiful Woman, But You're So Vicious

Boom!

A loud roar followed.

A stream of light bolted over at an extreme speed, slicing through the thick lava and producing a harsh sonic boom.

It didn't just stop there. The surrounding lava even rolled up as if there was a force stirring it. The scene was terrifying.

The expression of the man in the black gown changed. Without thinking, he swung his battleax and slashed with a monstrous blue flame.

Boom!

The two clashed violently and gave off a loud explosion.

Force exploded and surged towards the surroundings, sweeping the nearby lava away.

The man in the black gown retreated a dozen meters away in the aftermath before he could stop himself. However, the hand which held the ax was trembling a little.

Wang Teng and An Lan had arrived. The transformed Thousand Armaments Vessel was suspended in front of An Lan, waiting for an opportunity to fire.

"Heaven stage! You're not Cao Hongtu!" An Lan stared coldly at the man in the black gown.

"Hmph!" The man in the black robe snorted and didn't respond immediately. He looked at Wang Teng and said, "I didn't expect you to find a heaven-stage martial warrior! We have underestimated you."

"Sinclamon!" Wang Teng scoffed.

"Oh?" The man in the black gown was surprised. He took off his hood and revealed his iconic bald head. "How did you know?"

"Your flames have exposed your identity." Wang Teng sneered. "All of you really think highly of me. Two heaven-stage martial warriors? Shameless."

"Oh, you're wrong. Cao Hongtu is enough to deal with you. I'm not here for you, but..." Sinclamon chuckled softly. He didn't conceal his disdain and revealed the greed in his eyes as he stared at the green flame on Wang Teng's body. "But now, the other things are not important anymore. It's unbelievable for a planetary-stage martial warrior like you to possess a divine flame. This is fate. Fate of the heavens. Now it's mine."

"Delusional," Wang Teng said.

"What did you say?" Sinclamon's face stiffened, and he couldn't control the rage in his heart.

"Even if the divine flame is in front of you, you wouldn't be able to subdue it. You are dreaming," Wang Teng said disdainfully.

Sinclamon's face was gloomy and cold. He had to admit that Wang Teng was right. Even if the divine flame was right in front of his eyes, he might not be able to lay his hands on it.

He was helpless.

He felt a little jealous when he thought about this. Why couldn't he subdue a divine flame when a planetary-stage martial warrior like Wang Teng could?

“Hmph. You don’t have to worry about this. Wait till I obtain a divine flame. There will be ways to subdue it.” Sinclamon scoffed.

“Humorous!” Wang Teng mocked him as he turned and said to An Lan, “I’ll leave him to you.”

“No problem. He hurt my men and wanted them to be his slaves. I’ll see what he’s capable of. If I don’t kill him, I’m not An Lan.” An Lan was enraged as he glared at Sinclamon with killing intent. The weapons transformed from the Thousand Armaments Vessel circled around him and were ready to strike anytime.

“I haven’t killed a mecha heaven-stage martial warrior before. I shall try it today.” Sinclamon grinned.

An Lan’s eyes narrowed. There wasn’t any movement, but the Thousand Armaments Vessel had already vanished. He wasn’t idle either as he dashed out and attacked with a sword in his hand.

Sinclamon moved his ax with a solemn expression. The blue flame in his body erupted and enveloped the ax as he condensed them into a powerful attack.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The two sides clashed and kept rising in the sky. Soon after, they rushed out of the swamp and fought in the sky.

“Cao Jiaojiao, keep an eye on Wang Teng. Don’t let him escape.”

At the same time, Sinclamon’s voice resounded from above.

Cao Jiaojiao looked at Wang Teng in the distance, and a charming smile appeared on her face. “I didn’t expect to meet again in a situation like this. I have to thank you. Because of you, I have to marry that bastard Andrais.”

“Congratulations.”

Wang Teng was emotionless as he looked at Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion. He then heaved a sigh of relief when he saw that their lives weren’t in danger. His cold gaze landed on Cao Jiaojiao.

Cao Jiaojiao’s face darkened, her smile gradually disappearing. “You shouldn’t have offended us, let alone the Parkers family. You have no way to survive now.”

She didn’t do anything and just looked at Wang Teng calmly, like she was looking at a dead person.

“It’s too early for you to be happy. Do you think Sinclamon can fight against An Lan?” Wang Teng sneered.

An Lan was not only a cosmos-stage divine spirit master, but he was also a heaven-stage martial warrior. Could someone of his abilities not be able to defeat Sinclamon?

Cao Jiaojiao’s expression changed slightly. She didn’t know where Wang Teng’s confidence came from.

The Parkers were generally powerful in combat and possessed special flames. Ordinary warriors wouldn’t be able to defeat them.

That mecha martial warrior was stronger than Sinclamon?

How was this possible?

However, Cao Jiaojiao wasn't intending to watch anymore and sneered. "You should worry about yourself. I couldn't do anything to you in Great Qian City, but here, a planetary-stage martial warrior like you wouldn't have the opportunity to jump around in front of me.

"Hand over the flaming river crystals and I might leave you an intact corpse."

"You are a beautiful woman, but you're so vicious." Wang Teng shook his head and sighed.

"You have a sharp tongue." Cao Jiaojiao's face blackened as she pulled out a sword from behind and disappeared from her spot.

Boom!

The next moment, she appeared in front of Wang Teng. Golden Force burst out as she slashed her sword downward.

Cao Jiaojiao was a metal-element martial warrior. Although she was a woman, her attacks were ruthless. Her swordsmanship was excellent as well. She couldn't be compared with an ordinary martial warrior.

Wang Teng was just a planetary-stage martial warrior. Naturally, he wouldn't be stupid enough to confront her head-on.

A battle armor appeared on his body and wrapped him in an instant. The Wings Of Wind And Lightning unfolded, and with a gentle flap, a thunderous roar reverberated. He retreated for dozens of meters.

"Hmm?" Cao Jiaojiao frowned. She didn't expect Wang Teng to have such a burst of speed. Her attack had missed.

"Those wings?"

In an instant, she saw Wang Teng's reliance on those wings. "You're too naive to think that you can fight with cosmos-stage martial warriors by relying on a pair of wings."

Cao Jiaojiao's speed rose drastically. She wasn't much slower than Wang Teng and caught up.

Wang Teng wanted to get away from her and rushed out of the swamp and into the sky.

At the same time, the Golden Crescent Blade flew downwards with a point of his finger. It slashed downward as the sound of metal echoed.

Chapter 1013: A Real Combat... This Doesn't Sound Right!

The instant Cao Jiaojiao dashed out of the swamp, she came face to face with the Golden Crescent Blade.

Under the control of Wang Teng's celestial realm spiritual power, the Golden Crescent Blade was trembling and spinning at high speed. This power was enough to threaten a cosmos-stage martial warrior.

Cao Jiaojiao's expression changed. She flung her blade out without any hesitation.

Clang!

Along with a crisp sound, Force vibrated, and Cao Jiaojiao was thrown back. She landed in the swamp again.

"Ah!"

Cao Jiaojiao was furious. She flew out from another part of the swamp and glanced at her long blade. There was a hole in it.

"My blade!"

This was a cosmos-level weapon. Cao Jiaojiao had saved money for a long time before she managed to forge this blade. Yet, Wang Teng made a hole in it.

"Your weapon isn't good enough. It got damaged after a light touch," Wang Teng said indifferently.

Cao Jiaojiao was raging in her heart. She felt exasperated. When she saw Wang Teng's expression, she almost vomited a mouthful of blood.

She took so much effort to find someone to forge this cosmos-level weapon, but a planetary-stage brat told her that it wasn't good enough.

This wasn't right!

This wasn't right at all!

