

Chaotic Sword God

#Chapter 36-40

Chapter 36: A Pack of Wolves

During the night, Jian Chen and Tie Ta sat under a tree cultivating. The torch by their side had long since burned out, and in a tree branch 5 or 6 meters above them, was Liang Xiaole. She nervously looked around whenever she heard the howl of a magical beast in the night, she wasn't able to sleep at all.

Liang Xiaole's bright eyes looked down at the cultivating pair, Jian Chen and Tie Ta, as if she was monitoring them. In her eyes, this was a matter of life or death. She did not want to see the two people she had found, after a long time of searching, to abandon her and lose her only type of protection.

At that moment, a light breeze blew through the forest and through the tall grass. Meanwhile, the cross-legged Jian Chen suddenly opened his eyes. Immediately, his eyes grew bright as he stared deep into the tallgrass, before standing up onto the ground with the iron rod in his hand.

Liang Xiaole was confused as she watched Jian Chen stand up. Not knowing what was happening, her heart was suddenly very agitated.

"Hey, what's happening?" Liang Xiaole whispered carefully. In this situation, she didn't dare use a loud voice to speak, for fear of attracting another magical beast.

Jian Chen didn't answer her and instead turned to the still cultivating Tie Ta. "Tie Ta, wake up, some magical beasts are attacking."

"Ah, what did you say? Magical beasts are attacking?" Liang Xiaole became frightened, her face instantly draining of color. Thinking about what was about to happen, her whole body began to shake in fear.

While Tie Ta was cultivating, he didn't dare immerse himself completely, so he still remained on guard while cultivating. Thus, when Jian Chen called for him, Tie Ta immediately woke from his cultivation state and stood up with his battleaxe rested against his shoulder.

"Changyang Xiang Tian, where are the monsters?" He asked as he looked around. He couldn't see any footprints around them, or even hear a single sound.

Jian Chen slowly turned his head as he looked around, "Tie Ta, this time, be careful. This time it isn't a single magical beast, but a group of them."

"A group!" Tie Ta's face immediately changed from careless to surprise, then it hardened into a ready expression.

"Ah! What! A group! It can't be! Hey guys, please don't scare me like that." Hiding in the trees, Liang Xiaole pleaded with them. She would have rather heard a threat from Jian Chen than this.

Jian Chen's eyebrows knitted together before lightly commanding the crying Liang Xiaole, "Could you please be quiet? Do you want to attract magical beasts from all over?"

Jian Chen's command proved to be extremely useful, as Liang Xiaole immediately used her hand to clamp her mouth shut to make sure she didn't say anything.

"Changyang Xiang Tian, how many magical beasts do you think there are?" Tie Ta asked.

"A lot, 10 at the very least. They're all prepared to attack and already have us surrounded." Jian Chen's face was very grave.

Tie Ta's expression grew hard as he heard Jian Chen. If it was just one magical beast, he wouldn't have been worried, three magical beasts and the both of them combined could take them on. But now that there were at least 10 of them; Tie Ta didn't dare to have a swelled head now.

When Liang Xiaole had heard Jian Chen, her already pale face had turned even paler, and her mind was wracked with fear. Only one thought was occurring in her head, "It's over, we're screwed! We're not going to survive this..."

The tall grass began to sway as a cyan colored light appeared in front of them. There was one in every direction, with no less than 50 points of origin. As Jian Chen and Tie Ta looked on amazed, they realized the bright spots of light were actually the eyes of magical beasts, and there were at the very least 20 of them.

"This is a Class 1 Magical Beast Blue Wolf. Tie Ta, if you want to live, hurry and climb up a tree now," Jian Chen said as he looked at the 20 Blue Wolves from all 4 directions.

Tie Ta glared in anger before brandishing his battleaxe, with a heroic voice he said, "Don't worry. Changyang Xiang Tian, there are only 20 Class 1 Magical Beasts, I guarantee they won't take us down."

The moment she heard that there were 20 wolves invading, Liang Xiaole was practically scared to death. At this time, even if she believed in Jian Chen's and Tie Ta's strengths

before, she would never believe that their strengths would be able to beat 20 magical beasts, as they hadn't even reached Sainthood yet. Unless one of the school teachers were to come save them now, they wouldn't be able to escape alive.

"Teacher, where are you? Please come save us..." Liang Xiaole looked around in all directions as she pleaded for a teacher to come. She could only trust that the teachers would come to save them now, but it was a shame that there were so many magical beasts, so she was too scared to cry out too loudly. Just in case the magical beasts focused on her.

The 20 Blue Wolves slowly walked towards Jian Chen and Tie Ta, their oily gazes staring attentively at them. It was only when their distance was less than 5 meters away that they stopped moving.

Jian Chen and Tie Ta grabbed onto their respective weapons. Although they were surrounded by 20 magical beasts, neither of the two had a single expression of fear..

"Aooo!"

Suddenly, a Blue Wolf started to cry out into the sky. Immediately afterwards, the 20 wolves surrounding them started to howl as well. Their howls filled the air as they began to overlap with each other, before turning into a large soundwave that targeted a wide area.

Hearing the wolves howl, Liang Xiaole's entire body slipped. Her body fell to the ground as she started to tremble. At this point, her face was entirely drained of blood, and had become a deathly pale shade.

5 kilometers away from Jian Chen, a middle aged male dropped down onto a tree branch. When he heard the howls, his face changed. His previously closed eyes opened as he stared off towards the direction of the sound.

"Not good, that's a pack of Blue Wolves. Judging by the howls there are at least 10 of them. It looks like someone has met up with danger then." The middle aged man's face grew solemn as his hands touched the tree he was standing on. He jumped down from the tree before sprinting off towards the direction of the howls without stopping.

"I hope that I can make it." The middle aged man was anxious, but he was already going at the fastest speed he could possibly go at. The magical beasts in the 2nd area weren't that strong, but the opponents Jian Chen and Tie Ta were facing were Class 1 Magical Beast Blue Wolves; their chances of success weren't looking well.

