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Chapter 5411 Someone In The Distance

Lin Yi and Bing Wuqing still didn't know what a snake head meant, but he had made up his mind. If it weren't for Lin Yi and Bing Wuqing's constant provocation, he wouldn't have to take such a risk. But now that Ling Tianyou felt the pressure, if he didn't push himself hard, then not to mention Lin Yi, even Bing Wuqing and Xue Jianfeng would leave him behind forever. His pride made it impossible for him to fall behind.

"Challenging the limits?" Lin Yi looked at Ling Tianyou deeply. Although he didn't know the exact situation, he could make out the general situation from the look in his eyes. He said immediately,"I understand, but this doesn't conflict with you going down with us. Even if you want to challenge your limits, you can wait until you come up. If we can really find the spiritual fruits, we'll split them equally among the three of us. If there's not enough, I'll compensate you with spiritual jades."

"I appreciate brother Lin's kind intentions, but I've already made up my mind. Brother Lin, you don't have to persuade me anymore. We'll meet again." Ling Tianyou cupped his hands at Lin Yi and Bing Wuqing, turned around, and left.

As she watched Ling Tianyou leave, Bing Wuqing suddenly said,""It seems like this fellow has been provoked quite badly."

"He's extremely talented and has a strong will. Although he's not smooth, he's still worthy of praise. If there are no accidents, he'll definitely become a great person in the future." Lin Yi said, deep in thought. He rarely evaluated others, and his evaluation was already extremely high. Bing Wuqing was also a person with unlimited potential, but in the long run, it was really hard to say if she could continue to be better than Ling Tianyou.

| Of course, now that Bing Wuqing was following Lin Yi, Ling Tianyou couldn't even compare to her in terms of cultivation resources. If they couldn't make up for the difference in this aspect, the difference in strength between them would only grow bigger and bigger. |
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| The two of them didn't waste any more time and immediately jumped into the sea, diving into the underground cave.   |
| It was just as Ling Tianyou had said. About half a li further in from the entrance, the inside of the cave suddenly opened up. After going ashore, there was still a height of nearly thirty meters from the top of the cave, and the environment was rather spacious.    |
| The most amazing thing was that this place was different from what they had imagined. It was not completely dark, but there was a soft green light everywhere. It was like a paradise in a fairy tale, intoxicating people.   |
| "This light" Bing Wuqing couldn't help but furrow her brows. Although the soft green light around them was beautiful, it gave her a strange feeling of danger. His past experiences had told him that the more beautiful something was, the more dangerous it was.        |
| "It seems that this place is often covered by seawater. If I'm not wrong, this place will be completely flooded every high tide. We don't have much time left." Lin Yi said as he looked around.  |
| Bing Wuqing glanced at him, and her dazed face was filled with confusion.   |
| "Look at that glowing thing. It's some kind of plankton that lives in the sea. Their bodies emit a green glow. Look, not only are they everywhere on the ground, but they're also on top of the cave. If it weren't   |

for the fact that they're always covered by seawater, they wouldn't stay here for no reason, not to mention that they're all alive." Lin Yi explained.

"Yes." Bing Wuqing nodded, marveling at Lin Yi's observation skills. She had a whole new understanding of Lin Yi's observation skills. All the Masters she had met before were far weaker than Lin Yi in terms of actual strength. He was basically a straightforward person, using his fists to settle everything. There were very few who paid attention to details like Lin Yi.

"I don't think this place is too big. We should be able to sweep the area before it gets dark outside. We should be able to get out before the high tide. Let's split up and hurry up." Lin Yi decided to split into two groups. After all, Bing Wuqing was different from his other followers. With her peak-level early nascent soul realm strength, she could easily go anywhere in the small ancient martial world. There was no need for her to follow him all the time.

As for the spiritual fruits, Lin Yi believed that Bing Wuqing wouldn't keep them for herself if she really got them. He didn't trust her character, but her brain.

Xue Jianfeng would definitely do something as stupid as pocketing the spiritual fruits for himself, but Bing Wuqing would never do it, because he was a smart person.