"Don't look at me like that. You should blame the Cao family for being too poor. You can't even afford a good weapon." Wang Teng shook his head as if he felt pity for Cao Jiaojiao.

However, to Cao Jiaojiao, it was a stab in her heart.

She took a few deep breaths to force herself to calm down. Then, she scanned her surroundings and searched for the weapon he used to attack her.

Cao Jiaojiao could tell that Wang Teng was a divine spirit master. Moreover, his stage was higher than his martial arts cultivation. No wonder he was confident.

What attacked her was a powerful spiritual weapon!

"Don't be nervous. I'll never sneak attack a beautiful lady," Wang Teng said nonchalantly from a distance.

As if I'll believe you! Cao Jiaojiao scoffed in her heart. If she hadn't reacted in time, she would have been hit.

The attack of a divine spirit master was indeed hard to prevent.

Wang Teng suddenly widened his eyes and looked behind Cao Jiaojiao. He seemed to have seen something unbelievable.

“Stop acting. Do you think I’ll fall for that?” Cao Jiaojiao sneered.

However, she didn’t let down her guard. She used her spirit to scan the area behind her and failed to detect any danger.

“Sigh, I thought my acting skill is at the Oscar level,” Wang Teng replied sadly.

Cao Jiaojiao couldn’t catch up with his train of thoughts. She felt that he was the most tiring opponent to fight with.

“Why don’t we do it again? You can cooperate with me,” Wang Teng said.

“Alright.” Cao Jiaojiao blinked, and a seductive smile appeared on her pretty face. She nodded and agreed unexpectedly.

“Great. Let’s start.” Wang Teng was elated. His expression changed abruptly as he widened his eyes and stared behind Cao Jiaojiao in surprise.

His expression was extremely real, portraying his astonishment. He would definitely win an award at an Oscar. This could be used as a textbook example in a lesson.

“Hmph.” Cao Jiaojiao snorted. She turned and swung her blade down.

Bang!

A flaming aura was destroyed. It didn’t harm her.

“I knew you were going to do something. Do you think I’m stupid!” Cao Jiaojiao stared at Wang Teng in disdain. She looked down on his little tricks.

Right then, her expression changed.

Swoosh!

A piercing sound came from her left. A black figure appeared out of the blue three meters away from her.

The distance was too close, so Cao Jiaojiao had no chance of dodging it. Even if she made a move, it was too late.

However, as someone who was stationed on the battlefield all year long, she had ample experience. She managed to change the direction of her body forcefully.

Psst!

The Golden Crescent Blade flew inches away from her body. Despite barely dodging, the Golden Crescent Blade still managed to cut her skin.

It was at the spot below her armpit.

Her armor was torn apart, and fresh blood spurted out. Her fair skin could be seen faintly.

Cao Jiaojiao's heart pounded. Her face was a little pale. She couldn't suppress her fear after facing death at such a close distance.

"Wang Teng!" She gritted her teeth as she called his name.

She almost got cut into two.

"You managed to evade it." Wang Teng shook his head in pity.

"You're despicable!" Cao Jiaojiao was fuming with anger.

"Don't say that. You're the one who promised to cooperate with me," Wang Teng replied innocently.

"I..." Cao Jiaojiao felt like vomiting blood. She had never hated someone so much. He was just a planetary-stage martial warrior but she hated him to the core.

"Indeed, you're not stupid. However, you made a mistake because you think you're smart." Wang Teng sniggered.

"What's the point of playing such petty tricks? As a man, you should have real combat with me." Cao Jiaojiao tried to stimulate him.

"A real combat... that doesn't sound right." Wang Teng said shyly, "Although you're pretty, we're not that close. Also, you're marrying Andrais soon. You shouldn't do something that will disappoint him. Or do you like exciting things?"

"I #%...*&&%!!!" Cao Jiaojiao almost flared up. She was about to explode.

I didn't mean it that way!

What dirty things was this bastard thinking?

She kept taking deep breaths to calm herself down. Suddenly, she realized that Wang Teng was staring intently at her wound.

"Wow, big and round!" Wang Teng exclaimed without shifting his gaze.

Cao Jiaojiao was stunned. Then, anger and embarrassment appeared on her face as she used her hand to block that area quickly.

The cut in her armor was a little wide, revealing a part of her body. In her rage, she didn't notice it and allowed Wang Teng to take advantage of her for some time.

"Don't block it. Beautiful things should be shared with everyone," Wang Teng said.

"I'll dig your eyes out." Cao Jiaojiao's face turned cold. She stared at Wang Teng sharply with strong killing intent.

The cut in her armor closed up gradually and blocked her bare skin. Nothing could be seen anymore.

Wang Teng retracted his gaze sadly and stared at Cao Jiaojiao. "You don't have a chance. Sinclamon is going to lose soon."

“What?” Cao Jiaojiao turned her head abruptly and saw Sinclamon getting pushed back by the mecha heaven-stage martial warrior. He seemed to be at a disadvantage.

“That’s impossible. Sinclamon hasn’t exerted all his strength. How can he lose...”

Before she could finish her sentence, Sinclamon suddenly turned and escaped at an astonishing speed.

Cao Jiaojiao: ...

No one would understand Cao Jiaojiao’s emotions now. She cursed multiple times in her mind.

She thought that this was a sure win, but things took a huge turn. She was flabbergasted by the change.

Sinclamon... ran away!

He ran away without any hesitation. Didn’t he want the divine flame? Didn’t he want to capture the mechas to be his slaves? Why did he escape with his tail between his legs?

Cao Jiaojiao didn’t understand. She was filled with doubts... What was she supposed to do now!

Chapter 1014: Stop! Stop Now!

Naturally, An Lan wouldn’t allow Sinclamon to run away so easily. He gave chase hurriedly.

Wang Teng never imagined Sinclamon to be so timid. He ran away immediately without any hesitation. Even Wang Teng was shocked. He smiled and said, “Looks like he’s just putting on an act. The Parkers family is arrogant just because they’re one of the elite families.”

Cao Jiaojiao couldn’t refute. Sinclamon’s actions overturned her impression of the Parkers. The oppressive and arrogant Parkers family was afraid of death too!

She wanted to retreat too. Sinclamon had already escaped. If the mecha heaven-stage martial warrior came back, she would have no chance of keeping her life.

“Do you want to run away?” Wang Teng asked suddenly, noticing her intention.

“So what? You can’t stop me.” Cao Jiaojiao’s gaze flickered. She stopped talking to Wang Teng and dashed in another direction.

Unfortunately, before she could run any further, three figures flew out from the swamp and blocked her path. They were the three mecha cosmos-stage martial warriors!

As mechas, their bodies could be repaired quickly. They had suffered serious injuries a moment ago, but most of them had recovered.

Cao Jiaojiao’s expression finally changed. She changed her direction and increased her speed to the maximum in a bid to escape.

“Swoosh!”

Wang Teng controlled his Golden Crescent Blade and made it vanish in mid-air. It appeared in another direction and forced Cao Jiaojiao back.

Cao Jiaojiao wielded her blade to deflect the incoming strike. However, Wang Teng was controlling it with his spiritual power. The instant she knocked it back, it rebounded and continued sticking to her like a leech.

The three cosmos-stage mechas had caught up with them. They surrounded Cao Jiaojiao from three sides.

They were still furious because they got heavily injured by Sinclamon. They didn't show any mercy to Cao Jiaojiao.

The mecha race were all straightforward men. They showed no pity towards ladies.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Explosions sounded continuously. Cao Jiaojiao wasn't the match of three cosmos-stage martial warriors. Besides, Wang Teng, the divine spirit master, was standing beside them and disturbing her tempo.

Boom!