At the same time, in 3 different places, 3 different people all heard the yell before putting down whatever was in their hands and quickly started to run towards the howl.

The wolves' howl was the signal for the wolves to attack, as the 20 wolves suddenly rushed at Jian Chen and Tie Ta.

"Go die!" Tie Ta snarled as he brought his battle axe up in preparation to strike. He swiped at a nearby wolf with his axe, slamming the axe into its stomach. The wolf cried out with an ear-piercing shriek.

"Peng!"

The Blue Wolf that charged at Tie Ta was immediately cut down by his battleaxe's powerful attack, and it now sported a giant wound on its body. The wolf was sent flying away from the mighty swing; despite it being a Class 1 Magical Beast, it was no match for Tie Ta's strength.

Tie Ta brandished his 100 pound battleaxe with ease as if it wasn't heavy at all. Whenever a Blue Wolf approached, he would send it flying away. Thus, any wolf that got too close to him was sent flying, with a new wound on its body. However, the skin of a Blue Wolf was tough, so even Tie Ta couldn't kill one with ease.

As the wolves approached him at the same time, Jian Chen's eyes instantly grew cold as he dashed forward. In a flash, he brought the sharpened iron rod through the throat of a nearby wolf.

"Puu!"

With some resistance, the iron rod finally pierced through the wolf's hide and bore through the wolf's throat. He took out the rod and tilted his body to the side to dodge the attack of another wolf who jumped at him.

The wolf who had its throat pierced by Jian Chen fell helplessly to the ground, as its four legs spasmed in its final death throes. It couldn't stand up on its legs no matter how much it tried, as bright red blood leaked out from its wound.

The throat was the weak-point for almost every single living thing, and magical beasts were no exception. Right now, since the Blue Wolf had its throat skewered, its life was quickly fading. Even though it was trying to avoid the temptation of death, its struggle would not last long.

Jian Chen relied on the nimbleness of his body to weave in and out of the pack of wolves, and he used his iron rod to leave behind stab wounds wherever he attacked. Despite being surrounded by 10 wolves, Jian Chen had used his strange but unpredictable style of movement to dodge with ease. The sharp teeth and the claws of the wolves couldn't touch him at all, and whenever it had seemed like the wolves would be able to get him, Jian Chen moved out of the way just in time.

The battle hadn't even lasted for more than a few deep breaths before 3 of the wolves had their throats pierced by Jian Chen. As the wolves lost blood, they stumbled to the ground in a final struggle to live, but after one final breath, they died on the ground. Many of the wolves had suffered from multiple wounds, but none of them were fatal, and were focused on the joints of the beasts.

Jian Chen proceeded to travel in between the wolves as the iron rod in his hand continued to stab at them. Not only were his movements swift, but there was a certain grace to them; it was almost as if he was dancing instead of fighting for his life.

On the other side, Tie Ta let loose a snarl and brought his 100 pound battleaxe down through the air, producing an after image thanks to the speed. The few wolves surrounding him were continuously sent flying through the air with exceptionally terrifying wounds. Although the wounds were from Tie Ta's sharp battleaxe, to the Blue Wolves, these injuries would not threaten their lives at all.

Although Tie Ta was looking quite powerful and majestic at this moment, he was not invincible. And with Jian Chen's success so far, Tie Ta's own achievements were nothing much. After all, ever since the start of the battle, Tie Ta had not yet been able to kill a single Blue Wolf.

Chapter 37: Teacher's Shock

A mere few seconds passed. Another wolf died by Jian Chen's hands, while countless others were being injured.

The cowering Liang Xiaole didn't hear Tie Ta's or Jian Chen's screams of pain at all. All she could hear was the howling of the Blue Wolves mixed in with whimpers. Because of her curiosity, she fought her fear and looked down on the ground, and her eyes grew wide in shock. She couldn't believe that Jian Chen and Tie Ta were still fighting the Blue Wolves, and she was shocked speechless.

Every single swing from Tie Ta's axe was capable of smashing a wolf into the air with ease. No wolf was able to get close to him because of that, and most of the Blue Wolves were covered with frightening wounds that had covered their entire bodies with blood. Jian Chen, on the other hand, was moving rapidly between the wolves and attacking them from every direction. Whenever he thrust his iron rod forward, another wolf would be riddled with wounds. His movements were too fast for Liang Xiaole to follow; the only thing she could see was a constant blurs.

She had never experienced such a hair raising bloody spectacle like the one below, but on the outside, her face had already started to regain some color. However, her body had not yet stopped trembling. After all, it was her first time seeing such a bloody mess, and no matter who it was, a person wouldn't be able to take in a sight like this easily their first time.

At that moment, a Blue Wolf took advantage of Tie Ta's lack of attention, and jumped at his shoulder. Using its strong teeth, it bit deeply down on his shoulder and blood started to flow freely from the wound.

The acute pain caused Tie Ta's face to darken as he looked at the Blue Wolf biting at his shoulder. Tie Ta's eye blinked in pain as he looked at the Blue Wolf with a fierce glare. Dropping his battleaxe, his right hand grabbed onto the wolf's head, and with his monstrous strength, he ripped the wolf off his shoulder, leaving behind deep incisions in his skin.

Tie Ta grabbed onto the wolf's snout with both hands, and the veins in his arms swelled up with his muscles. With a furious roar, his hands gripped onto the yelping wolf and tore its head from its body. At the same time, blood splattered everywhere onto Tie Ta, dyeing him blood red.

Tie Ta's act of strength caused the surrounding wolves to cower in fear, as they watched Tie Ta hold onto the two halves of the wolf's carcass.

But Tie Ta didn't plan to let the wolves get away. Dropping the body, he picked up his battleaxe and sliced down onto another wolf's head.

The wolf tilted its head and dodged Tie Ta's battleaxe. Bringing its head up towards the sky, it let out a great howl before launching itself at him.

Hearing the howl, all of the wolves had their fear dispelled, as they instantly charged at Tie Ta.

