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Chapter 41 The Evil Ape Hunting Team

Some of the herbs that Herbert collected were so young that they didn't even look a year old. A handful of such herbs might not be worth a single piece of vital energy crystal.

Even more ridiculous was the fact that even at the critical moment of his escape, Herbert still carried the large sack of cheap herbs with him. It seemed that he was obsessed with the herbs.

"I appreciate your kindness, but I don't want herbs. You've worked so hard to collect them. You'd better keep them."

As Austin had saved his life, Herbert wanted to express his gratitude by giving him some herbs. To his surprise, Austin refused.

The herbs were cheap as they were only worth a few pieces of vital energy crystals. Although Austin thought that they were useless, Herbert didn't think so.

"Er... But I only have these for you. I don't have much left."

Herbert was embarrassed. He thought Austin was expecting more.

"Well, you can have half. That's quite a lot."

Reluctantly, Herbert held the corner of the sack and poured half the herbs on the ground.

Austin frowned and thought, 'You are so odd!'

"No, thank you. I said I don't want any."

Austin lost his patience.

Eventually, Herbert realized that Austin was not appreciative of the herbs that he valued.

After thinking about it, Herbert realized why Austin didn't want the herbs. The two cores from first-level Diabolic Beasts that Austin had just acquired were worth more than forty pieces of vital energy crystals, while all the herbs in the sack were not worth much.

Besides, with his skills, it had not been difficult for Austin to kill the diabolic beasts and get their cores.

'He must be rich. That's probably why he doesn't value these cheap herbs.' Herbert's embarrassment disappeared, and he felt pleased. After all, Austin's assistance would not cost him anything.

"Dude, you saved my life. Perhaps I can repay you later. May I know your name?" asked Herbert.

"My name is Austin. You can call me Tin."

"Good name, Tin. I'm your brother from now on. I will dedicate my life to assisting you."

chest with his

the Ape Hunting Team? People say two evil apes are guarding

"The earth spirit fruit!"

he heard

from heaven and earth. It was said that the effect of a single earth spirit fruit was

the price of a

levels of pill refiners and some inevitable factors in the refining process, the elixirs were not pure enough, and would more or less contain long-term use of refined pills was helpful for martial arts cultivation, the toxins accumulating in the human body would lead to

plants didn't contain any ingredients that would prove

medicines safely, and their effect would be higher

their effect was similar, natural herbal medicines

vital energy crystals are

fruit is equivalent to an Energy-boosting Elixir. If

instantly

it, Tin? The news is spreading among the outer disciples of Sun

intended to collect

that Austin was interested in

foot in the valley were killed by the two evil apes. Those who narrowly escaped were so frightened

people dare to go into the valley. Most have

strong outer disciples are gathering those who have trained at Beast Mountain. They want to

you kill two demon dogs easily. I'm sure you are capable of participating in the ape hunting event." Herbert enjoyed telling long stories. He

with me was yesterday's news. It is possible that by now

settled

disciples are newcomers who joined Sun Sect in recent years. They are not very

his lips as he spoke.

steward to collect the earth spirit fruits. These precious herbs and pills are usually given to inner disciples or core disciples. Outer disciples are not entitled

quickly. Once the steward arrives, the Evil Ape Hunting

Herbert added.

worked. Austin now felt that

are they exactly?" asked Austin.

beautiful, and you have

Herbert requested cheekily.

understood what Herbert meant when

'He is eyeing the cores of the two demon dogs that I killed.'

Austin glared at Herbert. Despite his expression, Austin did not think poorly of Herbert.

On the contrary, he felt sympathy toward Herbert.

"Here you are!" Austin tossed the two beast cores at Herbert.

"Really?"

Herbert was stunned when Austin gave him the two beast cores. He wanted to express his appreciation but was rendered speechless.

Austin had unexpectedly been generous enough to give him both beast cores.

"Tell me, quick!" Austin said.

He furrowed his brows when he saw Herbert's reaction. He looked like he had just acquired tremendous wealth.

Herbert responded happily, "It's easy to find. Their location is ten miles west from here. Tin, you are not only strong in martial arts but also generous and chivalrous in your behavior. I believe there is no limit to your prospects. If you need any help in the future, just let me know. I'm well-informed."

Herbert felt ecstatic as he played with the two beast cores in his hand. He had never imagined that one day, he would sell information at a high price of two beast cores.

When he looked up, Austin had disappeared into the forest ahead.

On the west side of Beast Mountain, a bowl-shaped valley lay hidden among the steep mountain ridges.

The valley was shaded by thick trees all the year round. As a result, it looked deep and dark.

At the entrance to the valley was an open grassland with sparse trees.

A dozen young men and women had gathered there. Some sat while others stood. Each of them had a proud smile. They also looked a little nervous, as if they were waiting for something.

Farther away, at the edge of the grassland, many people were talking and looking enviously at the warriors.

These were Sun Sect's outer disciples. The promise of acquiring Earth Spirit Fruit had been enough for all of them to risk their lives.

The Evil Ape Hunting Team was preparing to enter the valley to kill the evil apes. This was also a great event for the other disciples.

Even if they couldn't hunt the evil apes, the disciples would not miss the opportunity to watch. The Evil Ape Hunting Team consisted of the strongest outer disciples who had taken part in the Beast Mountain training. Every move of the strong would always attract the attention of the weak.

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Chapter 42 Just In Time

In the woods in front of the entrance to the valley, the people that had gathered here in the past two days all belonged to the Evil Ape Hunting Team, except for the several men who were familiar with the outer disciples with great strength and chose to stay somewhere else just to watch how the scene would unfold.

Their strength was absolutely at the top-level among that of the disciples who came to the Beast Mountain to get experience and toughening.

A member of the Evil Ape Hunting Team seemed to be growing impatient as he walked back and forth in the woods. He had a strong body build and looked fierce with a pair of huge purple gold hammers on his back.

"I think no one else is coming. Those people are all cowards! We can just go straight to the valley to kill those two evil apes ourselves, then carve up those earth spirit fruits."

His name was William. Aside from his innate great strength and fierceness, his cultivation base also reached level six of Energy Gathering Realm, which made his combat effectiveness amazingly high.

There were five full members of the Evil Ape Hunting Team in the woods at that moment. But they still needed one more to form a group of six. The plan was that the group would be divided into two subgroups with three members each to handle one evil ape.

They waited the whole day and night but still failed to find the sixth qualified member.

Many had applied to be the sixth member through selfrecommendation. However, none of those met their requirements, so they were sent away rudely.

"Humph! You just want to flaunt your superiority. You know very well that those two evil apes are quite strong! Say we find the sixth qualified disciple to join our group then proceed with our plan, there's no assurance that the six of us can handle the two evil apes! So, what will happen if we go there with just the five of us? That's suicide!"