After some time, Cao Jiaojiao got thrown back by the three mechas. Fresh blood spurted out of her mouth. She started to look a little lifeless.

Wang Teng took the chance and released his Emerald Glazed Flame in the form of a Fire Tongue. He tied Cao Jiaojiao up tightly.

Cao Jiaojiao struggled frantically with a pale face. However, the Fire Tongue was made from Emerald Glazed Flame. It was a special attribute dropped by the Fire Black Toads and was extremely sturdy and flexible.

At her peak, Cao Jiaojiao might be able to break free from the grip. With her injuries, she didn't have the energy to do so now.

A tinge of helplessness appeared on her face. This wasn't the result she expected.

"Cao Jiaojiao, you never expected this, right?" Wang Teng walked over and sized her up with a smirk.

The grip was a little tight, so Cao Jiaojiao's figure could be seen clearly. Her curves were apparent.

Cao Jiaojiao was embarrassed and furious. She glared at Wang Teng.

An Lan came back at this moment, but there was no sign of Sinclamon.

"You didn't catch him?" Wang Teng asked with a frown.

"He ran away. That fellow has many methods of escaping," An Lan said helplessly. He seemed to be in a bad mood.

"He's from a powerful family. It's normal that he has ways to protect himself. What a pity. This was a good chance." Wang Teng shook his head.

"Hmph, none of you will be able to run away once he meets up with my father." Cao Jiaojiao snorted.

"I haven't done anything to you, but you're still shouting," Wang Teng said coldly with a dangerous glare.

"It's alright. At least we caught one. She's Cao Hongtu's daughter to boot," An Lan said.

"We won't kill her for now. Let's see if Cao Hongtu still wants his daughter later," Wang Teng said. "But she hurt my spiritual pets. I have to take revenge for that."

"What do you want?" Cao Jiaojiao's expression turned grim.

"What do you think?" Wang Teng sniggered. He formed another Fire Tongue and threw it at Cao Jiaojiao's face.

Clap, clap...

The Fire Tongue worked the same way as the Fire Black Toad's tongue and slapped Cao Jiaojiao's face. Goosebumps appeared on her skin.

The most important thing was, this Fire Tongue contained the heat of the Emerald Glazed Flame. A cosmos-stage martial warrior couldn't withstand it. Red marks were left on her face after the slaps.

Her beautiful face became red in an instant.

"Ah!" Cao Jiaojiao screamed. "Wang Teng, stop! Stop now!"

To a lady, nothing was more important than her face. Cao Jiaojiao knew that her face must be injured and bruised now. This was the greatest torture for her.

"You were so arrogant in the past. You injured my spiritual pets and wanted to kill me. I'm kind compared to you," Wang Teng said calmly.

Clap, clap...

The Fire Tongue slapped again mercilessly. It was ruthless.

"Ah!" Cao Jiaojiao screamed.

"Tsk, how can you bear to hit her? Shouldn't humans like you feel protective towards a lady? Cao Jiaojiao is a beauty, right? You don't seem to care though." An Lan was dumbstruck.

"You don't understand. Ladies need to be taught properly," Wang Teng replied.

"Wang Teng, I'll never forgive you!" Cao Jiaojiao gritted her teeth as she glared at Wang Teng with burning eyes.

"Looks like this is still not enough." Wang Teng touched his chin and pondered for some time. He asked in his mind, "Round Ball, can you take off her armor?"

"Yes. What do you want to do?" Round Ball's expression turned weird. It felt that Wang Teng was planning to do something bad.

"Stop wasting time. If you can, take it off. I don't believe I can't take care of this lady," Wang Teng snapped back.

“Alright. Give me 30 seconds.” Round Ball disappeared.

30 seconds passed quickly. Cao Jiaojiao immediately noticed something wrong. She gasped in shock. “What did you do to my armor?”

“Don’t worry, I’m just helping you take it off.” Wang Teng squatted down and smiled.

“Bastard, what do you want to do?” Cao Jiaojiao had a bad feeling. She was on the verge of a breakdown.

Click!

Cao Jiaojiao’s armor finally dropped.

Wang Teng didn’t say anything. His smile turned evil as he threw his Fire Tongue out and whipped her body.

Without the armor, her body was entirely exposed. She was wearing normal clothes. When the Fire Tongue landed on her, it left a mark on her fair thighs.

This time, Wang Teng added some lightning power inside too, inflicting severe pain on her.

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“Gasp!”

Cao Jiaojiao’s expression changed. She gasped in pain and her body started twitching uncontrollably.

“Does it feel good?” Wang Teng asked with a smile.

“... You’re a monster!” Cao Jiaojiao tried her best to control her trembling body. Fear was finally seen in her eyes when she saw Wang Teng’s evil smile.

This bastard’s heart must be black!

Chapter 1015: From Now On, You’re The Best At Boasting!

Three days later!

Night.

The day and night in the Flaming River World relied on the five fireballs in the sky. When they went down, night dawned.

It was said that these five fireballs would land in the volcano in the middle of the Flaming River World. In the morning, they would rise automatically. They were like five suns.

The power of the universe-stage martial warrior wasn’t something ordinary martial warriors could imagine.

A bonfire burned in the wilderness.

Wang Teng and his team sat beside the bonfire. Cao Jiaojiao was still tied up and thrown behind them. There were whipped marks all over her body. She seemed to have been badly tormented.

She would be sprawled on the ground if it wasn't for the rock behind her.

Wang Teng barbecued the cleaned Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worms. A strong fragrance wafted in the air.

An Lan and the others wrinkled their noses. They were swallowing their salivas.

They were mechas, but strangely, they could eat and drink. They were just like any other lifeforms.

"I didn't think that the Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm would be a delicacy," An Lan licked his lips and said.

"Can y'all eat?" Wang Teng asked curiously.

"Of course. We have life replication technology, so the internal structure of our body is the same as any other living creature. We have different organs in our bodies and the food we eat can be directly converted to energy," An Lan explained.

"I don't see you eating normally," Wang Teng said.

"Why should I eat if it's not tasty?" An Lan said in contempt.

"You're quite picky." Wang Teng was speechless.

"Is it ready?" An Lan asked impatiently.

"Almost done."

Wang Teng barbecued for two to three more minutes. The Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worms had turned golden brown with a hint of red. They looked appetizing.

An Lan and the others made their moves before Wang Teng could say anything. In the blink of an eye, more than half of the worms were gone.

"Are you hungry ghosts?" Wang Teng was stunned, hurriedly pulling the remaining food back.

He had worked hard to barbecue these worms. It would be frustrating if he didn't get to have a taste.

Fortunately, they caught many Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worms over the past few days, so there was enough food.

"Little White, Old Metal, have a taste of it."

Wang Teng finally remembered his two poor spiritual pets after taking a few bites and pulled them out of the space fragment.

"What's this smell? It's so fragrant." The metal armor flaming scorpion's eyes lit up.

"Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm," Wang Teng replied.

“Oh!” The metal armor flaming scorpion grabbed a stick with its pincers and placed it in its mouth. A stick was gone just like that. It chewed a few times and exclaimed, “Delicious! Tasty! This little worm is so delicious!”

“Caw, caw...” Little White was swift too. It bit the worm with its beak, tilted its head, and swallowed it whole. Then, it cawed happily.

“Hahaha, Wang Teng, your spiritual pets are foodies!” An Lan burst out laughing.

“You’re the same.” Wang Teng glanced at him from the corner of his eyes.

An Lan coughed and said, “We have collected enough flaming river crystals over the past few days, right?”

“We have 54,000 kilograms of it. This is way out of our expectations. It should be enough.” Wang Teng nodded.