Tie Ta sent a kick towards the abdomen of a wolf, sending it flying through the air. The sharp blade of his battleaxe cut into the neck of the wolf. Leaving behind a trail of blood, the wolf flew backwards like a rocket.

After his battleaxe had chopped through the head of a wolf, Tie Ta stopped where he stood. He brandished his battleaxe in a menacing way for the other wolves to see.

"Peng!" A wolf was too late in dodging and was hit by Tie Ta's battleaxe. The wolf was split in two as it gave one last final howl.

After being injured, it looked as if Tie Ta became even stronger. In a flash, he had already killed 2 wolves.

Jian Chen, on the other hand, was still wrestling fiercely with the wolves. Suddenly, a wolf jumped from above, down onto Jian Chen.

Jian Chen immediately turned around and glared at the incoming wolf with his flashing eyes. The iron rod in his hand shot forth like lightning and stabbed deep into the wolf's

abdomen, piercing its heart. The moment he felt the rod stop, he immediately pulled it out and then moved away from his position.

The moment he left from his spot, the group of Blue Wolves immediately lunged at him.

The wolf that had been skewered in the heart whimpered as it gave its final breath, and fell down to the ground, spasming before finally becoming still.

The battle persisted for some time, and as time passed, the amount of Blue Wolves that had died by the hands of Jian Chen and Tie Ta grew larger and larger. Gradually, the pressure on the two boys reduced, as the number of Blue Wolves dwindled.

Jian Chen pulled out his iron rod from another wolf's throat; he had already killed over 10 Blue Wolves, yet his clothes were relatively unstained by the blood.

Jian Chen looked to Tie Ta only to see 7 or 8 Blue Wolves left; however, each of the 8 wolves were already bloody, as if they had been bathed in blood. His already ragged clothing was becoming even worse, and was almost like a strip of cloth now. His clothes were no longer protecting his body, and instead revealed his chest underneath. Even the trousers had rips in parts, with blood dripping from the wounds beneath it.

Without any hesitation, Jian Chen rushed towards Tie Ta and immediately started to fight off the 8 wolves with his iron rod.

Because Tie Ta had gave the wolves many heavy injuries in a long battle, the wolves were all exhausted beyond relief, so Jian Chen's job was relatively easy. Without expending much energy, he ended their lives by accurately piercing each of the wolves' throats.

After the invasion of the pack of wolves, even Jian Chen couldn't help but breathe hard. Even though he was not weak at all, he had used up the majority of his energy to fight against the pack of wolves.

Tie Ta let out a long sigh as he looked at the pile of dead bodies around him. On his face was a happy smile; although they had just fought a long and hard battle, he didn't show a single trace of exhaustion. Instead, his fighting spirit was awakened.

"Changyang Xiang Tian, let's kill the rest of the Class 1 Magical Beasts." Tie Ta laughed. In his lifetime, he had never killed a Class 1 Magical Beast before, so it was natural that he was excited.

Jian Chen smiled as well before looking at the wounds on Tie Ta, "You're hurt, how bad is it?"

Tie Ta looked down on his body to inspect his wounds before saying, "It's no problem. Although the bites hurt, they're mostly superficial wounds. Hehe, my skin has been thick since I was small, so regular beasts could never bite me before."

Jian nodded his head in understanding with a thoughtful face. He knew about Tie Ta's strength and vitality first hand. Tie Ta was even stronger than a steel bar, so the Blue Wolves must've been ferocious to bite through his skin.

"Ah, that's right, Changyang Xiang Tian, are you hurt?" Tie Ta asked with concern as he looked at Jian Chen.

Jian Chen shook his head, "Don't worry, the wolves didn't hurt me at all." He shifted his stare to the tall grass and said loudly, "Haven't you seen enough, how long do you plan on hiding there?"

Hearing Jian Chen, Tie Ta went blank for a second as he was puzzled by what Jian Chen was saying. But he soon figured it out and immediately grabbed onto his battleaxe with both his hands.

"Who's hiding over? Hurry up and come out otherwise I'll chop you in half!" Tie Ta yelled.

As Tie Ta spoke, the tall grass rustled before them as four figures leapt out in front of Tie Ta and Jian Chen.

Seeing the four shadows jump out, Tie Ta immediately went on the defensive, while Jian Chen didn't move a muscle except for a small smile on his face. Although they couldn't see the appearances of the four due to the darkness, but Jian Chen had long since guessed their identities.

When the four shadows reached 2 meters away from Jian Chen, they suddenly stopped. Jian Chen could finally see their faces clearly; two of them were middle aged men while there was an elder and a 30 year old female. All four of them had a look of astonishment and were stupefied as if they saw an inconceivable event.

"Honorable teachers, so it was you." Tie Ta finally recognized the four people and cried out in surprise.

The four people quickly regained their composure, but their eyes still revealed traces of shock.

"Changyang Xiang Tian, no wonder there are rumors about you being able to beat a Saint. I didn't think too much about it at first, but after seeing this, the rumors have to have some sort of truth to them. For a single person to use a corroded iron rod to kill dozens of Class 1 Magical beasts, even Saints who condensed their Saint Weapons

wouldn't be able to replicate this easily." The elder said with a laugh as he praised Jian Chen.

Jian Chen laughed and said, "Honored teacher gives this one too much praise. My strength isn't as strong as you think; the wolves may have been Class 1 Magical Beasts, but their attack power wasn't that high. If I had come across a stronger Class 1 Magical Beast, then I'm afraid I would've struggled a lot more."

Hearing this, the elder looked at Jian Chen appreciatively before looking at Tie Ta with a laugh, "Tie Ta, your strength is also very strong, it's no wonder the headmaster noticed you and took you in as an apprentice."

Tie Ta scratched his head with a modest smile, but he didn't know what to say in response to that.

"Elder Yun, it would appear that we came here for nothing. These two are absolutely abnormal in strength, nothing in the 2nd region would be a match for them." Said the 30 year old woman.