"Alright," he said. Without any hesitation, Bing Wuqing chose a direction to search, while Lin Yi chose the opposite direction. Relying on his extraordinary divine sense, he moved extremely fast, and at first glance, he looked like a shadow shuttling back and forth. This underground cave wasn't big, but it wasn't small either. If they didn't move fast enough, they wouldn't be able to finish searching before the tide rose.

In this underground cave, in addition to the plankton that emitted green fluorescent light, the most common thing was seaweed. In addition, there was almost no other vegetation, let alone any large

plants, so it was a bit of a panoramic view. However, this did not mean that it was easy to find the spiritual fruits.

From Ling Tianyou's description, Lin Yi already knew what the spirit sense fruit looked like, but he didn't know if it was a fruit or if it just grew on the ground. It was easy to find a fruit in this place, but it would be a bit troublesome if it grew on the ground covered with seaweed.

Before this, Lin Yi had agreed with Ling Tianyou's judgment, thinking that the legendary spirit sense fruit might be growing in the cave. But now, he was a little doubtful. If his deduction was right, the cave was often submerged in seawater. Could it be that the spirit sense fruit could grow in seawater?

Most people, including Lin Yi, thought that the spiritual fruit would only grow in places with rich spiritual Qi. The possibility of it growing in the sea was almost non-existent. The sea didn't have a high compatibility with spiritual Qi, and once it was surrounded by the sea all year round, the spiritual Qi would be the same as in the mortal world. What kind of treasure could grow in this kind of environment?

Of course, there were only a few people who had actually seen a spiritual fruit. Perhaps spiritual fruits were just so strange!

After searching in one direction for a while, Lin Yi suddenly stopped. It wasn't because he found a spiritual fruit, but because his spiritual sense sensed that there were people not far ahead, and not just one.

This was strange! From what Ling Tianyou said, he and his master had discovered this place by chance, and the place could indeed be said to be hidden. Under normal circumstances, even if someone came to the cliff, it would be very difficult to find it, unless they were being chased by spirit beasts like Ling

Tianyou and the others. Otherwise, they couldn't have jumped down to fish out of boredom, and thus accidentally discovered this underground cave, right?

Chapter 5412 Duanmu Yu's Groom

There could only be two explanations for these people to appear in this place. They had either gotten the news from Ling Tianyou or his master, or they had gotten the news from other sources.

By normal judgment, the latter was much more likely. However, in this case, it was worth pondering what kind of channel was behind this.

After all, this place was too well-hidden, and even the official manager of the snake Island, Marquis Yu, might not know about it. It was fine if Ling Tianyou and his master accidentally came in, but if such a coincidence happened to two different people at the same time, it would make people shudder.

With Lin Yi's personality, he'd have to find a way to get to the bottom of it if he thought there was something going on. He stayed where he was and watched. At this distance, he could clearly sense the movements of the people in front of him, but the other party couldn't sense him, unless they were also at the xuansheng stage.

There were a total of four people. Their strength was not outstanding among the cultivators who came to the snake Island for the trial, but they were not too weak either. One was in the early jiedan stage, one was in the complete foundation Stage, and two were in the peak of the late Foundation Stage.

This kind of strength allocation was more than enough for the other ordinary trials in the immemorial small Jianghu. However, on this Snake Island, it could only be considered as passable, rather passable.

Even Ling Tianyou and his master were treading on thin ice here, let alone the people in front of them. If they were to encounter a ferocious spirit beast like the armored bone snake, this group of people would definitely be completely annihilated, and it would be difficult for them to escape even if they wanted to.

But what surprised Lin Yi was that these four people didn't seem to be in the same group-they should've been in the same group, but they were having an internal conflict.

The four of them were divided into two groups. Early jiedan stage and two peak late Foundation Stage cultivators were in one group, and the remaining perfected Foundation Stage cultivators were in another group. At this moment, the two sides were confronting each other, swords drawn.

"Chu Tianlu, you didn't expect this day to come, did you?" One of the peak late Foundation Stage Masters took the lead and sneered. It seemed that he was the core of the three-man Group. Even the early jiedan stage master was standing behind him with his hands clasped behind his back, just like an attendant.

"Why?" The young man named Chu Tianlu was both shocked and furious. Obviously, he had not expected things to turn out this way all of a sudden. In his opinion, the three people in front of him were not irreconcilable enemies at all. Even if they did not get along with each other occasionally, it was far from reaching the point where they would fight to the death. After all, these three people were from the same clan and clan!