These few days, they had searched large areas that hadn’t been dug using the map Di Qi gave them. They were lucky and found many flaming river crystals there. After collecting all of them, they accumulated 54,000 kilograms of it

By right, they only needed 25,000 kilograms. Collecting more was better, but they already had enough.

Wang Teng didn’t plan to search anymore. They had two more missions to complete, so they mustn’t waste too much time on the first task.

Besides, he didn’t believe that Cao Hongtu could surpass him.

54,000 kilograms wasn’t a small number.

They found so many crystals because Wang Teng could sense the fire Force within a wide range below the rock layer using his Emerald Glazed Flame. Cao Hongtu didn’t have this skill.

Also, they hadn’t met Sinclamon after he ran away. Wang Teng suspected that they had given up on the first mission.

Cao Jiaojiao’s gaze finally flickered when she heard the quantity of flaming river crystals they had collected. She started to feel depressed.

Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion had swallowed the Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worms. A red glow exuded out of their bodies, and their auras rose tremendously.

The Flaming Crystal Red Phosphorus Worm was an emperor-level star beast. As emperor-level star beasts, it had great benefits for Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion.

Furthermore, they ate multiple pieces, so it was normal that their ability rose.

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After having their fill, Wang Teng took out the map and spent the night rushing over to where the flaming rivers were.

They found some Fire Black Toads along the way, but there were too few of them. It would take a long time for them to accumulate 500 kills.

Thus, they decided to head to the flaming river. That was the home of the Fire Black Toads so there would be many for them to kill.

Wang Teng didn't know what the flaming river was. The map only showed the location.

When the five fireballs rose into the sky, they finally reached their destination. He finally saw the real appearance of the flaming river.

"Oh my god!"

Everyone, including Wang Teng, widened their eyes in disbelief.

"The owner of this world is impressive!" An Lan took a long time to regain his composure. He was awestruck.

"The flaming river is a river of fire in the sky! This is unbelievable," Wang Teng took a deep breath and said.

Wang Teng and his team were floating a few hundred meters above the ground. In front of them, there was a ten-meter-wide river of fire flowing into the horizon.

Neither the start nor the end was visible.

It was said that the flaming river started from the edge of this world and flowed back to the other edge. It moved continuously and was a mystical presence.

It was hard to believe how this river existed.

What astounded Wang Teng was, there were countless red attribute bubbles floating above the flaming river. They were more than the ones he saw in the lava swamp.

Pick them up!

Wang Teng's gaze shone brightly. He released his spiritual power and pulled the bubbles over.

In an instant, the attribute bubbles flew over to him like sparrows returning home. They merged into his body.

The scene was magnificent.

Unfortunately, no one could witness it.

Constellation Force (Fire)*15

Constellation Force (Fire)*20

Constellation Force (Fire)*10

Constellation Force (Fire)*50

Constellation Force (Fire)*30

Constellation Force (Fire)*80

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There were so many attribute bubbles that the entire collection process took more than a minute. Mind you, Wang Teng's speed of collection was extremely fast. Normally, he only needed a second.

However, this time, the process took more than a minute. It was hard to imagine.

Boom!

All the attribute bubbles contained constellation fire Force. The Force started flowing around Wang Teng's body. The different streams gathered like a roaring river and swarmed through his limbs like floodwaters. The rumbling sounded continuously.

He activated his Star Fire Scripture and operated it once. All the Forces surged towards the sea of nihility.

Boom!

An explosion occurred above the sea of nihility. The fire constellations trembled violently as the large amount of fire Force crashed into them.

They flew out from the line of constellations and started spinning above the sea of nihility at high speed.

At this moment, the constellations froze for a second before shooting towards the center.

Boom!

A frightening explosion occurred. A vast sea of Force swept through the area.

The collision of the constellations formed a large crimson whirlpool with numerous fiery-red crystals decorating it like stars. They flickered and shone brightly in the sky of darkness. It was a dazzling sight.

The whirlpool spun at high speed while condensing towards a certain point. A transformation was taking place.

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Time passed slowly. No one knew how long it took.

The crimson whirlpool had disappeared by now, condensing into a fiery-red ball. It was many times bigger than the other Force constellations. It seemed to be made of fiery-red crystals. It looked like a star.

Celestial stage!

Wang Teng had reached the celestial stage!

Before he could feel happy, a strong force of vitality shot out from the constellation and merged into his body.

Under the influence of this vitality, Wang Teng's physical body started changing. His planetary-stage body evolved into a celestial-stage body.

His bones, blood, muscles... and even the cells in his body took a leap in quality. The process felt slow, but it actually happened at an unbelievably fast speed, finishing within a few breaths.

Wang Teng let out a long sigh. A piercing red light flashed in his eyes.

An oppressive aura exuded from his body.

This aura disappeared in an instant. Although Wang Teng suppressed it quickly, as a heaven-stage martial warrior, An Lan still detected it.

"You had a breakthrough?" He was dumbfounded.

Wang Teng decided not to hide. He nodded naturally as if he had completed a simple task.

"Celestial stage?" An Lan probed further.

It was understandable why he lost his cool. Wang Teng's breakthrough happened without any warning. He made it look so simple.

Other people worked extremely hard and were exceptionally careful during their breakthrough but Wang Teng did it as easily as sleeping or eating. Anyone would find it appalling.

"Yes, I had some enlightenment after I saw this flaming river and naturally advanced," Wang Teng replied casually.

An Lan didn't know how to respond to his bragging. After a few seconds, he said, "From now on, you're the best at boasting!"

Chapter 1016: The Real Flaming River!

"Thank you!" Wang Teng thanked An Lan sincerely as if he was honestly complimenting him.

"... You're welcome." An Lan felt helpless.

He regained his composure quickly though. To a heaven-stage martial warrior, the celestial stage was nothing much. He was just surprised at the sudden breakthrough.

This fellow is really extraordinary. An Lan exclaimed in his heart.

Cao Jiaojiao also noticed Wang Teng's breakthrough. There was a hint of astonishment in her eyes, and she was unable to remain calm.

This fellow had a breakthrough at such a crucial moment. The breakthrough seemed so simple. It felt outrageous.

Cao Jiaojiao already knew about Wang Teng's emperor-level fire talent from Cao Hongtu. But...

Why did it seem so easy?

Even someone with imperial-level talent wouldn't be able to do it so smoothly.

This didn't make sense!

There was a virtual castle in the life energy stone. Round Ball laid on the balcony of the castle and pouted. "Why are they making such a huge scene?"

It was just a breakthrough to the celestial stage!

If Wang Teng revealed all his trump cards, they would probably be scared to death.

However, it had to admit that Wang Teng was a little outrageous. One could never take him as an ordinary person.

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Wang Teng felt the changes in his body. The fire Force had calmed down, and the fire "star" was spinning silently above the sea of nihilism.

But it was no longer in the same row as the other Force constellations. It stayed in a space of its own and appeared a little arrogant.

A smile appeared on the edge of Wang Teng's lips. Either way, he finally broke through to the celestial stage.

He glanced at the attributes panel.

Constellation Fire Force: 28/10000 (celestial stage first level)

"Huh?"

Wang Teng felt puzzled.

This wasn't right!

The upper limit of the planetary-stage first level was 10,000. Why was it the same at the celestial stage?

This didn't make sense.

As he stared at the row of attributes, he got enlightened.

"So this is how it works," Wang Teng muttered to himself in surprise.

When he advanced to the celestial stage, the Force he received would be calculated based on the celestial stage standard.

This meant that the constellation Force he received from planetary-stage martial warriors would be purified automatically. The value would become lower. Only the constellation Force he received from celestial-stage martial warriors would be of the same value. As for the cosmos stage and heaven stage, the value of the constellation Force would increase relatively.