The other 3 bitterly smiled as they listened to her. When they had heard the howls of the wolves, they naturally knew that a student was in danger. For that reason alone they had all rushed towards the howls at the fastest speed possible to rescue them. On the way, each one of them prayed that the students would be able to hold on for as long as possible, but when they had arrived, they were subjected to an inconceivable sight. Two students who weren't at the Saint level had been able to fend off 20 or so Blue Wolves without trouble. In the end, they had been able to slaughter all 20 of them, and none of the 4 could believe their eyes at this end result.

Chapter 38: Liang Xiaole

"Oh, by the way, Changyang Xiang Tian, how did you detect us?" A middle aged man asked, his tone full of curiosity.

The other three teachers were curious to know as well as they stared at Jian Chen. The four of them were extremely interested in knowing how they were detected while hiding in the tall grass because they had not made a single sound or made any movement, so there was no way that they would have been noticed by Jian Chen.

Jian Chen laughed and said, "I had found out the moment the honorable teachers arrived."

"What! You found out the moment we arrived? How is that possible?" The woman cried out in disbelief.

The other 3 people couldn't believe what Jian Chen said either.

Jian Chen opened his mouth, "While I was fighting the pack of wolves, I was still paying attention to my surroundings. Otherwise, we might have been subjected to random attacks from someone else; how would I dare lose track of what was happening around me at such a crucial point?"

Hearing this, the four teachers nodded, approving of what Jian Chen had just said.

Jian Chen continued to explain, "The honorable teachers didn't make a single sound at all, but when you arrived I saw a bunch of obvious movements, so I found out since the very beginning."

Hearing this, the four people realized their mistakes as the elder sighed in admiration, "Amazing, just amazing! Changyang Xiang Tian, I really have no other choice but to admire you. And to think that when I was your age, I was nowhere near the level you are now." The elder then paused before saying, "Since you students aren't in any danger, then we'll take our leave now, after all, there are still students to save." Although the elder had said that, he looked as if he was reluctant to leave.

"Please wait!" Jian Chen suddenly cried out towards the four teachers. Pointing at Liang Xiaole who was still hiding in the tree, he said, "Honored teacher, could you please help escort this student out? She doesn't have the courage to stay here any longer."

The teacher frowned as he thought about it, "This won't be a problem, but even if she hands over two Class 1 Monster Cores, this will still be considered as a loss. After all, she didn't stay here for all 3 days."

"No, I won't leave, I'll definitely stay here for all 3 days." Liang Xiaole said from the treetop as she dropped 5 or 6 meters down onto the ground. In one long stride she went over to where Jian Chen was.

"Hey, these four teachers can take you out of this forest so you won't have to worry about magical beasts hurting you. Why don't you want to go home?" Tie Ta was rather discontent, since Liang Xiaole was really too cowardly. The moment she saw a magical beast she cried out loud; this really annoyed Tie Ta...

Liang Xiaole looked at Tie Ta timidly and whispered, "I don't want to go."

"Could it be you're no longer afraid of magical beasts?" Tie Ta asked curiously.

"I am!"

"So you're scared after all, then why don't you want to get out of here?"

"Because you two are still here."

With such a straightforward answer, Tie Ta couldn't find a response.

Jian Chen looked at Liang Xiaole helplessly before trying to persuade her, "Liang Xiaole, you should go with the teachers, the magical beasts in this forest are many, and so there's no guarantee that we can protect you."

Liang Xiaole's face became miserable as she realized that she would need to depend on Jian Chen. Imploring, she said, "Senior, please let me go with you, this was my first time seeing a magical beast and the first time I've been here. That's why I was scared initially. But I guarantee you, the next time we come across a magical beast, I won't cry out loud." After experiencing Jian Chen's and Tie Ta's strengths, Liang Xiaole wouldn't have to worry about getting into any trouble with those two around. Plus, Liang Xiaole had clearly that the four teachers all said that the 2nd region of the forest had nothing that they couldn't handle. So with such good protection, there was no way she would give up that easily.

Jian Chen suddenly felt a headache coming. Liang Xiaole was a pampered noble since birth, so she would definitely be a burden to them. When they battled any magical beasts in the future, they would have to look after her as well.

"Changyang Xiang Tian, with you and Tie Ta, there are no magical beasts in the 2nd region that can pose a threat to you. so you might as well take her along. Students should look out for one another. And besides, for you two, this shouldn't even be considered a test anymore." Laughed the middle-aged woman.

Jian Chen inwardly sighed in exasperation. Since even the teachers wanted Liang Xiaole to tag along, he couldn't find any reasons to object.

Although Jian Chen was giving in, Tie Ta was still not satisfied, but he didn't say anything. After this first day, he had already started to see Jian Chen as the pillar of the team. Whatever his decision was, Tie Ta would not object to it. Jian Chen's mind was better at strategy and he had more experience dealing with beasts than Tie Ta's. So it could be said that no matter what, Tie Ta would concede to Jian Chen.

After the four teachers left, Jian Chen and Tie Ta didn't pay attention to Liang Xiaole and instead went to the dead bodies of the Blue Wolves. Since it was over 20 Class 1 Monster Cores, they wouldn't dare to squander this.

Because the monster cores of the Blue Wolves were in their heads, Tie Ta and Jian Chen were trying to find a way to extract them. They definitely needed to strike and break at the part of the head where the monster core was, so Liang Xiaole's face went pale as she observed them. Perhaps Liang Xiaole had changed only slightly, it was almost as if she no longer felt out of her league. With great difficulty, she was able to quell the cowardly nature within her, as she diligently watched Jian Chen and Tie Ta work at extracting the cores. It was almost as if she was learning from the experience.

The night passed quickly and peacefully after the initial Blue Wolves raid.

As the dawn sun slowly rose over the edge of the horizon, the cross-legged Jian Chen finished his cultivation, and stood up to stretch.

Just as Jian Chen stood up, he heard Tie Ta start to awaken as well. He followed Jian Chen up, and although the two were in the middle of cultivating, they were still aware of their surroundings. They had put up a guard while cultivating, and as long as the wind blew through the tall grass, then the pair would be able to track anyone.