Especially Chu tianliang, who was standing in front of him. They were very close by blood and were real cousins. In terms of status, they were both the direct grandchildren of the Chu clan's master. They had played together since they were young and had a good relationship in the past. It was only in recent years that their relationship had become more distant. How did they end up in such a state?

| "Why?" Chu tianliang laughed when he heard that. He said awkwardly, "My dear cousin, do you really    |
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| not know why? I remember that you were always very smart when you were young. Every time Grandpa      |
| inspected us, you were always the one who received praise. Now that you're in this situation, you can |
| still ask such an idiotic question. Where did your smart brain go?"                                   |
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Chu Tianlu was silent for a moment before he slowly said,""For the spiritual awareness fruit?"

As the saying goes, men die for wealth while birds die for food. Killing and snatching treasures had always been a norm in the cultivation world, especially in the face of such a rare treasure like the spiritual fruit that was almost legendary. Even if Blood Brothers turned against each other, it would be a very normal thing, not to mention that he and Chu tianliang were not Blood Brothers, they were merely cousins separated by a layer of blood.

"Speaking of this, we still have to thank you. If it wasn't for your sudden idea to jump down, we wouldn't have found this good place, let alone find the spiritual awareness fruit." The three smiled at each other-the cave was so well hidden that even Lin Yi wouldn't be able to find it with his spirit sense, let alone them.

Lin Yi's heart skipped a beat as he turned his attention to Chu Tianlu. Was it a sudden thought ...?

If it was like the last time when Ling Tianyou and the others were chased by the armored bone snake to the point that they had no way out, it would still be fine. But which normal person would suddenly have the idea of jumping into the sea? What the hell is this Chu Tianlu?

"But we haven't even found the shadow of the spirit sense fruit yet, isn't it too early to fall out with me?" Chu Tianlu retorted. He was not a fool. If Chu tianliang had really found the spiritual fruit, he would definitely be on guard against him. However, Chu tianliang's impatience to make a move on him at this time was beyond his expectations.

"Hehe, my dear cousin, you're really naà ve to be able to ask such a question. Is there really nothing wrong with your brain?" Chu tianliang continued to mock, his face full of superiority as he sneered,""If I find a spiritual fruit, then of course I'll fall out with you, but even if I don't have a spiritual fruit, isn't our relationship already doomed to be irreconcilable?"

"I don't understand," Chu Tianlu shook his head calmly and asked himself honestly. He had always treated his cousin Chu tianliang rather well since he was young. Even if he had become a little cold and distant in the past two years due to their different views, it was far from being considered an enmity. So why were they irreconcilable?

"Hmph, you're really slow. Fine, since you took care of me when I was young, I'll be merciful and let you die with a clear understanding. I'll give you a hint, Duanmu Yu of the leaf spirit sect." Chu tianliang snorted coldly.

Duanmu Yu? Lin Yi couldn't help but be surprised at the name. He thought that this was just a common killing of each other-for treasures like the spiritual fruit, there would be countless killings every day, no matter if it was on Sky Class Island or in the ancient martial world. He didn't think that Duanmu Yu would be involved!

"What do you mean?" Chu Tianlu still seemed to be confused.

"Ha, do you really not know or are you just pretending not to know? our Chu family will soon be connected by marriage with the leaf spirit sect! That nascent Soul Stage old monster of leaf spirit sect is seriously injured, and everyone knows that he can't hold on for long. Grandpa just happened to be a new nascent Soul Stage old monster, and our Chu family's power is far from comparable to these traditional sects. If we can't find someone to rely on as soon as possible, Grandpa, a new nascent Soul Stage old monster, not only won't be able to lead the Chu family to a meteoric rise, he might even bring about a disaster. After all, our Chu family has many enemies, and they definitely won't sit back and

| watch the Chu family rise. Moreover, leaf spirit sect is in urgent need of a new nascent soul old monster. |
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| In addition, we have always had a good relationship. Since the couple is interested, marriage is a must!"  |
| Chu tianliang explained.   |

These things were no secret, and Chu Tianlu naturally knew about them. However, he still asked,""So what?"