Wang Teng didn't know how the conversion worked. The system had the right to all the calculations.

He blinked and stopped pondering over this issue. He should focus on raising his ability quickly. That way, even if the system decided to leave him one day, he wouldn't have anything to worry about.

He shifted his gaze and looked at another attribute.

Origin Of Life: 20400

His Origin Of Life had increased by ten thousand points. This was a huge change.

This showed that the advancement to the celestial stage was truly an upgrade of one's life. The different stages were all incomparable to each other.

After studying the changes in his attributes, Wang Teng shifted his thoughts back to the real world.

This flaming river is a good place. After killing enough Fire Black Toads, I must go along this river and pick up all the attribute bubbles.

Wang Teng made a promise to himself.

An Lan noticed that Wang Teng had managed to stabilize his cultivation, so he opened his mouth and asked, "Are we going to start killing Fire Black Toads from here?"

"Yes, let's start here." Wang Teng nodded.

Just when they were about to start moving, Wang Teng suddenly realized that Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion were staring at the flaming river absentmindedly.

"Little White, Old Metal," Wang Teng called them with a frown.

"Master, something in the flaming river is beckoning me," the metal armor flaming scorpion suddenly said.

"Something is beckoning you?" Wang Teng was confused. He turned to Little White and asked, "Do you feel it too?"

"Caw!" Little White nodded.

"You sense it too?" Wang Teng was astounded.

"It looks like there's something inside the flaming river," An Lan touched his chin and said.

Wang Teng contemplated for some time before asking his spiritual pets, "Can you guys detect the exact location?"

"No, I can only sense that it's in the flaming river." The metal armor flaming scorpion shook its head helplessly after trying.

"If that's the case, we're looking for a needle in the haystack. You are only at the emperor level. If you enter the flaming river recklessly, you might die before finding the thing." Wang Teng shook his head.

The metal armor flaming scorpion and Little White were aware of it, so they looked at Wang Teng and waited for him to make the decision.

"Since we're going into the flaming river to kill Fire Black Toads, we can search for the item along the way. If you detect its exact location, remember to inform me," Wang Teng said after some consideration.

Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion had no objections.

“An Lan, you won’t have to go down later. I have an idea. We’ll...” Wang Teng sniggered and turned to speak to An Lan and the other mechas.

An Lan nodded continuously, his eyes glowing. “This is a good plan.”

“I’ll leave the surface to y’all.” Wang Teng nodded and jumped into the flaming river with Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion.

The three of them were devoured by the flames and vanished without a trace.

“Will they be alright jumping in like this?” An Feng asked.

“That fellow has a divine flame. Normal flames won’t be able to hurt him. As for the Fire Black Toads, he won’t have a problem dealing with them,” An Lan replied.

“That’s true.” An Feng nodded. “Anyway, boss, I have never seen you being this confident in someone.”

“This person is different,” An Lan said.

The other three mechas glanced at him in surprise and nodded in deep thought. “A normal martial warrior won’t be able to achieve a breakthrough so abruptly.”

“That’s not the only surprise,” An Lan said in a meaningful tone.

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In the flaming river.

Wang Teng felt the fire surrounding him. Scorching heat surged over, attempting to burn all the living creatures that barged into the river.

What a frightening temperature. Wang Teng was flabbergasted.

If he didn’t have the Emerald Glazed Flame ‘suit’ protecting him, he would definitely be burned to death in this environment. Even after advancing to the celestial stage, he couldn’t withstand the heat.

He hurriedly looked at Little White and metal armor flaming scorpion. He was dumbstruck.

“You... seem fine?” Wang Teng asked in bewilderment.

“Yes. Master, the temperature isn’t that high,” the metal armor flaming scorpion replied.

“Isn’t that high? How’s that possible?” Wang Teng wondered if the metal armor flaming scorpion was joking.

He could sense the temperature around him clearly, but these two star beasts were telling him it wasn’t high. Was he having an illusion?

“Caw.” Little White cawed too.

It was unaffected by the heat and continued flying in the flaming river. Moreover, it seemed to be enjoying itself.

“What’s going on?” Wang Teng frowned.

He felt that this wasn't an illusion nor was there a problem with his senses. There was only one possibility.

"Let's go!" Wang Teng suppressed the thought in his mind and called Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion over.

The two spiritual pets glanced at each other and followed after Wang Teng.

The river was wide and deep, but nothing could be seen from the surface. One would only see an endless flaming river laid horizontally in the sky.

It was obvious that the owner of this flaming river world used space power to build this river.

Wang Teng continued diving deeper with his spiritual pets. The flame couldn't hurt them, so he didn't have to worry about them.

But the deeper they went, the higher the temperature became.

Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion remained unaffected. They were extremely carefree like fish returning to the sea.

"Interesting!" Wang Teng smiled. He was more certain of his guess.

Croak!

A strange cry interrupted his thoughts.

At the same time, a long tongue shot out from the flames below, aiming at Wang Teng.

"I've been waiting for you." Wang Teng's eyes gleamed. He stretched his hand and pointed his finger. The Golden Crescent Blade darted out and cut the long tongue into two.

The Golden Crescent Blade was made of extraordinary material. It could withstand high heat, hence the reason Wang Teng dared to use it.

Croak!

Another strange noise was heard. This time, it was filled with pain.

Well, its tongue was cut.

Croak, croak, croak...

It was like a wake-up call. Numerous strange noises resounded in the river. A sea of crimson-yellow balls lit up below them, covering the entire floor. It wasn't a friendly sight for people with tryphobia.

"F**k!" Wang Teng cursed.

These weren't balls of light. They were the eyes of the Fire Black Toads.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh...

Before he could react, piercing sonic booms rang in the river, attacking Wang Teng from below.

"Go!"

Wang Teng's expression changed slightly. The Golden Crescent Blade flew out again and chopped all the long tongues.

Clang!

At this moment, the Golden Crescent Blade slammed into a tough opponent and gave off a metallic sound. It rebounded.

"Mid-tier imperial-level Fire Black Toad!"

Wang Teng's expression turned serious. He shouted at Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion, "Go!"

The two star beasts immediately flew upwards.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

Giant figures had already appeared below. They were infuriated and kept chasing Wang Teng relentlessly.

They spurted pillars of fire out of their mouths and hurled them at Wang Teng.

Wang Teng didn't know that the Fire Black Toads had another attacking method. His expression turned grim, and his speed rose exponentially. He shuttled back and forth within the pillars of fire, dodging them as he flew upwards.

He didn't keep Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion in his space fragment.

These two spiritual pets hadn't participated in any battle after they advanced to the emperor level. Life-or-death experiences would help them to mature quickly. Even escaping was a form of real-life battle experience.

Wang Teng didn't help them. He would only do so if they were in fatal danger.

Very soon, they reached the top of the river. Wang Teng was elated and quickly charged out. At the same time, he shouted, "An Lan, do it now!"

Chapter 1017: Are You Looking Down On Me?

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Wang Teng rushed out of the flaming river with his spiritual pets and a group of Fire Black Toads hot on their tails. They were mostly emperor-level and low-tier imperial-level Fire Black Toads. There were a few mid-tier imperial-level ones, which were equivalent to the cosmos stage.

Boom!

It was such a large group of Fire Black Toads that it was overwhelming. It was a spectacular scene.

An Lan was ready to take action when he heard Wang Teng's voice. However, even with his willpower, he was still taken aback when he witnessed the sight.

So many of them!

An Lan's eyes widened, and he cursed in his heart. He then yelled at the top of his lungs, "Attack!"

The three mechas charged at them immediately.

Croak! Croak! Croak...

Amid the pitiful cries, the Fire Black Toads were getting killed in batches. To cosmos-stage martial warriors, these toads were equivalent to planetary-stage and celestial-stage martial warriors. It was not a problem for them.