A young girl in a neat leather skirt said. Her name was Mindy.

Her tight clothing emphasized her petite body and alluring curves.

She had bronze-colored skin that looked healthy, and she was oozing with wild sex appeal. Mindy was like a little female leopard filled with explosive power.

"Ha ha, it's just a casual remark."

William didn't get mad at Mindy but agreed blandly. He seemed somewhat eager especially when he made eye contact with her.

He had a special feeling towards Mindy.

wrong. We shouldn't wait any longer. If the stewards of the sect arrive, we will all have to stand aside. We might not get a chance

handsome young man with a jade fan said slowly as he looked at Mindy voraciously from head to toe.

recognize that the young man waving a jade fan was Marvin whom he had met at the junction before entering the

Beast Mountain. As time went by, Lara became more

one's state of vital energy. It was called the earth spirit fruit.

However, they were not qualified to enter the Ape Valley,

with these five strong outer disciples, Lara and the rest of her companions did not dare to open their mouths.

Ape Hunting Team were all surprised to hear

It had been a day since the earth spirit fruit was discovered. The message might have reached the sect by now

think my strength will compensate. I am confident that we can deal with those two evil apes. Of course, the strength of Brother Ralf is also undeniable, and we will certainly make more contributions. So, in that case, we should receive a greater share of the earth

a smile as he looked at a boy in black who was

was called Ralf. Marvin knew that Ralf's strength level was not far from

Evil Ape Hunting Team. And if Marvin teamed up with Ralf, both would have a chance to obtain

proposal with a cold smile on his

was not pleased to know that Marvin and Ralf were already counting their loots before they could

from William and Mindy, the other members of the team also included a man called George. His skin looked like it burned under the sun. He always had a sword clung onto

their disagreement, they couldn't bring it up to Marvin and Ralf out of fear. Besides, there was no point in arguing the moment before they enter

amongst us after we get them. I'm sure no one will easily give up a

are we waiting for? Let's go

Marvin suggested.

the team was still not convinced that they should go yet. They had seen those two evil

Judging by their breath, one could tell that they were the level two diabolic beasts. They were absolutely the strongest evil apes

or level five of Energy Gathering Realm. It was like the autumn wind sweeping away the

of level six of Energy Gathering Realm with slightly weaker combat power was not able to ward off the attack of the male ape and eventually died with his brains scattered in all directions.

with other outer disciples from a shadowy corner, from

Their strength was at the level six of Energy Gathering Realm and their combat effectiveness was much higher compared to the other outer disciples of the same level.

However, anyone in the team, including Marvin and Ralf, couldn't kill one evil ape himself and in turn, would be killed by the evil ape instead.

If two of them met with an evil ape, they might survive and have a chance to run away instantly.

The plan might work better if there were three disciples with the strength at this level in a subgroup. It might not promise success, but at least they would stand a chance.

This was the reason why they waited all this time to form a team of six.

However, they abandoned that plan and decided to move forward with only the five of them for the fear of the people of the sect coming in and taking all the earth spirit fruits. According to the first outer disciple who escaped from the valley, there were more or less twenty earth spirit fruits in the valley.

These fruits could be exchanged for twenty thousand or thirty thousand vital energy crystals.

And for an outer disciple, having several hundred vital energy crystals was already a fortune.

A person who possessed over a thousand vital energy crystals could already be considered as a moneybag.

It seemed as if a large amount of cash equivalent to twenty thousand or thirty thousand vital energy crystals was placed in front of them. With their eyes on the prize, the five members of Evil Ape Hunting Team were ready to go into the valley.

Their greed overpowered their reasoning, so despite the dangers, they would go into the valley and try their luck in killing the evil apes.

"Okay!"

The other four agreed with Marvin.

"Hello everyone! I am here to apply for Evil Ape Hunting Team. I hope I am not too late."

As the five members were about to set off for the entrance to the valley, a figure suddenly appeared in front of them just at the moment when the branches and leaves of trees trembled.

And that figure was no other than Austin himself.

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Chapter 43 A Conflict With Marvin

After hearing Herbert's news, Austin rushed right over.

On his way there, he had a run in with two monster beasts that were level two, and still arrived just when the Evil Ape Hunting Team was gearing up for some action.

When Austin showed up in front of them, they were all surprised. However, instead of saying anything, they glanced suspiciously at Austin.

They were wary of Austin because his true strength was not known.

It wasn't that long ago that the team had turned away a lot of underachievers who wanted to join.

It made no sense to include weaker members when what they needed were people with real strength.

The consensus was that the only ones qualified to share the earth spirit fruit they would reap were those who showed real strength.

"He's the grunt disciple we met at Beast Mountain!" said Lara.

She was sarcastic when Austin handed the Jade Badge to the mountain keeper.

Even though she hadn't seen him in a long time, and Austin was tanner now, Lara recognized him immediately.

The grunt disciple?

When Lara referred to him like that, everyone else realized who Austin was.

As Austin looked at each of them, he was met with sneering, disdainful and even angry expressions.

The disdain Marvin felt towards Austin wasn't a secret as he said sarcastically, "Boy! What do you think we're here for? To play some game? We're going to kill the diabolic beast! The diabolic beast! Do

you even know what that is? Huh? Aren't you afraid those evil apes will finish you with one bite?"

Marvin glared scornfully at Austin.

"Get out of here! Go fuck yourself and leave us alone!" snapped William angrily while he waved his huge palm in Austin's direction, dismissively.

Ralf stared at Austin coldly but didn't speak. Mindy and the others scoffed at Austin too.

they all thought Austin was stupid and didn't

were the five strongest outer disciples, so they were insulted that a grunt disciple

Look at yourself. You are nothing but a grunt disciple. You are good for nothing but the menial chores. Don't you know

Austin there, Lara was suddenly

words were clipped out, he moved, and was right in front

as Austin came to understand the wind in a more meaningful way, he had also become much more proficient

her pride as much as her tender cheek. Next,

show his strength in front of the team, Austin slapped Lara so hard. It was also because he really hated Lara

the surprised team stood there with their breath caught in their

screeched Lara as she tenderly placed her hand over

This whelp hit me!" whined Lara indignantly as she

the right half of Lara's face swelled, she

as his woman, he was fuming to see that a grunt disciple dared to raise a hand and

out of character. He glared menacingly, and through gritted teeth seethed, "Whelp! You're going to

with a snap, Marvin turned it into a

the blink of an eye, intense energy rushed from Marvin's body. As the power surged, invisible pressure filled the area,

Marvin's energy growing, Austin's face turned grim and severe, and his

off Marvin was eighth level in the Energy

George saw the force Marvin wielded, they were

how much

matter to Austin how strong Marvin was.

wanted to back down, he knew this group wouldn't let him get away with what he'd

rang as Austin unsheathed his sword that was hanging on his waist. He raised the blade

shocked when they saw Austin still presented fearless and stood there as cool as

brazen this humble grunt disciple was

relaxed demeanor and indifferent expression irritated

The wind around Marvin grew larger and stronger from the force of

they shivered slightly as their

sorry

did? It was obvious that his fate would be a

"No, never mind. You can lament your actions when you get to hell!" shouted Marvin venomously right before forcibly raising his jade fan as if it was a spear.