Chapter 5413 Brothers Fighting

"Since it's a marriage that represents the official merger of the two families, it's an important event for both the ye spirit sect and our Chu family. The marriage partner sent by both parties must undoubtedly be the successor of their respective forces. Only in this way can the ye spirit sect and the Chu family be completely integrated into one force after the children of both parties are born, and gain a firm foothold in the middle Island or even the entire ancient Alliance." Chu tianliang continued.

Chu Tianlu didn't seem to have reacted yet, but Lin Yi had a rough idea as a bystander.

It was obvious that Chu tianliang was plotting against Chu Tianlu not because of the spiritual fruit, but because of the marriage!

"I don't think I need to explain what kind of person Duanmu Yu is. In the younger generation of the ancient Alliance, he is definitely a top genius. There is no doubt about his position in the leaf spirit sect. Whoever marries him will be the successor of our Chu family and will also obtain the best opportunity to enter the leaf spirit sect in the future. This is without a doubt." Chu tianliang's eyes lit up as he spoke.

Although the Chu family had a nascent soul old monster, which was already an outstanding existence compared to ordinary sects and families, it was still inferior to the level of the ten small sects and families. Even if they had a nascent soul old monster, it was useless. The reason was that their potential in other aspects was too lacking.

Not to mention other things, just the most important backbone of the Chu family was completely incomparable to the ten small sects and families like ye spirit sect. Any of the ten small sects and families had more than two digits of Jindan stage experts, and some even had 20 to 30. However, looking at the Chu family, all the Jindan stage experts under the nascent soul old monster added up only had two people. The gap was obvious.

In comparison, due to the fact that the Chu clan had spent a lot of money to nurture their reserve forces in recent years, the gap between the younger generation of the Chu clan and the traditional rich and powerful sects like the leaf spirit sect seemed to be much smaller. At least, the number of disciples in the symbolic stages of the perfected foundation building realm and the peak of the late foundation building realm seemed to be almost the same at first glance.

However, this was all an illusion.

Even though they were all at the peak of the late Foundation Stage, the difference in strength and potential between them could be as great as the difference between heaven and earth. Geniuses like Ling Tianyou and Duanmu Yu were destined to have boundless prospects, but to the vast majority of experts at this level, being able to reach the threshold of the Golden core stage was already an extremely high achievement. It might even be possible that they would be stuck at this level for the rest of their lives.

Among the younger generation of the Chu clan, the two most prominent figures were Chu Tianlu and Chu tianliang. Chu Tianlu was slightly better in terms of talent and strength, but even so, he was far from being comparable to Duanmu Yu and the others. Duanmu Yu was an influential figure in the small Jianghu of the immemorial era, while they were just a group of people who had never been paid attention to.

Now that the opportunity was right in front of their eyes, they had the chance to marry Duanmu Yu. This was something that was completely unimaginable in the past, so it was no wonder that Chu tianliang was so excited.

After all, he had seen Duanmu Yu's side with his own eyes. Other than his somewhat heroic spirit, he could also be considered to have both the face and the figure. In addition, he had the strength and status behind him. At that time, he had such a feeling. If he could one day conquer such a woman in bed, what else could a man ask for?

The family's upper hand was almost settled, and the marriage was a foregone conclusion. With Duanmu Yu right in front of him, Chu tianliang's heart was itching for a fight. Unfortunately, this matter was far from certain.

As expected, the marriage candidate sent by the Chu clan would definitely be either him or Chu Tianlu. The other disciples of the Chu clan's younger generation were either too weak or too weak to be considered.

Chu tianliang had been drooling over Duanmu Yu for a long time. Naturally, he would think of a way to get rid of Chu Tianlu before the marriage candidate was confirmed. Not only was he the grandson of the clan head, but his strength was also a level higher than his. This was the biggest obstacle in his way.

That was why they deliberately turned against each other.

The Supreme Snake Island was the best opportunity to get rid of Chu Tianlu. For this reason, he had spent a lot of effort to persuade his father. He had spared no expense to rent two extra entry slots to bring in these two helpers. Otherwise, it would be good enough if he didn't get killed by Chu Tianlu, let alone kill him.