Besides, An Lan, a heaven-stage martial warrior was present as well. The Thousand Armaments Vessel turned into streaks of light and devastated the Fire Black Toads.

Wang Teng had seen the assembled form of the Thousand Armaments Vessel, and now, he saw its detached form. It was indeed a lethal weapon!

Even the mid-tier imperial-level Fire Black Toads had no chance of survival when facing An Lan.

Wang Teng instructed Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion to attack while he stood by the side and gave them moral support. He didn't forget to collect the attribute bubbles.

Constellation Force (Fire)*80

Blank Attribute*300

Constellation Force (Fire)*500

Blank Attribute*800

Fire Tongue*50

Constellation Force (Fire)*700

Blank Attribute*1000

Constellation Force (Fire)*1200

Fire Tongue*75

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Huge numbers of attribute bubbles merged into Wang Teng's body, increasing his constellation fire Force once again.

Just like he had guessed, emperor-level star beasts dropped fewer attribute bubbles. Only imperial-level star beasts dropped the normal amounts.

However, it wasn't a problem. Things would be fine as long as he hunted enough star beasts. With An Lan and the three other mechas, he could just pick the attribute bubbles while lying down.

It's great to be rich!

If you had the money, you could just hire strong people to do the work for you. It was awesome.

After a while, the Fire Black Toads that were led by Wang Teng were all killed. There were roughly 50 of them, and there were five mid-tier imperial-level Fire Black Toads.

“Let’s continue!”

Wang Teng got Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion to enter the river once again.

“This guy really treats me as his laborer!” An Lan was caught between laughter and tears. He was helpless.

He had to work for the money!

It smells so good~

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Two days passed in the blink of an eye. Wang Teng and the others followed the flaming river and continued farming. One by one, the Fire Black Toads entered his space ring.

With their method, they spent less than half a day and exceeded the 500 Fire Black Toads required for the mission. However, they didn’t have 50 of the mid-tier imperial-level Fire Black Toads.

Mid-tier imperial-level star beasts were equivalent to cosmos-stage martial warriors. A star beast of that level was rather rare.

Two days later, Wang Teng had hunted 2,380 Fire Black Toads, with 53 mid-tier imperial-level ones. He had satisfied the requirements.

Even so, it was incredible.

The emperor-level star beasts were like overlords on Earth. However, here, they were hunted down like regular star beasts.

Wang Teng wouldn’t have believed it in the past. But in the universe, this was nothing.

Emperor-level and low-tier imperial-level star beasts were common, just like planetary-stage and celestial-stage martial warriors.

This was especially so in some special regions, where there were countless emperor-level star beasts. The Flaming River World was one such place.

The number of Fire Black Toads in the river had surprised him, An Lan, and the others.

Two days later, Wang Teng and the others stopped hunting temporarily. They were all bored after killing for two days.

But the benefits couldn’t be ignored. Wang Teng’s constellation fire Force and blank attributes had skyrocketed

Constellation Fire Force: 5600/30000 (celestial stage third level)

Blank Attribute: 576000

His constellation fire Force had advanced to the third level. He just broke through it to the celestial stage recently, and now, it was already at the third level.

No genius could match his speed.

Meanwhile, he had 576,000 blank attributes, more than he ever had before. Wang Teng had not decided on how he would use them, saving them for the time being. It wasn't too late for him to think about it after this trial was over.

Besides that, he had improved another skill by a large margin.

Fire Tongue: 10000/10000 (perfected)

This was a real surprise. He actually perfected it.

Wang Teng's application of Fire Tongue had reached a very high level. It was more flexible and swift, and he could control its power and tenacity.

His mastery might perhaps even surpass countless Fire Black Toads.

For a moment, Wang Teng didn't know what to feel. Many images that shouldn't have appeared in his mind surfaced involuntarily.

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Ashamed! Ashamed!

Cough... Stop it!

"Do you still want to hunt?" An Lan interrupted his wild thoughts.

"Let's hunt for another two days. Somehow, I feel that there is a deeper meaning behind this flaming river's existence," Wang Teng replied after pondering.

"Oh, why do you say that?"

"Don't you find that there are too many Fire Black Toads here?"

"It's a bit too much, but it shouldn't be a big deal. After all, they were raised here for so many years and there are no predators to kill them. It is natural to have so many of them."

"But I found a problem." Wang Teng frowned as though he was in deep thought.

"What problem?"

"When I brought my two spiritual pets into the river, I realized that they were not affected too much. This river seems to be very 'friendly' to star beasts."

"Is that so? Now that you've said it, it does seem a bit strange!" An Lan rubbed his chin and his eyes shone, as though he was thinking about the same problem. He then asked after a while, "Do you have any idea?"

"I have a guess, but I don't know if it's right. I'll have to verify it. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to find what I want these few days." Wang Teng shook his head helplessly.

"Let's search for another two days. We dug flaming river crystals for three days and hunted Fire Black Toads for two days. It doesn't matter if you spend another two days finding it. We still have half of the time left to obtain the legacy. No one has succeeded till now; it won't be that easy. Don't have high hopes for it. You have to accept the outcome. Just make sure you win the two missions. Cao Hongtu and the others are probably planning the same as well," An Lan said.

"You are actually smart," Wang Teng said in surprise.

"... Are you looking down on me?" An Lan shot him a glare.

"No. You know me. I always admire a strong person like you," Wang Teng widened his innocent eyes and said.

"... Scram~" An Lan spat in a bad mood.

Chapter 1018: Taunting Death

In the flaming river.

Wang Teng dived into the river with Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion again.

They went straight to the depths. If there was anything strange about this place, it would definitely be hidden in the deepest part. This was an undeniable fact.

There was a limit to the flaming river. Although it was created using spatial power, the maximum depth was a few hundred meters.

The bottom of the flaming river wasn't filled with rocks or sand or flames. There seemed to be lava running below. It gave off a dark red color and was flowing at a low pace. Scorching heat spread out from it.

Wang Teng tried throwing an item into the lava and noticed that the temperature here was much higher than the flames in the flaming river. Anything that touched it would burn immediately.

He could also tell that the lava was only half a meter deep. With its limited depth, nothing large could hide inside.

Swoosh!

A fire-element python had been lying prone in the lava for some time. Suddenly, it leaped up and attacked Wang Teng, opening its maw in an attempt to swallow him.

The Fire Black Toad was not the only star beast living in the flaming river. There were other star beasts too. However, the Fire Black Toads were the rulers of the river while the others were just sidekicks.

"Caw!"

"Master, be careful!"

Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion warned him at the same time.

“Hmph!” Wang Teng snorted. The Golden Crescent Blade slashed through the air. The fire-element python froze in mid-air for a second before its body split into two, starting from its head. A large amount of fresh blood spurted out, but it evaporated when it touched the flames.

“A low-tier imperial-level star beast dares to attack me? Is it tired of living?” Wang Teng shook his head speechlessly.

Had these star beasts turned stupid after living in this peaceful environment for a long time?

At this moment, the python’s body started burning from within.

“What’s going on?” Wang Teng squinted.

When the star beasts were alive, nothing happened to them. Yet, they went up into flames after they died.

Before this, they lured all the Fire Black Toads out of the flaming river and kept their corpses. Thus, they didn’t notice this situation.

Wang Teng stared intently at the python that self-ignited. It had attracted all his attention. After some time, the giant python disappeared. Only its head was left.

Wang Teng heaved a long sigh. Many thoughts went through his mind. He felt that he might know what was happening.

Suddenly, a shadow of a python dashed out from the python’s head and tried to escape into the distance.