“Tie Ta, go find some dry branches for the fire. I’ll go fetch the magical beast meat; it’s about time we prepare some breakfast,” Jian Chen said.

“Oh!” Without any objects, Tie Ta turned around and entered the forest to search for some dry firewood.

Soon after, Tie Ta carried over a pile of dry firewood. At the same time, Jian Chen had prepared a huge chunk of bloody magical beast meat from the Blue Wolves that had been killed by them last night.

Since there were no sources of water in the area, the magical beast meat was not washed. Instead, it was directly skewered with some sticks, and was placed above the bonfire to begin roasting.

Not long after, the roasted magical beast meat began to emit a fragrant aroma. Although it did not have any spices, the quality of the magical beast meat was originally high. Moreover, the higher the class of the magical beast, the more delicious its meat would taste, and the more beneficial it was to the body. It was said that a Class 5 Magical Beast’s meat could even boost one’s strength.

Perhaps because she could smell the magical beast meat’s fragrance, Liang Xiaole awoke from her nap on top of the tree, and jumped down. The 5-6 meter height was nothing to Liang Xiaole, who had reached the 8th Saint Force layer.

“Wa...it smells so good.” Liang Xiaole bounced over to the bonfire, and seeing the golden magical beast meat dripping in rich oils, she could not help but swallow hard. Although she had eaten many exotic delicacies, she had never eaten wild game like this before. After all, eating the same type of meat for so long, one would obviously think of anything else as more appetizing, even if it was just some cabbage.

Tie Ta shot a dissatisfied glance at Liang Xiaole, and murmured in a quiet voice, “Last night you were crying so loudly; now you’ve forgotten about it all so quickly. I hope that when we encounter more magical beasts later, you won’t start wailing again.”

Tie Ta’s voice was extremely soft and unclear. Most likely, aside from himself, nobody would have been able to clearly hear what he had whispered, even Jian Chen.

Liang Xiaole looked at Tie Ta in curiosity, "Tie Ta, what are you saying?" Last night, the four teachers had called out Jian Chen's and Tie Ta's names, so Liang Xiaole had already learned their identities.

"Ah, nothing." Tie Ta waved his hands as if he was feeling guilty for something.

Liang Xiaole didn't pay any mind to it. She gazed at Jian Chen and Tie Ta and smiled, "No wonder you two are so powerful that you can kill 20 Class 1 Magical Beasts. It turns out that you two are actually Tie Ta and Changyang Xiang Tian. The fact that I was able to meet you two was really great luck." The current Liang Xiaole seemed to be an entirely different person from the person yesterday evening. After only a single night, she seemed to already have pushed yesterday's events to the back of her mind. Now, her face didn't show a single trace of fear and dread from the thought of magical beasts.

Jian Chen lifted the well cooked magical beast meat, and then ripped off a section, throwing it over to Liang Xiaole, asking, "There are a lot of magical beasts in this forest. Moreover, if we don't stay for 3 more days, then we definitely cannot leave. Aren't you afraid?"

Liang Xiaole accepted the piece of magical beast meat, and while she lightly chewed it, she said, "Although I'm still scared, I believe that I will eventually get used to it. In addition, the two of you are not much older than me, yet you both faced those fierce Blue Wolves last night without a trace of fear. The two of you even managed to slaughter all of them. This is much more impressive than those other boys. Hmph, those boys were so useless; the five of them together couldn't defeat a single magical beast. In the end, their incompetence forced me to get separated from my sisters."

Liang Xiaole suddenly stood up, and loudly declared, "I've decided now. I will definitely use these next two days to properly learn from you two seniors."

Hearing this, Jian Chen inwardly nodded to himself. Liang Xiaole's statement had already gained Jian Chen's approval. Although she was timid, and was extremely afraid of magical beasts, that wasn't important. The most important factor was she was willing to change her ways, and to learn more.

After all, nobody was born with the ability to do and understand everything. All knowledge retained is a result of one going out to learn it. Of course, Jian Chen was an exception.

On the other hand, Liang Xiaole was born as the eldest daughter in a noble household. She had been spoiled since she was young, and had grown up in a sheltered environment. Obviously, she had never experienced any hardships. Thus, it was to be expected that she would inevitably be frightened during her first encounter with a savage magical beast. After all, this was the equivalent to an average person meeting a ghost for the first time; anyone would feel fear.

Chapter 39: Plans

After eating breakfast, Jian Chen and Tie Ta both grabbed their respective weapons before continuing on with their journey. However, trailing behind them was the dainty Liang Xiaole, who was empty handed. She looked around herself carefully due to her own weapon being long gone after she had been separated from her group and chased through the forest.

Tie Ta lifted his battleaxe; his clothes were already swapped out. This time, he was wearing Blue Wolf leather along with some grassroot to hold it together. His academy uniform was long since torn apart from yesterday's battle to the point where he couldn't wear it anymore.

In the blink of an eye, another day came and went. By looking at the profits, they weren't as good as the first day, but they weren't bad either. In total, they had killed 70 magical beasts, making Liang Xiaole feel shocked.

On this second day, Liang Xiaole went through a major change. Ever since the spectacle with the Blue Wolves, her entire personality had transformed. At the very least, whenever she saw a magical beast, she wouldn't scream in terror anymore. And whenever Tie Ta and Jian Chen would slaughter any enemy magical beast, she didn't even flinch at the sight of the blood. She was slowly starting to adapt to her situation..

Not only that, but in the same day, she had unexpectedly learned much about the dangers of the forest and gained knowledge pertaining to them. Her capacity for learning was extremely high, and even Jian Chen couldn't help but admire it. Of course, what was important was looking at her talent for cultivation, since in the Tian Yuan continent, one's own strength was what dictated who they were over everything else.

Liang Xiaole was also extraordinarily smart. Although she wasn't very strong, she definitely didn't cause trouble for Tie Ta or Jian Chen, nor was she a burden like the two had previously thought she would be. She would stay behind the two, and whenever the two fought against a magical beast, she would stand far away so that she wouldn't get caught up in it.