"I don't intend to fight with you over mu Yu." It was only now that Chu Tianlu finally understood the other party's intentions. He had always been focused on cultivation and rarely paid attention to gossip that had nothing to do with cultivation. He was one of the latest people to know about the marriage with leaf spirit sect, and he had no interest in Duanmu Yu at all. He never thought that he would actually become a thorn in Chu tianliang's side because of this. He was simply an innocent victim.

"Is that so?" Chu tianliang narrowed his eyes upon hearing Duanmu Yu's words. He clearly did not believe him. As the saying goes, a Fair Lady is a man's favorite. Although Duanmu Yu was different from ordinary women, he was not lacking in the attractiveness of men at all. On the contrary, he was even more attractive than Duanmu Yu. Chu tianliang did not believe that Duanmu Yu would not have any feelings for him.

"I'm telling you the truth. I've never met Duanmu Yu, nor have I ever cared about him. You can rest assured about this. After all, we've been brothers for several decades. Is it appropriate for us to kill each other over a woman we don't even know?" Chu Tianlu retorted.

"Now that you've put it that way, it does not seem very appropriate." Chu tianliang's attitude suddenly changed,""To tell you the truth, your cousin has never mistreated me in any way. If it wasn't for the fact that I had no other choice, I wouldn't want to cause a life-and-death struggle between you and me. However, what if Grandpa decides to arrange a marriage between you and Duanmu Yu? what should I do then?"

Although he had already made up his mind to get rid of Chu Tianlu on the snake Island, and the plan had already been set up, it was almost certain that he would succeed. However, this was not without risk for Chu tianliang. After all, Chu Tianlu was not an ordinary person. If he were to suddenly die on the snake Island at this juncture, no matter how flawlessly he had prepared, it would still easily arouse suspicion. If his grandfather were to take this seriously, there would be no small trouble in the future.

| "That's easy, I'll just reject it on the spot. " Chu Tianlu said directly. He had no interest in this matter to |
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| begin with. Furthermore, he was not a one-track minded idiot. If the negotiations fell through, his             |
| chances of survival would be close to zero. After all, other than Chu tianliang, there was still an expert in   |
| the early golden core stage and an expert at the peak of the late Foundation establishment stage on the         |
| other side. He was not Ling Tianyou   |
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"It's easy for you to say. Who can reject our grandpa's decision?" Chu tianliang did not believe him at all.

Chapter 5414 Finding The Spiritual Fruit

From Chu tianliang's point of view, if things really came to that, Chu Tianlu wouldn't be able to resist even if he really wanted to. Moreover, he didn't believe that Chu Tianlu would be so foolish as to push away such a good opportunity.

"Then what do you want?" Chu Tianlu frowned.

Chu tianliang thought for a moment and suddenly grinned,""How about this? you go back and marry a woman immediately. I'll arrange a woman in the brothel for you. Do you agree?"

Lin Yi's mouth twitched at this-this kid was a bit like Xue Jianfeng, full of evil ideas. He was worried that Chu Tianlu would be exposed if he killed him here, so he let Chu Tianlu ruin himself. Once he married a woman from a brothel, Chu Tianlu would naturally be excluded from the marriage alliance without any hidden dangers, killing two birds with one stone.

"I don't agree to it." Chu Tianlu's rejection was so direct that even Lin Yi, a bystander, couldn't help but be speechless. In this situation, anyone would think of a way to deal with it. They could've just agreed verbally first and then made plans after they went back. At least there would be room for negotiation, but this guy rejected it without hesitation. Was there something wrong with this guy's brain?