Driven by Marvin's energy, the long spear transformed into a fierce dragon as it flew at Austin.

The potent force shrouded Austin instantaneously.

It looked like Austin's fate would be that of the dead leaves in the energy storm, and he would be shredded to bits at any moment.

Staring into the eyes of the dragon hurdling at him, Austin remained motionless.

Viciously glaring at Austin, Lara knew he was about to die at Marvin's hand. At the thought of that, she couldn't help smiling gleefully.

"You're going to regret your arrogance, you dolt!"

roared Marvin.

The dragon darted through the sky, swooping down on Austin. However, he still stood steadfast, which stunned everyone.

Could it be that Marvin's aura terrified the grunt disciple so much that he was frozen to the spot and unable to dodge?

But, right before the dragon impaled him, Austin evaded it, quickly, yet peculiarly.

Being surrounding by the violent wind caused by Marvin, Austin's body suddenly became weightless. He wafted through the air like a lifeless remnant.

Although the dragon was cutthroat, it failed to pierce Austin or even brush his clothes.

Marvin threw attack after attack, and each one was stronger and faster. But Austin was faster, and dodged every one of them. Consequently, Marvin's attacks failed, proving to be nothing.

Having defended against all of Marvin's attacks, Austin smiled confidently as he prepared to take the offense.

"Swish!" cutting through the silence, Austin's sword slashed as he skillfully wielded it, slicing the air in front of Marvin gracefully.

All five members of the Evil Ape Hunting Team recognized the Cloud Swordsmanship, which was the second grade swordsmanship.

Any outer disciple with enough credits could trade this swordsmanship for practicing. After all it was not such a rare martial art form.

Even so, Austin's movements were natural, flowed flawlessly, and fully demonstrated the Cloud Swordsmanship's charm and grace.

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Chapter 44 Join The Evil Ape Hunting Team

Marvin believed that Austin's sword would stab him this time.

He was startled, and the violent vital energy emerged from his body. The light green light appeared on the surface of his body and formed a green vital energy shield.

It was a vital energy defensive method!

Looking at the momentum, Austin shrank in fear. It was challenging for a cultivator at the Energy Gathering Realm to cultivate this kind of method. And such a martial skill was expensive. Even if ordinary outer disciples wanted to practice it, they didn't have enough contribution credits.

It was beyond his expectation that Marvin had practiced this skill. His strength couldn't be underestimated!

When Austin attacked Marvin with the long sword, he felt a strong, vital power pressure, and the power of his sword weakened.

It was difficult for him to stab. "Clang." The jade fan clashed with the long sword. The vital energy at the point of collision created an impact wave spreading that could be seen by the naked eye.

Austin felt as though a stronger power was leading the long sword in his hand. Fearful that the sword would be snatched from him, Austin panicked. The vital energy in his body flowed restlessly.

He hurried to take a step back and seized the chance to get rid of the anti-shock force. A blood streak appeared on his purlicue because of the shock.

Austin smiled bitterly. Although he was at the fifth level of the Energy Gathering Realm, his strength was barely presentable.

Eh...

The scene astonished everyone.

This guy really had a thing or two. All people, including Marvin, became serious.

Others also saw something unusual.

A grunt disciple could not only dodge easily but also hit back under the violent attack of a powerful outer disciple.

this grunt disciple was not as weak as they had imagined.

couldn't believe what

dodge quickly. But you are not qualified to show off

that Austin was more capable than he had thought, Marvin became more cautious. He spoke

instant, the vital power emerging from his body became twice as strong.

that until now, Marvin hadn't

movements show potential, and he has excellent swordsmanship. He can help restrain the evil apes to some extent. Whatever the issue between you two, it can

gazing at the other members of the

a while, Mindy, William, and George nodded. After all, they had seen Austin's

said made sense. If Austin joined them, he could suppress the evil apes with his bodily movement, since Marvin couldn't even get close to him. Austin would be a worthy addition to the team. With his skill, they would have a higher chance of hunting the

had also thought

Marvin chose to stay and battle

promote his level later. This would be beneficial

this thought, Marvin controlled his anger. He could see that listening to

Since everybody thinks so, I agree. We will solve our

enclosing Marvin's body disappeared in an instant. He opened the jade fan and

"Marvin...."

on the right side of her face throbbed, she was reminded of what he had done. Anger surged in her heart

"Lara, stop."

determined to begin their task of securing the earth spirit fruit and promoting

the Evil Ape Hunting Team also stared coldly at Lara. Although she

knew that it was unwise

who were more powerful than her, she knew her position. With no other alternative, she remained quiet but glared

this case, this matter should not

stated before glancing at Austin one last time.

had done.

with a faint smile. He didn't take all

higher level than him, for now. But judging from his speed, Austin believed

After all, he was once ranked as the topmost outer disciple and had reached level nine of the Energy Gathering Realm. Marvin was at the eighth level at most now.

How could Marvin threaten Austin?

Eager to begin, each member of the Evil Ape Hunting Team headed into the valley. Austin chose to maintain medium speed.

"Look. The Evil Ape Hunting Team has set out. It seems that the guy who came late was accepted."

The disciples watching were excited and commented loudly.

There was admiration in their voices. After all, only those with great power would be accepted into the Evil Ape Hunting Team.

"Huh, so what if there are six people in the team? They have to fight two diabolic beasts at the second level. Even if inner disciples join them, they probably won't be able to deal with the creatures. These outer disciples are courting death."

The comment was not short of envy or satire.

A short while later, the news spread.

"I hear that the last guy to join the Evil Ape Hunting Team is a grunt disciple."

For a while, everyone was silent. The uproar continued as they clamored to share their opinions.

"Haha, are you foolish? Do you believe that? A grunt disciple! How can Marvin and Ralf allow a grunt disciple to join them? If it is true, I can also join the Evil Ape Hunting Team."

"Right. The person who is creating confusion by spreading the rumor must be jealous because he didn't qualify to join the team."

Nine out of ten people who heard the news didn't believe it.

In the valley full of thorn bushes and vines, six people advanced quickly. A few small animals scattered out of hiding when the team rushed past them.

The dense towering trees on both sides covered the sky and sun. As a result, it was darker in the valley than on the outside. It was gloomy and cool, like a land of idyllic beauty, with mottled sunshine reflecting on the ground through the tree cracks.