After that day, both Jian Chen or Tie Ta had a new levels of respect for Liang Xiaole, and no longer belittled her in their hearts.

Later that night, the three of them sat by the campfire to count the pile of monster cores.

"Dear seniors, have you two really not condensed your Saint Weapons and become Saints yet?" Liang Xiaole asked as she stared at them with her bright eyes. What a strange question. Her clothes were already filled with holes from the trees and thorns that stabbed and cut into her, and her pretty face resembled a kitty from the whisker like cuts. Since there were no water sources, she had to rely on drinking the blood of the magical beasts in order to stave off the thirst, and so there was no way she could wash off the filth on her face.

“If we were Saints, why would I be using this axe?” Tie Ta looked at his bundled up and heavily nicked battleaxe with no small amount of dissatisfaction.

After continued usage with Tie Ta’s strength, the giant battleaxe had finally worn out; the previously sharp edge was now becoming blunt after use. Even the previously sharp point on Jian Chen’s corroded iron rod had nearly become flat.

Liang Xiaole’s face was full of admiration as she stared at the two, “You two are really amazing; you’re not even at the Saint level yet and you can easily kill Class 1 Magical Beasts. In my opinion, once you reach the Saint level, you will be able to kill Class 2 Magical Beasts with ease.”

Jian Chen shook his head, “How would it be easy? These are magical beasts that were bred by the academy, so they have weak attack power. When we meet magical beasts with a stronger attack, then we will definitely have a harder time with it.”

Liang Xiaole nodded her head and said grimly, “That’s right. I’ve heard my dad say before that there are some amazing Class 1 Magical Beasts that can spit out some low level spells with a high amount of attack power. They’re so strong, that some normal Saints aren’t powerful enough to beat them.”

Jian Chen looked at Tie Ta, who was focusing on the campfire, “Tie Ta, right now there isn’t anything in the 2nd region that could stand a chance against us, so I want to move to the 3rd region. How do you feel about that?”

Tie Ta gave it some thought before saying, “Right, the 2nd region is already very easy for us since there isn’t a challenge anymore. Okay then, Changyang Xiang Tian, I’ll enter the 3rd region with you. It’s time to see how strong the Class 2 Magical Beasts really are.”

Hearing the two talk, Liang Xiaole who was sitting nearby said, “It can’t be, you two haven’t reached the Saint level and you still want to enter the 3rd region to fight Class 2 Magical Beasts? Without a Saint Weapon, there’s no guarantee of survival, and the skin of a Class 2 Magical Beast is stronger than that of Class 1 Magical Beasts, so it’s even tougher. You two only have a worn battleaxe and corroded iron rod, so that’ll make killing even harder. Not only that, but the environment in the 3rd region isn’t good at all; I’ve heard that there’s even a marsh filled with poisonous vipers inside. There’s a high chance you of losing your lives in the dangerous 3rd region.”

Tie Ta laughed as he looked at my weapon, “That’s right, Changyang Xiang Tian, over these past 2 days, our weapons have been in constant use, and my battleaxe has lost its sharpness. Even your own iron rod is almost flat, so it would be hard to kill Class 2 Magical Beasts.”

Jian Chen laughed, “There’s no rush, there are still plenty of students in the 2nd region. We still haven’t met with other students because we’re still far away from them. We

should return tomorrow, and exchange monster cores for weapons, since the students would be definitely interested.”

“Yea, that’s a good idea,” Tie Ta nodded in agreement.

Jian Chen continued, “Liang Xiaole, let’s split up tomorrow. If you’re with other students, then you should be able to safely pass through your last day. After all, anyone who has been able to endure 2 days here must have some real skills.”

Liang Xiaole nodded wordlessly. Her expression was a bit disappointed; after all, she also knew of the 3rd region’s dangers. She was unsure if Jian Chen and Tie Ta would be able to go against those magical beasts. If she continued along with them, even if Jian Chen and Tie Ta agreed to let her accompany them, she would only be a baggage that would hold them down.

The night passed without incident. Soon, the sky began to brighten. Jian Chen and Tie Ta finished their night of cultivation, and began to prepare breakfast.

After the three of them had finished eating, the sun had already gradually began to rise into the sky. They continued on their way; however, this time, they had begun walking back in the direction they had come from.

After two days of battles, the two boys had already become extremely skilled at sensing and avoiding danger, so it didn’t take long for them to arrive at their destination.

Under a large tree, nine students in tattered clothing were tiredly sitting underneath, catching their breaths. They were a group of commoners mixed with some nobles. At the moment, their clothes were ripped all over the place, with some dried out bloodstains covering them as well. They also sported injuries on their bodies, and not far from them was a carcass of a magical beast lying on the ground.

“Everyone, hold on for just a bit longer. This is already the last day. After this day ends, we can leave,” a commoner student breathlessly said.

“It’s unfortunate that we don’t have enough Magic Stones yet, we still need five more. It looks like we still have to slaughter five more magical beasts to pass.” said a young noble. Originally, the nobles hadn’t been willing to stay together with the commoners, but after encountering the savage magical beast, they were immediately scared out of their wits. Faced with life or death, who would care about people’s statuses? Protecting oneself was the greater priority. Thus, the few nobles had gradually decided to join the commoner students. After all, everyone knew there was strength in numbers. In addition, perhaps because the commoners had been raised in harsher environments, they did not show any signs of retreating when faced with savage magical beasts. This changed the arrogant nobles’ views of the commoners. Eventually, they had all slowly become friends.

Moreover, after constantly fighting against magical beasts, the nine of them had become more comfortable working together. Eventually, they had formed an unexpected bond that held all of them together with close relationships.

At that moment, there was a movement in the grass off in the distance.

“Everyone, be careful. A magical beast is attacking.” A student immediately reacted and loudly warned the others. Instantly, the nine of them stood up and stared with wary expressions towards the direction the sound had come from.