| "What did you just say?" Chu tianliang thought he had heard wrong.  |       |
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| "I'll say it again, I won't agree to this kind of stupid thing. " Chu Tianlu's expression remained unchai   | nged. |
| "Hmph, then there's nothing more to say. My dear cousin, you can die now." Chu tianliang immedia signaled the two people beside him to take action. At this point, he had no choice but to take action matter how serious the consequences were. Otherwise, all his efforts would have been in vain.    | •     |
| "Wait! I definitely won't agree to the bullshit brothel woman thing, but if I say that I can definitely fi spirit sense fruit and Exchange it for my life, how about it?" Chu Tianlu suddenly said.   | ind a |
| "What did you just say?" Everyone was shocked. Even Lin Yi, who was watching coldly from a distan felt his eyelids Twitch. Normally, anyone would sneer at such words. If what Chu Tianlu said was tru would definitely be able to find the spiritual fruit. Did his family own the snake Island?       |       |
| However, at this moment, Chu Tianlu's expression was serious. He didn't look like he was speaking without thinking. It gave people the feeling that he was speaking an undoubted fact. It didn't matte whether others believed it or not, but judging from his posture, he would definitely believe it. | r     |
| "I can find the spirit sense fruit and it will be yours. From now on, we will not interfere with each ot<br>Chu Tianlu said seriously.  | her." |
| Chu tianliang didn't believe this kind of nonsense at all. Just as he was about to order his men to tak action, the early golden core stage expert beside him suddenly came over. This person's name was  |       |

Wenshang, and he was the only two golden core stage experts in the Chu clan. If it wasn't for the fact that he was separated from the main clan by a few generations, he might have been chosen as the next head of the clan. Even if he wasn't good enough, he could still get a position of a top elder with real power, and not just a hollow title like now.

Of course, if it wasn't for his awkward position, Chu Wenshang wouldn't have appeared here today. After all, as an early Aurous core stage elder, he specially came out to be a hatchet man for a junior like Chu tianliang. This kind of thing was a bit embarrassing to say, but for the sake of profit, Chu Wenshang finally pinched his nose and agreed.

1,000 spiritual jades was the price that Chu tianliang had offered. If not for his father who was in charge of the entire Chu clan's finances, he would not have been able to fork out such a huge sum of money. Chu Wenshang agreed to it on the spot without much consideration.

Don't forget that this was the Supreme Snake Island, the legendary place that produced spiritual awareness fruits. If he ran out to kill someone, not only would he get a thousand spiritual jades, but he might even have the opportunity to get spiritual awareness fruits. Why not?

"Tianliang, why don't you give him a chance?" Chu Wenshang said. When he saw Chu tianliang frowning, he added,""He jumped down for no reason today. I think there must be something wrong. Maybe we'll get some unexpected gains?"

"This ..." Chu tianliang hesitated for a moment. Although Chu Wenshang's position in the clan was a little awkward, his strength was still there, especially when his father needed to rope in this influential expert in order to obtain the position of the next clan head. In order to deal with Chu Tianlu, he needed to rely on him even more. Chu Wenshang's words couldn't be ignored.

| But the problem was, if Chu Tianlu really found the spiritual fruit, what should he do? should h | e really |
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| let him go?  |          |

In Chu tianliang's eyes, the marriage with Duanmu Yu was obviously much more important than the spiritual fruit. If he could not get rid of Chu Tianlu this time, it would be equivalent to beating the grass and alerting the snake. He would not have any more chances after returning to Nakajima.

"Don't worry, it's hard to say whether he can find it or not. Moreover, even if he does find it, won't you still have the final say?" Chu Wenshang sneered silently.

Chu tianliang's eyes brightened, but he pretended to hesitate for a moment before nodding."Okay, if you can find the spiritual fruit, I promise to let you go this time. But you have to promise that you won't fight with me over the wood Jade, otherwise don't blame me for being ruthless."

"I've never been interested in Duanmu Yu. It's a deal. " Chu Tianlu didn't suspect anything. He immediately turned around and led the way.

Chu tianliang and Chu Wenshang looked at each other and followed closely with another peak late Foundation establishment cultivator. They thought that they were the Mantis stalking the cicada, but they did not know that they were the Oriole behind.

An hour later, Chu Tianlu had led the group to the deepest part of the cave. It had been peaceful all along the way. Such a mysterious underground cave must be a place full of danger in everyone's eyes. They didn't expect that they wouldn't even see a fly here, let alone a terrifying beast. It was like a paradise.