A low-tier imperial-level star beast could let its soul leave its body temporarily. The giant python’s soul was fortunate enough to escape his attack, so it didn’t die.

However, since its body was gone, its soul had to escape or it would still die in the end.

“Huh?”

Naturally, Wang Teng wouldn’t let it go. Just when he was about to make his move, he saw something and gasped in surprise.

Psst!

The shadow started burning from within and disappeared into a wisp of green smoke. It was as if it had never existed.

“I understand!” An idea popped up in his mind. There was a sharp glow in his eyes.

To prove his hypothesis, he remained patient and caught a few more star beasts. He killed them but left their souls unharmed.

After these star beasts died, all of them went into flames. It was as if the flaming river swallowed them. They disappeared in an instant.

“Indeed.” Wang Teng blinked. He was quite sure of his guess.

He immediately brought Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion out of the flaming river.

“Did you give up?” An Lan asked curiously when he saw Wang Teng coming out.

“Cover me,” Wang Teng said seriously. He didn’t explain further and sat down cross-legged above the flaming river.

“Are you...” An Lan was astounded. He had some questions, but Wang Teng had already closed his eyes, so he couldn’t ask.

A faint and misty ball of white light flew out of Wang Teng’s forehead.

“Spiritual body!” An Lan frowned. “He released his soul. What’s he trying to do?”

This ball of light was a ‘star’ formed from one’s spiritual body. After flying out from his forehead, Wang Teng controlled it and let it dive into the flaming river.

“F**k!” An Lan cursed uncontrollably, his expression changing. “This fellow is crazy. Is he tempting fate? How dare he throw his spiritual body into the flaming river!”

His brows were scrunched up while the spirit in his body turned restless. He was prepared to save Wang Teng at any time.

But even with his spirit cultivation, he would be heavily injured if he allowed his spirit to enter the flaming river. He couldn’t stay inside too long either or he would never be able to come back.

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Wang Teng didn’t know how nervous An Lan was. He had made ample preparations before entering the flaming river. He would never take his life as a joke.

At this moment, his spirit was roaming in the flaming river and sinking to the bottom.

Piss...

The flames inside the river surrounded his spirit. Wang Teng immediately felt a terrifying scorching pain.

This pain didn’t come from his body, but rather from his spirit. It was a thousand times worse than a physical injury, enough to make someone die.

“Gasp!” Wang Teng took in a huge breath of air. However, he was just a spiritual body now, so he couldn’t do anything.

Fortunately, he was a divine spirit master. He could use his spiritual power to resist temporarily. If not, the flames would burn his Origin Of Soul, reducing him to ashes quickly.

Time passed slowly. Everything seemed calm. Nothing happened.

Wang Teng bore the excruciating pain. His face was pale, and large droplets of sweat were pouring down his forehead. His body started trembling uncontrollably.

His spiritual power had been exhausted. This was the first time such a situation had occurred.

His spiritual power reserves had never been emptied before.

Once all his spiritual power was used up, the flames in the flaming river would be a direct threat to his spiritual body.

Wang Teng felt the danger of death. He wanted to use his blank attributes to restore his spiritual power, but he suddenly stopped. Many thoughts went through his mind.

“You have to spend money to make money. I’m going to give it my all!”

Wang Teng gritted his teeth. He didn’t use any blank attributes and allowed his spiritual body to be entirely exposed to the flames in the river.

Boom!

The flames surged over and engulfed the spiritual body, burning it furiously. The pain got worse. Wang Teng was in a bad state. He felt as if he would explode at any time.

*I’ll bear with it, I’ll bear with it. I’ll.. f**k!* Wang Teng screamed in his heart. His expression turned distorted.

“He’s crazy! He’s probing death in the eye!” An Lan was astounded when he saw this scene. “I don’t mind if you die but what about my money? You haven’t given me any money!”

“No, I can’t let you die.

“F**k, why am I doing this!”

Chapter 1019: Soul Of Thousand Beasts Flame!

Wang Teng had hit his limit. His spirit was withstanding an excruciating pain, and he was on the verge of collapsing.

Pain!

Hell of a pain!

Although he had strong willpower, this pain was outrageous...

He suddenly understood how Devil Lord Chi Yan felt when he tortured him with the Emerald Glazed Flame.

Was this karma?

Wang Teng started to self-reflect. He felt that he might have gone overboard in the past.

After reflecting for a second, he decided to use his blank attributes to save himself. He couldn’t resist anymore. He would die if this continued.

That thing is really patient. It didn’t appear even at this time. Wang Teng complained in his heart.

Suddenly, his spiritual body trembled. He felt a special flame seeping in through the flames around him.

Wang Teng was overjoyed.

It's here!

He quickly suppressed his excitement. At the same time, he threw away the thought of using his blank attributes. He continued to put on a weak front, waiting for the special flame to enter his spiritual body.

However, this special flame was extremely cautious. It was like a thief. It didn't barge into the 'room' immediately but took a step in carefully. Then, it raised its other leg and went in, peeking around to observe the 'room.'

Wang Teng's spiritual body was on the verge of breaking down. He was in a panic when he saw the flame dawdling around.

Quick!

Quick!

Come in quickly, you idiot!

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Wang Teng roared in his heart. He had never felt so frustrated and helpless.

He was helpless because of a flame... It was infuriating just thinking about it.

After some time, the little flame confirmed that there was no danger and fully entered his spiritual body.

"Hahaha!" Wang Teng's evil laughter resounded. "Let's see how you run this time!"

Boom!

The Emerald Glazed Flame, the Holy Flame, and the Dark Flame hidden in the depths of his spiritual body surged out.

The little flame was given a fright. It shivered and wanted to escape.

Wang Teng released his three divine flames and blocked all paths of escape, surrounding the little flame.

At the same time, the Emerald Glazed Flame flowed out from his spiritual body and formed a shield outside.

This was Wang Teng's trump card, the reason for his confidence!

He hid the three divine flames in his spiritual body beforehand, so he wasn't afraid of any accidents happening.

Even so, he didn't let down his guard. A spiritual body was extremely weak. It was dangerous to expose it directly to the flaming river. Any mistake and he would die.

As the flames were released, Wang Teng heaved a sigh of relief. The agony on his face subsided.

An Lan wanted to help, but he stopped when he saw this scene. He was puzzled.

“He... did it?” He walked around Wang Teng and confirmed that he was in no life-threatening danger. He felt at ease.

Good, his money was safe!

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Wang Teng was focused on his spiritual body. He eyed the crimson little flame fiercely.

“Little fellow, you’ve made me suffer!” Wang Teng gritted his teeth and glared at the little flame.

The three divine flames burned around him, giving off the powerful presence of divine flames.

The crimson flame shivered. It shrunk into a little ball and trembled frighteningly like a little girl.

“Surrender or die!”

Wang Teng released a wisp of consciousness filled with killing intent. He would release his divine flames and devour the little flame if it tried to resist.

The crimson small flame trembled even more violently. It was in extreme fear.

Then...

It transmitted its thoughts to Wang Teng. *I surrender!*

Wang Teng was stunned. It... surrendered so quickly?!

The taming process was so smooth that it felt unreal. The script wasn’t right!

As a divine flame, shouldn’t you struggle and resist a little?

Where’s your dignity?

“Are you really surrendering?” Wang Teng asked curiously.

The crimson flame turned into a little turtle and nodded fervently. It stared at Wang Teng in a daze.

“Then... open your origin and let me leave my spiritual mark,” Wang Teng said.

The crimson little flame finally hesitated. But seeing the three balls of divine flames around it, it nodded and turned back into a flame.

It was now Wang Teng’s turn to hesitate. This divine flame accepted his request too quickly. Was it trying to trick him?