As the six people entered the valley, they slowed their pace to move forward cautiously.

According to the description of the only surviving member of the previous hunting team, the earth spirit fruit was about two miles away from the valley entrance.

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Chapter 45 Hunt Evil Apes (Part One)

However, this was no easy task. Not only were the evil apes a couple, they could have been anywhere from the valley to the place where the earth spirit fruits took hold.

There was also the problem that they were several times stronger than the average level two diabolic beasts.

No one in the Evil Ape Hunting Team was actually sure that he would be able to fight them.

Most of the level two diabolic beasts were highly intelligent and it would have been big trouble indeed if the two apes were ready to ambush the team.

The idea kept them all on their toes.

Austin also released his spiritual sense, which allowed him to sense everything in a six-hundred-foot radius around him.

Along the way, there were no signs of the two evil apes.

After the team had ventured about a mile into the valley, they suddenly found that it was filled with a sort of milky mist. Everything looked hazy and there was a wet, damp smell in the air.

"Be careful, everyone! They could be hiding anywhere."

Ralf reminded the others coldly.

A few dozen meters forward, they saw that a heap of rubble lay behind some bushes.

Behind the rubble lay a hillside with green vines and a milky mist covering it.

Just as they were about to pass through the rubble, Austin suddenly stopped.

His spiritual sense felt that at a concave ground on the hillside shrouded completely by thick mist, and there was an evil ape with a pair of blood-red eyes staring at the team.

"Watch out!"

Austin warned loudly. Right now, they were all in the same boat, and since there were two of the apes, they could not afford to lose anyone.

they heard Austin's cautionary call, they instantly ran back

soon as they moved, the very ground they were standing on shook fiercely, as a huge figure rushed down

the ground, with star-like cracks spread around it and

hairs, the ape was a sight to behold and was surrounded

of giant blood-red pupils was casting a brutal

"Boom! Boom!"

thick, strong chest, almost as if it was showing

the team with its blood-red eyes, clearly marking them as targets. It was clear that he had no intention of letting the team

constant barrage of intruders into the valley over the past two or three

evil ape, all the members of the team felt a cold shiver

right now. Let's

Ralf yelled almost at the same time and dashed toward the evil ape like

did not hesitate any more now. With fight or flight instincts kicking in, they were quite determined to beat the ape together, especially since it was

to go near the evil ape. He suddenly threw out a white iron

restless, the ape started screaming and stretched out its hand in order to grab the chain, but

the chain was able to behave like a living creature, and could turn

away from the big palm of the evil ape, and swooshed along the dark, sturdy arm

its stout arm, the evil ape emitted some

was a huge force that passed across the chain and

the evil ape's eyes,

arm and hit Marvin's jade fan with such great force that

the same time, its other hand flew straight towards Marvin's head with brutal force and fearsome

on the ground and rolled a few feet away from the ape

highest level members of the Evil Ape Hunting Team were beaten back simultaneously.

Ralf was more powerful

and therefore, was more suited for a long-range attack. In contrast, Marvin's jade fan was shorter and this meant that he had to attack

do hand-to-hand combat against it! Try to engage it

Ralf yelled at the others.

Without hesitation, Marvin immediately took out a glittering silver trident.

This was a spiritual weapon!

As Marvin waved his silver trident, it was shining with a soft vital energy light.

From that bright glow, everyone immediately recognized that it was a spiritual weapon. Since spiritual weapons were extremely rare, they guessed that this was a low-grade spiritual weapon of level one.

Spiritual weapons played an important role for cultivators in battles.

Austin swallowed his saliva with his eager eyes fixed at Marvin's trident.

He had yearned for a spiritual weapon for a long time, but even a lowgrade spiritual weapon of level one was a luxury for him to afford.

After taking out the trident, Marvin became a lot more confident and rushed towards the evil ape.

The rest of the team also besieged the beast. There were six people in the group and all of them were rushing around it, looking for an opportunity to strike.

Surrounded by the group which was completely dwarfed by its body, the ape had to face every sort of attack.

It clapped madly at the crowd with its huge palms, turning everything into a mess due to the shock wave.

The stones were stomped into pieces, and several stone pieces found themselves flying all the way over to the group.

In a short while, the ape had already been attacked by hammer, saber, sword, trident and chain, and a lot of vital energy had already filled the air.

No one dared to confront its attack head-on, though. They all tried to dodge away, and even if they couldn't avoid ape, they resisted its attack nonetheless.

All six of them were united like never before since they knew that their chances were slim already and if a single one of them got hurt, success would be farther away from them. Moreover, not only would they fail to get the earth spirit fruits, they would also be killed mercilessly.

Besides, there was probably another evil ape hiding somewhere, ready to attack them at any time.

So, as soon as someone was in distress, the others would try their best to save him.

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Chapter 46 Hunting The Evil Apes (Part Two)

Austin activated his spiritual sense and instantly knew the exact movements of the evil ape. He could easily tell its attack from all directions.

With the Wind-commanding Skill, he moved quite swiftly like a leaf in the wind, flashing from left to right as if he was disappearing and reappearing. As a result, he was the most relaxed of the six.

Brandishing his shining sword, Austin skillfully and smoothly performed the Cloud Swordsmanship, striking the ape more than a dozen times in succession. And each time, the evil ape was stabbed in the rough part of the flesh causing blood to ooze from the wounds. This scene impressed everyone including Marvin and Ralf because they hadn't hit the ape yet. All they did was dodging the ape's attack.

Austin's attacks didn't do much damage to the evil ape but at least it got disturbed.

His uncanny bodily movement skill enabled him to be unusually agile and swift. Eventually, the evil ape began to take Austin as its greatest threat.

"Ow!"

The evil ape let out a deafening roar, and the black energy gathered around its enormous claws rapidly. It temporarily abandoned its attack on the others and focused its attention on Austin.

Sensing the terrifying power of the evil ape, Austin flashed and moved to the left of the evil ape.

But the evil ape was quick to chase after him. It made a turn and charged at Austin again.

The powerful energy that came towards Austin pressed his vital energy slightly stagnant and unable to flow smoothly.

Austin groaned as he wondered why the evil ape just frantically chased him.

The other five started to realize what was happening.

Ralf rushed hastily to the back of the evil ape. As he was about to land on its back, he waved the white chain in his hands and immediately wrapped it around the ape's neck from behind.