The grass swayed vigorously. Eventually, they saw a figure wearing beast leather swinging a large hatchet around, cutting down the weeds in his way. Right after the group noticed him, they saw that there were two other figures following behind him as well. Although their clothes were tattered, it was obvious that they were all wearing the Kargath Academy uniforms.

Perhaps because they had been traveling through the lush forest for so long, but their faces were dark, and they had random twigs in their hair. Only their general facial structures could be seen; their appearances were already indistinguishable.

Realizing that the figures were people and not magical beasts, the nine students immediately sighed in relief, and smiles slowly spread across their faces. At this point, if they could get those new people to join them, then the overall strength of their group would definitely rise. Hunting magical beasts would be much easier. In addition, all of them were smart enough to realize that these people who had stayed here for 3 days must be quite powerful.

Of course, these three people were Jian Chen, Tie Ta, and Liang Xiaole. After backtracking for half a day, they had finally discovered a group of people.

Since it was already the last of the three days, there weren't many people remaining in the forest. Most of them had already ran away, and so there were very few students that were still here.

When Liang Xiaole's gaze rested on a gorgeous girl standing amongst the group of nine, she showed a pleasantly surprised expression.

“Ah! Li Sha!” Liang Xiaole shouted out with an extremely excited voice, as she immediately flew towards the gorgeous girl.

Hearing a slightly familiar voice, the girl blinked her large, shining eyes, and gazed at Liang Xiaole, who was running towards her, in slight confusion. Currently, Liang Xiaole's face was covered with quite a bit of dirt, making her look like a calico cat. Even if this girl called Li Sha did know Liang Xiaole well, it was difficult for her to recognize Liang Xiaole with her current appearance.

Liang Xiaole rushed to the girl, and excitedly hugged her tightly. In a tone filled with joy, she said, "Li Sha, I hadn't imagined that I would've been able to see you again here. I thought you had already left the forest."

Hearing the overly familiar voice, the girl named Li Sha finally recognized who Liang Xiaole was. Pleasantly surprised, she said, "You...you're Xiao Le."

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"That's right, Li Sha. I'm Xiao Le," Liang Xiaole spoke, her voice dripping with emotion as she confirmed her friend's words.

"Xiao Le, it really is you, that's great! I thought that you had already escaped from this place, I never would've imagined that I would see you here." Li Sha, the girl in front of Liang Xiaole, was just as happy, and continued to hug her once-thought-to-be-lost friend.

The two girls joined in a tight embrace, Li Sha was laughing out loud "Liang Xiaole, I didn't think we'd be able to meet again after losing each other in the forest This really makes me happy!"

"Hello," said a youth wearing clothing as tattered as the other two. "I'm so glad to have met the two of you here. Um... How should I put this? I'm not sure if you want, but would you be willing to join our group? If you do, I can certainly guarantee that together our group will be much stronger and consequently will make hunting magical beasts a lot easier. And besides, danger lurks around every corner in these woods, it'd be better if we worked together." His tone was first likeable as he walked up to Jian Chen and Tie Ta, but as soon as he saw that Jian Chen's clothes were entirely crimson with fresh blood, he couldn't help but express shock. The youth seriously doubted that the blood was all from Jian Chen, because anyone who lost that much blood would definitely be beyond weak. There was no way such a person could firmly stand there, with such a sharp look.

Jian Chen shook his head, politely refusing, "I'm sorry, but we were just planning to leave this place, so we cannot join your group."

The youth had an expression of regret on his face; however, he still reconciled, "My two fellow students, although the magical beasts here are quite formidable, we have strength in numbers. As long as everyone is willing to work together, even if we meet two magical beasts at once, they definitely won't pose any threat. If everyone hands over two Class 1 Magic Stones, I believe that we will soon gather enough." The youth continued to press the issue. His gaze was quite sharp, and it was obvious that he had already realized that Jian Chen's and Tie Ta's strengths were above average.

“We really do not have any other options. The two of us have already decided to leave here, so we cannot join your group. Please forgive us.” In order to reciprocate the formal request, Jian Chen’s tone was just as amiable.

Hearing that Jian Chen and Tie Ta were set on leaving, the youth could not help but be disappointed. He really could not understand why, although only one out of the three days was remaining, the two people refused to stay. As long as they paid up two Class 1 Magic Stones, they’d be able to successfully join. Yet, Jian Chen and Tie Ta still chose to leave the area. Could it be that the two of them really wanted to pass up such an opportunity?

The youth thought that Jian Chen and Tie Ta had given up and wanted to leave the forest. He couldn’t have ever imagined that their “leaving” actually meant leaving the second region to enter the third region, not actually leaving the forest.

At that moment, Tie Ta glanced at the battleaxe that one of the students was holding. His eyes lit up in happiness, and he directly walked over to the student with an intrepid air, and asked in a muffled voice, “Hey, if I give you two Class 1 Magic Stones, will you trade your battleaxe for them?” Asking this, Tie Ta pulled out the battleaxe on his back with one hand, and used his other hand to retrieve from his Space Belt, two Class 1 Magic Stones that were still covered in fresh blood.

It was at that moment that the group of people realized that the large battleaxe in Tie Ta’s hands was covered in fresh blood. The entire surface had been dyed crimson. The appearance alone was beyond shocking; it looked as if was a murder weapon that had been constantly doused by blood. What was even more disbelieving was that the battleaxe made of firm metal as hard as steel, had already been completely riddled with cracks. Moreover, some parts of the blade were even bent.

Most people would not be able to believe this sight; they had all assumed that when Tie Ta had chosen his weapon, it had been like this from the beginning. There was no way they could’ve imagined that all of the axe’s damages had been caused by Tie Ta himself.

The student with the intrepid air looked at the beaten up axe in front of him, which was so red that it looked like it had been made from blood, and was at a loss for a moment. When the other students heard Tie Ta’s request, their eyes immediately lit up, and looked at the intrepid student with looks of envy, as if they were about to offer up their own weapons to trade with Tie Ta.

“My fellow student, I can exchange this sword of mine with you.” A student carrying a giant one-handed sword walked over to Tie Ta and said with a smile.