However, the hesitation only lasted for a second. He had reached the final step. All he needed to do was to leave his spiritual mark and this divine flame would be his.

How could he retreat now?

Wang Teng calmed down. He asked his three divine flames to prepare themselves in case the little flame retaliated.

Reality proved that this crimson little flame was honestly timid!

He left his mark successfully without any accidents.

“I did it!” Wang Teng heaved a sigh of relief.

After getting this divine flame, he confirmed that his guess was right.

The Soul Of Thousand Beasts Flame!

This ball of divine flame was the legendary special flame that was formed from the souls and blood of thousands of star beasts. It had also undergone numerous transformations over the years.

The Soul Of Thousand Beasts Flame could absorb the blood and souls of all star beasts. At the same time, it could benefit the star beasts greatly.

Little White and the metal armor flaming scorpion didn't feel any threat from the flaming river because of this Soul Of Thousand Beasts Flame.

When the giant python was burned by the flames, Wang Teng confirmed his guess. These were exactly the traits the Soul Of Thousand Beasts Flame possessed!

The rumors were true. The owner of the Flaming River World had hidden a divine flame in it.

Wang Teng didn't believe it at first. Thinking back about it, he felt a slap in his face.

Who would know that this entire flaming river was formed by the scattered Soul Of Thousand Beasts Flame? It appeared conspicuously in front of everyone, duping everybody for so long.

If Wang Teng didn't bring his two fire-element spiritual pets, he wouldn't have noticed anything amiss.

What a close call!

He almost missed it!

Wang Teng felt fortunate.

After taming the divine flame, he controlled his spiritual body to return to his physical body.

Boom!

The spiritual body rushed out from the flaming river and entered Wang Teng's forehead.

An Lan and the others gathered around him.

Wang Teng opened his eyes. His face was still a little pale, but there was happiness in his eyes.

“It looks like you've succeeded!” An Lan said.

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“Thank you.” Wang Teng smiled.

“Hmph, I was worried about you during this mission. You must give me more money.” An Lan snorted.

“No problem.” Wang Teng was in a great mood. He laughed happily.

Chapter 1020: Absorption And Riot!

“What did you gain?” An Lan asked curiously when he saw how happy Wang Teng was.

He still didn't know what Wang Teng did in the flaming river.

With a mysterious smile, Wang Teng stretched out his hand, where a ball of crimson flame was hovering.

The crimson flame was extremely strange. It constantly changed its form. First, it was a dragon soaring into the clouds, and next, it was a phoenix spreading its wings. There were also various beasts such as turtles, pythons, toads, and birds.

“This is... a divine flame!” An Lan's eyes widened. He doubted his eyes.

Another divine flame!

This fellow already possessed a divine flame. Now, he has another one.

What is this luck?

I'm jealous!

“That's right. It's a divine flame.” Wang Teng smiled and nodded. He didn't hide it because he couldn't hide what he was going to do next.

“You got it from the flaming river?” An Lan took a deep breath and calmed down before asking.

The river had existed for a long time. Even though there was word on the streets, no one had discovered traces of the divine flame here. Over time, people started treating it as a rumor. After all, the owner of Flaming River World didn't reveal any news about a divine flame.

If a universe-stage martial warrior possessed a divine flame, it would be impossible for him to hide it, to the extent that no one knew about it. Unless he never used the divine flame.

But it only took Wang Teng a few days to discover the existence of the divine flame and subdue it. This felt like a dream.

Their main objective this time was for the trial mission. Moreover, Flaming River World was at its limits, and time was not on their side. This was unlike previous candidates, who had plenty of time. They would stay for several months, yet they were still left empty-handed.

When you compared it like this...

That was why An Lan found it incredible.

Wang Teng nodded and didn't explain much. He was going to let him digest it slowly. He then walked up and tossed out the flame in his hand. “Go.”

The Soul Of Thousand Beasts Flame floated above the river and emitted a strange wave.

“What is this for?” An Lan asked.

“Watch and you’ll know.” Wang Teng smiled and motioned him to enjoy the show.

Boom!

At this moment, the flames in the flaming river churned abruptly, and monstrous waves rushed into the sky.

Rumble~

Amid the roars, all the flames converged towards the Soul Of Thousand Beasts Flame and merged with it.

It was a spectacular scene. The entire flaming river was surging like a flood as if a catastrophe was imminent. Even Wang Teng shuddered when he saw what was happening, and his eyes glistened slightly.

If he didn’t have divine flames, he wouldn’t dare to face such a terrifying flame.

“Is this divine flame going to absorb the entire river?” An Lan asked in disbelief as if he had guessed something.

“To be more precise, this entire river is part of it.”

“Gasp... This divine flame is terrifying!” An Lan exclaimed.

The three mecha cosmos-stage martial warriors exchanged glances and took a few steps back. They didn’t dare to approach the raging river.

“An Lan, get ready. Cao Hongtu and the others would definitely be attracted by such a commotion,” Wang Teng cautioned.

An Lan was stunned and reacted immediately. “Okay!”

The three mechas tensed up and got ready for battle.

“Hurry up!” Wang Teng ordered.

The Soul Of Thousand Beasts Flame possessed a certain bit of intelligence. It increased its speed of absorption when it heard that.

Back then, the owner of the Flaming River World formed the flaming river with the divine flame as its core. Its length spanned the entire world, and it was impossible for it to absorb it all at once.

Wang Teng knew that too and frowned slightly. He could only wait helplessly for Cao Hongtu’s group to arrive.

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At the same time, a few hundred kilometers away from Wang Teng, Cao Hongtu and the others were hunting Fire Black Toads in the flaming river.

Although they didn’t think of Wang Teng’s plan, they could enter the flaming river with Sinclamon’s help to hunt the Fire Black Toads. They were quite efficient as well.

They had already slain more than a thousand Fire Black Toads, and a total of 41 mid-tier imperial-level Fire Black Toads. They would soon meet the requirements.

Of course, this was the result of Sinclamon and Cao Hongtu joining hands. If it was just Cao Hongtu alone, he wouldn't have been able to do it.

After all, their strengths were suppressed, and they were unable to bring out the might of a heaven-stage martial warrior.

Just as they were surrounding a mid-tier imperial-level Fire Black Toad, an unexpected situation arose.

The Fire Black Toad fled in horror and broke past their encirclement as if it had sensed something terrifying. The surrounding star beasts were on a rampage as well. Roars soon echoed throughout the river. It was full of chaos.

"What's going on?" Cao Hongtu frowned and had an ominous feeling in his heart.

"This is... a star beast riot!" Sinclamon's expression changed slightly.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Right then, the fleeing star beasts exploded and ignited into flames before disappearing.

The group's expressions changed, and they felt a shiver travel down their spines. All the star beasts burst into flames. This was too strange!

They didn't even know what was going on.

The unknown was always frightening.

"Let's go. This river is abnormal. We can't stay for long," Sinclamon said hurriedly.

Without any hesitation, he rushed out of the flaming river.

"What is going on? Why are these star beasts exploding?" Cao Hongtu had a grim expression. Their mission was not yet complete, and such a thing happened. It was depressing.

"Father, what now?" Cao Wu asked.

"Let's go!" Cao Hongtu gritted his teeth and followed Sinclamon after a moment of hesitation.

No matter what, staying alive was more important.

An abnormal situation happened in the river. Before they figured it out, it was best to leave. Otherwise, they wouldn't know what might happen next.

Cao Hongtu and Cao Wu rushed out of the river along with the cosmos-stage martial warriors that they had recruited.

After some time, they got out of the flaming river and reached the skies.

The entire flaming river was churning and looked extremely horrifying. Meanwhile, Sinclamon was staring at the river as if he was thinking about something.