The evil ape might have great strength, but it was weak in bodily movement skills. As soon as the white chain was winded around the ape's neck, it shrank and tightened automatically. of the team acted. William wielded his hammer and slammed it at the evil ape's head; Mindy raised her dagger and lunged at the ape's left breast; George took his sword

that the evil ape pursued Austin only, the

roar again and instantly, its body size doubled. The miasma of red and black around it ran swiftly, and the black energy rapidly gathered on its

made everyone's eardrum almost burst. The evil

he was knocked against a nearby rock. The hit was so hard that he spat out a

hit and its hilt shook violently that made his right palm bleed. It flew away from his hand

to the side in a flash. Yet, the ape's huge claw still managed to brush against her shoulder.

powerful energy attached to its claw tore her clothes, revealing half of her charming breasts causing her bright red breast protector to be faintly visible. The fierce force also

the three were repelled, Austin finally found the opportunity to attack. He appeared in front of the ape in a blink of an eye, brandishing his sword and

and swirling force swooped down on

The evil ape was chained to its neck and could not

William, George, and Mindy, its strength was not yet

clumsy bodily movement skill, it didn't escape the attacks from

of blood gushed out of the evil ape's right flank, and half of its

it was unusually powerful. And since the abdomen was a soft part of the evil ape's body, the silver trident caused

same time, Austin's sword punctured the black energy around the ape's body and pierced

only in the fifth level of Energy Gathering Realm and his sword was made

Austin were holding a spiritual weapon, his blow would

blows on its body. It let out a whine with its head raising

frenziedly. Ralf was caught off guard, thrown off like a kite and crashed into a rock. Startled, he let go of the chain and rolled on the

blood spurted from the wounds on its right flank and neck. The long intestine on

the ape continued to bleed like this,

waved the chain wildly, making it look like a windmill while hurling

what the ape was doing. He exclaimed,

were startled upon hearing this and remembered that there were two

But so far, they had only met one and the other hadn't shown up yet.

It turned out that recent disciples who broke into the valley for training were weaker compared to the two evil apes.

The two evil apes had defeated dozens of stronger disciples easily and thus despised the human cultivators that entered the valley.

There was a male and female evil ape. The male evil ape stayed by the entrance of the valley to keep watch and stop any human from breaking in, while the female evil ape guarded the earth spirit fruit. When the male evil ape met Austin and the five others, it didn't take them too seriously and thought it could kill or chase them away after a fight.

It never occurred to it that these human cultivators were extraordinarily powerful, and thus it was severely injured.

The two evil apes' hearts were interlinked. As the male evil ape roared, the female ape in the depth of the valley sensed it immediately, so, it rushed towards the male ape's rescue.

With its huge body making the valley shake with thunder, the grass and trees were broken as it passed through them, and smoke billowed in its path.

The animals and birds were disturbed. One could tell that even the animals feared the evil apes from the sound they were making as the valley shook.

The team immediately sensed the stir and knew that the other evil ape was coming.

But instead of fear, they felt overjoyed and were discreetly glad that the two evil apes were separated in the beginning.

If they had met the two evil apes at the same time, the six of them could already be defeated, or worst, dead. Judging from the strength of the male evil ape, there was no way they could win if they fought the two simultaneously.

Had it not been for Austin's uncanny ability to keep the evil ape at bay, the six might haven't pinned it down yet.

"Everybody, hurry up and kill this evil ape first. If the two evil apes join forces, it will be hard for us to handle them," Marvin urged.

He considered himself as the leader of the team.

Despite being annoyed, the rest of the team agreed to him at that moment. So, they all tried their best to attack the stricken male evil ape.

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Chapter 47 Hunting Evil Ape (Part Three)

The manic evil ape grew more irrational under the intensified attack led by the team of six hunters. The fierce pain was soon exhausting him.

His pace—that had the power to shake the earth—became unsteady and slow. The strength the ape wielded gradually dwindled.

Fresh flood bled like a continuous running stream from the wounds on his neck and his right abdomen.

As he fought, the dark red liquid spilled to the ground, making a mess. The blood seemed to cover the ground thickly, and the shining red dazzled the eyes of the ape's six opponents. For a moment, their vision seemed to be hazed in red.

The six attacked the wounded ape once again—his former big, black body dripping of red blood now. His breathing withered down considerably.

The blood on the ground converged like a flowing river, but the ape kept roaring as if his life depended on it, a blend of anger and pain in the sound. He grew weaker and weaker, until finally his mouth opened agape but no sound came out. The evil ape's red eyes widened, holding a trace of unwillingness in them. He fell to the ground with a heavy thud as the ground reverberated as if a mountain had collapsed. As he fell to the ground, he saw the female evil ape run in his direction. The ape tried to roar again, but he failed to make any sound. Slowly, his eyes closed.

The female ape rushed over, only to find her partner fall to the ground and die. Suddenly, she let out a high-pitched whine, grief consuming her insides. Her red eyes snapped wide open as she looked at the six offenders before bolting toward them.

Her huge black body, about two or three meters high, dashed over to them madly like a steel chariot.

She ignored the hunting team's slew of attacks, completely diving into a state of irrationality.

Fighting the female evil ape, the small team found that her strength was considerably lower compared to her male counterpart.

However, her desperate attacks were putting great pressure on them, leaving little time to react.

Her bulky body surged forward, surprising them with her great power. No matter who the female ape faced, the opponent found it hard to dodge the attack under the heightened force of her movements and rage.

Her irrational state of mind also had an impact on herself. It frequently exposed her body to her enemies without any sort of defense. Constantly, she was getting injured. In no time at all, she was bleeding all over.

But the female evil ape seemed not to notice the injuries. She made no move to defend herself, instead, she attacked the six of them even more desperately. She seemed to want to tear them into pieces, no matter what the cost she would pay.

he had cultivated focused on mere

the attacks of the female evil ape head-on, he could hardly dodge them. He had no line

chest, he too was swept away by her palm. His face hit the side of the cliff unnervingly and he

situation was a little better than William's, but he too was

to that of William's, and a little higher than Austin's. However, when it came to bodily movement skills, he and William were

his right arm that held the knife with her

bone exposed at the elbow. What was worse, he

among the lot, the Wind-commanding Skill

the easier it was for Austin to dodge them.

a long-range attacking weapon, safely secured and far out

Marvin's, and he had not

be

also eager to attack the ape whenever he got the chance, for he was anxious to end the battle soon. After all, he had to get to the earth spirit fruits as

would retreat into solitude to cultivate till his vital energy finally reached the level

also comparatively agile, and she was as swift as a leopard. She could

jumped right and left as the evil ape attacked her. Her hair flew loose, and her dress was almost in tatters. However, she managed to dodge the never stopped bleeding. She was still desperate and tireless enough to continue the fierce attacks on them, but her pace had started to falter. She did not look as steady on her feet and as powerful as she had

did not overlook this change. He decided to use his earlier method to trap the evil ape. He secretly sneaked to her back and flung his chain at her. The chain looped itself around the ape's neck in a fierce motion, as if it was a living creature in its own

with her two huge palms. Ralf felt the force pull his body involuntarily in her direction. Try as

right hand flashed coldly. In his palm materialized a sharp dagger, which he

merely save himself. However, to his surprise, the female evil ape did not sidestep his attack. Instead, she stood still and let the dagger stick into her eye. She was caught unawares.

ground, leaving behind a long trace of red on

was still thrust into her eye, and Ralf was happy to see the assault turn successful.

not get the chance to escape the injured ape when the very next second, a pair of arms covered in rough, black hair gripped him tightly. The stinking breath of the female evil ape blew

crack, crack!" Ralf felt the sharp, agonizing pain before he heard the decisive sounds of his bones breaking.

in fear," Kill her! Kill her! Come and kill

all his might, but the pair of monstrous arms was like roots that had stuck themselves to his skin, refusing to budge even a

And the pair of arms were keep clenching. Ralf increasingly found it hard to breathe, as if he was a leaky balloon suddenly running out of

air. He could only exhale under the immense pressure of the arms on him and was unable to inhale any oxygen.