Hearing, Tie Ta looked down at the battleaxe that was in his grip, shook his head and spoke, “No need, I still prefer to use the battleaxe.”

Hearing this, the male suddenly had a face full of disappointment. At this moment, getting two Class 1 Magic Stones was more important than anything else. Not to mention him, if the others could, they would also be willing to trade their weapons to Tie Ta for two Class 1 Magic Stones. Even if their weapons were worth more than two Class 1 Magic Stones, they would still not hesitate.

The tall and sturdy male was not dumb. After considering it for a bit, he happily handed over his battleaxe to fulfill the exchange. Who would be willing to refuse such a profitable exchange?

After the exchange was completed, the group of people began to look at Tie Ta with a different light. A few of the smarter students had already connected the battleaxe's battered state to the possibility that Tie Ta had caused it. From this point, they could directly confirm Tie Ta's extraordinary strength. Otherwise, why else would he just casually hand over two Class 1 Magic Stones? This place wasn't like outside; before entering the forest, the school administration had already confiscated any devices the students had. They had even patted the student's bodies down to thoroughly check. There was absolutely no way the Magic Stone could've been brought in from the outside. The only way that Magic Stones could be gained inside the forest was to hunt magical beasts.

However, there was just one thing the people couldn't understand. If Tie Ta and Jian Chen had the strengths to hunt magical beasts, why didn't they want to stay in the forest for all 3 days? After all, the academy's rules clearly dictated that they could only pass if they stayed for 3 days and paid up two Class 1 Magic Stones. If only one was fulfilled, they wouldn't pass.

"Could it be that they don't care about the rewards? Or perhaps they had lied about leaving, and actually just didn't want to kill magical beasts together with the few of us?" Everyone could not help but think of these possibilities. When considering these thoughts, a few of the people immediately began to gaze at Jian Chen and Tie Ta with expressions of discontent.

Jian Chen did not pay any mind to their expressions. He looked at the Liang Xiaole and the girl she was hugging, and said, "Liang Xiaole, since you've found your friend now, why don't you just stick with this group? They have more people too."

Liang Xiaole slowly separated from the girl, and looked back at Jian Chen and Tie Ta. She nodded, "Then you two have to be careful."

Afterwards, Tie Ta and Jian Chen didn't bother wasting any time, and immediately left the area.

After the two of them had left, the girl called Li Sha asked in a resentful tone, "Xiao Le, who are they? They're so arrogant that they don't even think they should be with us."

“Li Sha, you’re mistaken. It’s not that they don’t want to be together with you guys; they really do want to leave here.” Liang Xiaole explained.

“That can’t be!” Li Sha exclaimed in disbelief. “Li Sha, the fact that they could casually give away a Class 1 Magic Stone means that the two of them have the strength to kill magical beasts. Plus, when they were trading the two magical stones away for the weapon, it was obvious that they were planning on continuing to fight. How could they possibly be leaving this place?”

“That’s right, Xiao Le, you’ve been tricked by them.” A youth standing on the side added.

Liang Xiaole smiled, “They’re definitely leaving this place, but they didn’t explain it clearly to you guys. They want to leave the second region, and move on to the third region to hunt the Class 2 Magical Beasts.”

“What! Liang Xiaole, what kind of joke are you trying to pull? It’s impossible for the two of them to go to the third region to hunt Class 2 Magical Beasts!”

“Could it be that their strengths have already reached Saint level? But that can’t be right either. If they had reached the Saint level, then there would be no need to change weapons.”

“Those two are really reckless, to want to go to the third region.”

“They’re definitely seeking death.”

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Immediately following Liang Xiaole’s words, the group of people immediately broke into chaos as they began to discuss in a frenzy amongst each other. None of them thought that Jian Chen and Tie Ta would be able to survive the third region.

Li Sha pulled at Liang Xiaole’s hands, and in a clearly disbelieving tone, she asked, “Xiao Le, they aren’t really crazy enough to run over to the third region, right?”

Liang Xiaole nodded, “That’s right, they really did go to the third region. Li Sha, you cannot underestimate the two of them, they’re really formidable.” Liang Xiaole said with conviction.

“Could it be that the two of them really are Saints?” Li Sha asked in shock. The school administration had clearly declared that all students that were Saints had to enter the third region. There was no way they could’ve appeared in the second region.

Liang Xiaole shook her head, “No, their powers haven’t reached Saint level yet, because they still haven’t condensed their Saint Weapons.”

Hearing this, Li Sha's shock grew even more pronounced. Without reaching Saint level, surviving in the second region was already difficult enough, let alone being in the third region. After all, the magical beasts in the third region were Class 2 Magical Beasts, which weren't any small amount stronger than Class 1 Magical Beasts. The two classes could not even be compared.

Li Sha and Liang Xiaole were close friends. Therefore, Liang Xiaole didn't feel the need to hide anything from Li Sha. In a soft voice, she said, "Li Sha, I'll just tell you this. Yesterday, I personally witnessed the two of them kill 70+ magical beasts by themselves."

Li Sha was beyond shocked by this, as she exclaimed, "What! Xiao Le, are you joking? The two of them killed 70+ magical beasts by themselves in one day?" Li Sha was so astonished that she couldn't contain her voice. She had gradually become louder and louder, until the other 8 people were able to hear her quite clearly. In that instant, all of their expressions changed at the thought of Jian Chen and Tie Ta achieving what Liang Xiaole had said, and their expressions were beyond disbelief.

"Li Sha, what did you say? Which two people were able to kill 70+ Class 1 Magical Beasts in a day?" A youth asked. He could not accept the possibility that "the two people" were actually Jian Chen and Tie Ta, whom they had just met.

Li Sha tried to calm her breathing, and grasped at her chest before pointing to Liang Xiaole. In a trembling voice, she said, "Xiao Le said that she personally witnessed the two people just now kill 70+ magical beasts in one day." Li Sha's tone reflected the fact that she thought such a possibility was inconceivable.