Suddenly, he felt the female evil ape stop in her action, even as her grip did not slacken.

Austin did not waste the precious chance as he swiftly thrust his sword into the female evil ape's left eye.

Marvin and Mindy too drove in with their weapons. One of them was running on the left side of the ape, and the other from the right. They both simultaneously stabbed their swords into the ape's ribs.

At once, the massive body of the ape turned slack like a punctured water bag as blood poured out from her body.

As the team took out their swords from the wounds, the ape's blood spilled over in several streams like a bunch of flying arrows, mixing with the scarlet blood of the already-dead male evil ape. The entire ground around was covered in red blood.

Even now, the female evil ape had not released her hold on Ralf. Ralf summoned all his strength to break away, but it was in vain. He could feel the ape squeeze the life out of him without pause.

Moments passed by and Ralf felt like he was nearly faint as the world started to dim in his vision. His surroundings seemed to grow silent but for the unmistakable sound of his scattering bones echoing in his ears. He had no idea how many of them were broken.

Fortunately, the evil ape became weaker and weaker as she lost blood incessantly. Her breath became light until it finally stopped.

The evil ape knelt to the ground slowly before it fell face-down, finally taking her last breath.

Relieved, Ralf somehow forced himself to forget the pain in his body and rolled aside on the ground swiftly, away from the evil ape's bondage. The hunting team lapsed into a long silence. They looked at the bloodshed on the ground and the dead bodies of the two evil apes with unease swarming their thoughts. The terrible fight still lingered before their eyes vividly. Now that they had killed the evil apes, they could not utter a word.

"We finally killed the two apes!"

A crisp and joyful but slightly hoarse voice broke the pin-drop silence. It was Mindy who first found her tongue.

She helped William and George sit up. Ralf also struggled to stand up.

Three of the six hunters were seriously injured, but the Evil Ape Hunting Team had finally eliminated the two evil apes.

Undoubtedly, Austin, Marvin, and Ralf had been center-stage in this violent face-off with the apes. The other three assisted them in making the kills finally.

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Chapter 48 An Unexpected, Deadly Assassination

As the fears of the tragic, cruel battle began to disappear, a glint of eagerness shone in the eyes of the six teammates.

Naturally, they were excited to obtain the earth spirit fruit!

Eliminating the two evil apes meant the precious earth spirit fruit would be easy to get.

"The earth spirit fruit should be about a mile from here, hidden. If the steward gets there ahead of us, all our efforts will have been for naught! So, we need to get a move on it and pick some!" reminded Austin, looking at the other five bruised and tired people.

Mindy was applying medicine to William and George's injuries.

Ralf took a cyan colored bottle out, tipped it, allowing a pill to spill out, and popped it in his mouth before he sat on the ground and crossed his legs. Closing his eyes, he utilized his vital energy to hasten the pill's absorption.

After that, he skillfully reset his fractured bone which had been broken by the female evil ape.

Realizing his comrades were hurt seriously, Austin shook his head. He asked," Do you need my help?"

"No! Thanks anyway!" stated Mindy with a small smile of gratitude at his kind offer.

Since she, William and George knew each other a long time and wanted to be part of the Beast Mountain trials, they had formed the hunting team.

Some disciples opted to form groups of five, six, while others included over a dozen members.

But, Mindy's team was made up of only three members. What made their team mightier than the ones that had twelve members even, was that the base level of their vital energy was powerful.

Originally, it was the trio who launched the Evil Ape Hunting Team.

After hearing about it, Ralf, Marvin and Austin joined them.

William and George glanced up at Austin, the gratitude in their eyes silently thanking him. As a salute, Austin nodded in return.

Austin believed that these three were genuinely sincere in how they dealt with him.

While everyone else was busily tending wounds, Marvin retrieved his jade fan. He strolled casually, as if there was no rush.

"Oh yeah, that's right! The evil apes should have beast cores. Austin, since you made the greatest contribution to killing the apes, it's only fair for you to take the cores," suggested Marvin out of the blue.

The rest of the group members nodded in agreement with him.

is second grade and not a big deal in comparison to the earth spirit fruit, they are

add a little more funds for

drew his sword, and

where his sword sliced into the beast and out tumbled

bent to retrieve the cores, several loud ear-piercing screams filled the quiet air, and Mindy shouted loudly," What

his head around to find out what

over the lifeless form of George, and Marvin was casually retrieving the silver trident

he lunged at Mindy, hacking at her fiercely with deadly

Although he was still sitting cross-legged, his frame was slumped

had been tending her wounds, he saw William, his head matted with blood and

an eye, the three injured people were

fruit himself!" Mindy yelled as she gasped and tried to

sticking on her head, and panting, Mindy

clothes clung to her form due to the sweat and while she heaved deeply, desperate to

grime and sweat,

and

husky tone he said," If I had the chance to meet you again, I'd choose to meet you in my bed. Such

at him, and Marvin pulled all the vital energy from within,

and Austin could see it was wrapped around the silver trident that Marvin

a silver dragon and

on Mindy, the vital energy blew towards Mindy with such force that her clothes were whipped up, and hair blown into a wild mess which made her

with his full

of silver trident bearing down on her, she knew it

'Maybe, this was the wrong time to

of the rewards. What a jerk!' Mindy glared furiously at Marvin as she

waved her hand, and a brocade handkerchief with seven brightly glowing colors appeared,

of white light shot from the brocade

formed itself into a flexible cover made up of red, orange, yellow,

countless, small rainbows, all intertwined, giving it a rather beautiful mesmerizing appeal.

trident struck the colorful cover enveloping Mindy, but, it was ineffective, and bounced off like it

curved inwards, and sprang back, causing Marvin to stumble

secret weapon!" seethed

Obviously, it hadn't crossed Marvin's mind that Mindy would have such a powerful secret weapon to be able to defend against attacks, and he believed Mindy would be dead after he struck her once with his full force.

He speculated that because of the power of the secret weapon, it would take a lot more energy to kill Mindy.

It was apparent that even with a secret weapon, he didn't think much of Mindy's might.

As soon as he turned, Marvin saw Austin.

Seeing how fast and nimbly Austin moved, Marvin decided to kill him first.

"Run Austin! He's too strong for you!" warned Mindy anxiously. During the hunting expedition, she had good feeling about Austin.

Austin was slightly surprised as Mindy pulled secret, defensive weapon out.

'What's going on? Suddenly, everyone has secret weapons? When did they become all the rage?' wondered Austin.

Looking into Marvin's murderous eyes, a small grin formed on Austin's lips.

"You become so greedy at the thought of riches that forget righteousness, and slaughter the disciples from the same sect. Aren't you afraid that the sect will hunt you down?" demanded Austin angrily.

Marvin's actions disgusted Austin.

"Ha-ha-ha! Hunted by my sect?"

questioned Marvin laughing in an exaggerated and delirious manner, like someone had told a hilarious joke.

"Boy, are you that naive? Do you genuinely believe that anyone from the sect would bother to investigate deaths during the Beast Mountain trials?

Where there are masses gathered, there are deaths. In fact, the sect accepted this as part of the trials a long time ago!" said Marvin mockingly.

What he said was true. Almost half of the disciples participating in the trials every year perished at the hands of their peers.

Killing others to rob them of their winnings was a frequent occurrence, while the sect hunting the murderers down never happened.

It seemed the sects just accepted this as how things were.

"Hey, it's impressive how skillfully you escaped before. But, I don't think you will be able to get away this time!"

As Marvin spoke, he slipped into a position that blocked the valley's entrance.

Austin knew his ability to move wasn't bad, but his base level of vital energy was rather too low compared to Marvin's.

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Chapter 49 There's No Escaping

Austin knew that even if Marvin didn't have strong vital energy, he couldn't easily break the latter's defense.

Furthermore, Marvin had a low-grade fairy weapon so Austin would have no chance to win if they ever fight.

"Runaway? But why should I? I had a hard time fighting those evil apes, so I won't be that silly to escape.

Do you know why I am here?"

Austin asked with a sly smile.

Suddenly, Marvin felt like something hit his brain.

Like there was an invisible needle pricking his brain and the pain was unbearable.

While he was distracted by the sudden pain, Austin said sarcastically, "You're not strong enough to stop me!"

With that, Austin moved toward the valley.

Marvin was shocked and angry at the same time. He shouted, "If you dare to enter the valley, you're dead!"

When Marvin recovered from the pain, Austin had already been several hundred feet away from him and was moving toward the valley with incredible speed.

Marvin was furious and went all out to go after Austin.

Austin was clear he was no match for Marvin for now so it would be best to avoid any unnecessary fight with him. Besides, his only purpose for coming to the Beast Mountain was to get the earth spirit fruits.

That was why he had taken out the Spiritual Sense Flying Needle to disturb Marvin's mind before rushing toward the valley.

As he went deeper the valley, Austin found the road was getting narrower. Brambles, swamps and jagged rocks of grotesque shapes were everywhere.

The view was also not clear because of the mist around.

The mist made the countless towering old trees along the valley look like giants looking down on him.

Austin rushed forward as swiftly as a giant bird skimming over.

'Fuck! How can he move so fast?'

Despite using the Wind-commanding skill, Austin was surprised to see Marvin catching up to him at a fast pace.

him agile, it had no advantage in speed when it came to the longdistance running.

running required

didn't have enough vital energy, even if he was agile, his vital energy would dry out and his speed would decrease

too. He said with

activated his vital energy and transformed into a

distance between them

speed, Austin felt that his vital energy was almost at its limit. Eventually, he wouldn't be able

on sneering at Austin to distract him and was almost about

thicket of brambles that rose above the head, Austin saw a vast marsh lake, billowing

small piece of flat space on which several green

white round fruits on the green plants. They seemed to

he knew that these should be the earth

jumped wildly with excitement.

over the marsh lake, Austin stopped beside the

"The earth spirit fruits!"

had caught up with Austin and found the earth spirit fruits too. He was

course, Austin wouldn't give up his chance to

both his hands and his feet to break off the fruit-bearing branches and put them into the Space

"How dare you!"

Marvin shouted angrily.

middle

threw his silver trident

whizzed and

was picking the earth spirit fruits, Austin summoned his spiritual sense so

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to dodge the

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a loud bang, the silver trident whizzed and

large hole in the ground.

the ground that it couldn't

Austin said in

managed to put all the earth spirit fruits into

Marvin came up behind

gathered all the earth spirit fruits. His vital energy gushed from his body and rushed toward

what I've been waiting

sensing the violent vital energy coming from Marvin, Austin was feeling ecstatic. Since he had gotten all the

"Now it's my turn!"

Austin shouted. He controlled his spiritual sense and then summoned the Spiritual Sense Flying Needle.

Marvin was in the middle of attacking when his brain suddenly throbbed with pain.

Although his vital energy level was higher than Austin, his spiritual sense ability was still in the primary stage.

Austin's spiritual sense level was higher than that of the high-level cultivator at vital energy Earth Realm. Now that his spiritual sense had broken into Marvin's Soul Sea, he could do whatever he wanted. Marvin's mind became his little playground.

Since the spiritual sense was invisible, Austin was at the advantage. Marvin was unable to see it, hence there was no way he could dodge it.

When his Soul Sea was attacked, Marvin felt a sharp pain in his head.

Marvin felt as if he was being intoxicated. Everything around him started to blur and he couldn't stand still. He was almost losing his consciousness.

Austin, on the other hand, only wanted to get away from there. Now that he got all the earth spirit fruits, he didn't want to get into a fight with Marvin or anyone.

He cast the Spiritual Sense Flying Needle on Marvin to distract him and then ran towards the exit of the valley without looking back. However, Austin may have underestimated Marvin. The latter couldn't easily be distracted like that and he knew how to get himself back. Instead of fighting back the pain brought by Austin's Spiritual Sense Flying Needle, he tried to calm himself down and he gradually recovered his consciousness.

"Austin, I swear I will hunt you down and kill you myself!"

Marvin shouted. His voice echoed in the valley.

Suddenly, Marvin's body was covered in silver light and he ran in the direction that Austin went.

Sensing Marvin's incredible speed, Austin's face suddenly turned pale as if all the blood in his body was drained.

He summoned more vital energy and activated the Wind-commanding Skill to its full potential.

However, since he had been running for a long time, his vital energy was almost at its limit.

The Wind-commanding Skill required a great amount of vital energy. But since Austin had only reached level five of the Energy Gathering Realm in vital energy cultivation, there could be a chance that he could not use the skill effectively this time.

Marvin, on the other hand, had already reached level eight of the same realm.

And because of the difference in their realms, only a few hours, Marvin was already catching up to Austin.

"Do you seriously think you can run away from me just like that, Austin? Don't waste your time running because you can never escape me! Do you know what I will do if I catch you?

I'll slice off your flesh piece by piece! I'll make you regret coming into this world!"

Marvin threatened.

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Chapter 50 A Smart Diversion

When Marvin saw the distance between Austin and himself was narrowing, he was overjoyed. In an attempt to upset Austin, now and then, Marvin taunted him.

'Wow! Marvin is one persistent guy!'

Austin determined. Since he couldn't change it, he ignored Marvin completely and focused on escaping instead.

"Boy, you won't get away! You should just give up. If you hand over the earth spirit fruits now, perhaps I'll spare your worthless life."

"You want my earth spirit fruits? Then go get them yourself!" snapped Austin over his shoulder as he leaped over a massive row of thorny undergrowth. After landing on the other side, Austin realized that his body's vital energy would be depleted soon.

There was a loud bang from behind Austin which sent thick twigs and leaves flying through the air as Marvin began trudging through the brambly thorns!

Thorny branches and twigs that blocked his way, shattered, whizzing into the sky when Marvin's potent vital energy collided past.

As he made his way through the underbrush, a long passageway right down the middle was created.

"Crash! Crush! Smash!"

Rather than go around the boulders blocking Marvin, he slammed into them!

The large stones instantly disintegrated and dusty rubble was all that remained.

"Hey, you don't need to be so desperate, do you? It's no big deal! Just a few fruits!"

Austin called out over his shoulder as he continued trying to put more distance between himself and his fearsome pursuant.

A few steps more and Austin saw a swamp come into view ahead of him.

He quickly scanned it with his spiritual sense and then, overjoyed, Austin beamed. He had a brilliant idea.

Picking up speed, Austin rushed at the swamp in the distance.

"Brat! We'll just see how much further you can get!" jeered Marvin, gnashing his teeth and drawing more vital energy to speed up.

In a flash, Austin was in the swamp.

"Ssh!" the noise of metal scraping leather reverberated as Austin unsheathed his sword.

There was a swoosh, when his vital energy imbued blade cut through the air as Austin thrust at floating driftwood.

He struck the wood with only one strike. Then, he turned and darted to the forest without glancing behind him.

Heart pounding, as his adrenaline raced through his veins with his blood, Austin ducked behind a towering cedar tree in the blink of an eye before continuing to flee farther into the forest.

"You should slow down, enjoy your run!" shouted Austin right before he vanished.

Behind him, in the swamp Austin had left a surprise for Marvin.

"Roar!"

of the swamp, met with the water splashing followed

as the wood sprang to life and rose

sludge dripped from the wood,

swept across the surface like a steel whip, making the entire

ooze whipped up by the tail,

left eye was bleeding. A tell-tale sign

only a few places on a giant rock lizard that were weak,

from the injured eye because of the force of Austin's impact, and the lizard was in a great deal of pain.

the cold-blooded reptile burned with

fury danced in the

was Marvin's greeting as he got to the

Marvin, the incensed giant rock lizard locked eyes

stumpy legs, the lizard roared, baring a mouthful

with mud

the lizard naturally thought Marvin was his attacker, and the wounded creature

wasn't the only

deceived by a vexing young man, which left

unleashed its fury for the old and recent grudges

lizard's spleen, Marvin went slightly pale in the face.

energy infused fists at the

thick, hard, uneven scaled skull of the giant rock lizard

Marvin was thrown back several feet and the

lizard flew back too, crashing down into the

his fist bashed into the giant rock

in the direction of the forest he saw

stare of scarlet eyes as the giant rock lizard glared at him. It was

rush of rage washed over Marvin and he glowered back at the giant rock lizard. It crouched down, ready to strike again at any moment.

me for what happens!" shouted Marvin, stressing each

wave of dreadful vital energy

was a flash of silvery light when one of Marvin's low-grade spiritual weapons, a

a ferocious silver dragon and lunged at the giant rock lizard.

roar, the giant

two clashed, battling each other

deep in the forest, Austin slowed

of the ensuing battle between

could go this

swamp, he recognized it immediately and knew it

used his spiritual sense to search the swamp and discovered the

his inspiring idea hit

to provoke the giant rock lizard, hoping it would waylay Marvin and give

Austin, knew he wasn't in the clear yet and merely paused briefly before rushing off at breakneck speed through

knew the lizard wasn't much of a match for Marvin, and it would only buy him

Once Marvin disposed of the beast, he would be able to easily overtake Austin.

What he should do was to find a place to hide nearby.

An hour went by.

A man in white stood where Austin was not long ago. His clothes were a mess and blood stained. A sullen expression was etched into his face. It was Marvin!

As soon as he killed the giant rock lizard, Marvin raced after Austin into the forest.

It only took a moment of deliberating for Marvin to work out which direction Austin escaped.

Marvin broke into a run in that direction instantly.

His perception was dead on; it was the direction that Austin had fled.

Marvin rushed along and came to a clearing in the forest.

In the clearing, a group of adventurers were resting.

Five disciples made up the group, and had been hunting at the Beast Mountain for more than ten days.

They were counting the treasures they'd gathered over the past few days while relaxing.

Looking at the beast cores, magic herbs and fruits they'd worked so hard to get, the group were in high spirits, and chatted amongst each other, laughing happily.

"Hey! Who is that?" asked one of them, indicating the direction Marvin approached from.

The others turned and caught sight of a figure in a dull white robe walking closer.

'It's Marvin Su!'

Everyone recognized him right away.

Marvin was the fifth top ranking outer disciples of the Sun Sect. Therefore, nearly every outer disciple knew him.

The five outer disciples were confused, but, quickly stood up and greeted him.

They were all looking questioningly at Marvin, wondering what brought him there so abruptly and what he wanted.

Having heard so many stories about disciples from their sect fighting other disciples over treasures earned on Beast Mountain put them all on alert.

After all, they'd obtained a large number of precious beast cores and magical herbs over the last few days.

"Hello, Brother Su! What a pleasant surprise meeting you here on Beast Mountain," said one of the young men as he cupped his hands in respectful greeting to Marvin. He seemed to be the head of the team of disciples.

Marvin remained silent, and looked surly as his eyes darted around, looking for something.

He flipped his palm up, revealing a yellow piece of paper that he pushed toward the young man.

At first the man stood there startled, but soon enough it clicked, and he reached out, taking the paper with both hands.

On the paper was a drawing of a boy who looked about fifteen, and was dressed like a disciple of Sun Sect.

"Have you seen this man in the last couple of days?" asked Marvin, his voice was deep and raspy.