| "Where are the spirit sense fruits? You've led us around in circles for so long. Chu Tianlu, you're not just trying to stall for time, are you?" Chu tianliang was starting to get impatient.  |
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| Not only him, but even Chu Wenshang, who was beside him, began to look impatient. The reason why he believed in Chu Tianlu was entirely because of how this guy had discovered this underground cave. Unfortunately, it seemed that this guy's miracles had come to an end.  |
| "I'm not beating around the bush. " Chu Tianlu suddenly stopped in his tracks. He turned around to look at Chu tianliang and the other two,""I've found the spirit sense fruit. "  |
| "Where?" Everyone was shocked. They looked around, but there was nothing.  |
| "You dare to play with us?" Chu tianliang was on the verge of falling out. If Chu Wenshang had not spoken, he would have already made his move. Now that he had confirmed that the other party was just trying to stall for time, there was no need to waste any more time.  |
| "Playing with you?" Chu Tianlu looked at him with a strange expression.""When did I trick you? Isn't the spiritual awareness fruit here? it's not easy to have the opportunity to come to the snake Island. Don't tell me you don't even know what the spiritual awareness fruit looks like?"  Chapter 5415 How To Split |
| "Right here?" Everyone was even more confused. Other than some seaweed that could be seen everywhere, there was nothing else, so where did the spiritual fruits come from?   |
| "It seems that you really don't know" Chu Tianlu's expression became even weirder. Because the Chu clan had always had a quota for the Supreme Snake Island by chance, they had specially collected a lot  |

of ancient remnant books about the spiritual fruit. As long as they were well prepared, they could obtain

a lot of information about the spiritual fruit from them. At least, it was much more abundant than the rumors in the outside world. However, it seemed that Chu tianliang and the others had not put much effort into this area.

After saying that, Chu Tianlu bent down and squatted down, looking for a strangely shaped black stone by his feet. At first glance, it looked unremarkable, but if one observed it carefully, one would find that the shape of this black stone was very similar to the head of a triangular poisonous snake. The various hideous spots on its surface made people shudder.

Chu tianliang and the others were still dumbfounded. Chu Tianlu picked up the black stone and explained,""Everyone knows that the spiritual fruit is shaped like a snake's gallbladder, and it is even said to be transformed from the gallbladder of the Supreme Snake Clan, but it can't just grow outside alone, right? According to "records of primordial oddities," the survival rate of the Supreme snake tribe is extremely low, and more than 90% of the young snakes die young. Among these young snakes that die young, very few will be buried in the ground for petrifying, and very few of the petrified young snakes will condense the essence of the Supreme snake tribe, which is the legendary spiritual fruit."

As he spoke, Chu Tianlu carefully removed the Black Rock from the ground. Chu tianliang and the others 'eyelids twitched. This Black Rock really did look like a snake's head. There was even a long, pitch-black snake's body attached to it, but it was a petrified snake's body.

At first glance, it really did look like a living snake!

Chu tianliang and the rest were already convinced by the strange appearance of the fruit. They started to breathe heavily \* after all \* this was the legendary spiritual fruit. Even someone like Chu tianliang, who was obsessed with marriage, could not help but feel his heart beating wildly when he thought about how he was about to obtain the spiritual fruit.

| On this trip to the Supreme Snake Island, getting rid of Chu Tianlu was his primary goal. However, if he could obtain the spiritual fruit, it would be a great surprise. It would be a waste not to get it!  |
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| "Hurry and bring it over!" Chu tianliang could not wait any longer. He wanted to grab the petrifying serpent.  |
| "Hold on, we agreed before that I'll give you the spiritual awareness fruit and we'll stay out of each other's business." Chu Tianlu wasn't so $na\tilde{A}^-$ ve that he was beyond redemption.   |
| "Of course, I swear on my family's name that I will not go back on my words, as long as you don't come and ruin my plans after I return." Chu tianliang's face was full of sincerity.  |
| "Sure, but I can't give it to you here. I'll give it to you as soon as we get back to Nakajima." Chu Tianlu didn't believe in the other party's oath so much. He didn't mind fighting with his brother of decades just to compete for the marriage candidate. If he believed in the other party's character, it could only prove one thing-his brain was really flooded with water.  |
| Chu Tianlu didn't believe Chu tianliang, and it was obvious that Chu tianliang didn't believe his cousin at all. It should be known that the secret plan of the Supreme Snake Island must not be exposed to the public, especially not to the grandfather clan master who had just advanced to the nascent Soul Stage. Otherwise, not only would all the previous plans fail, but it would also cause trouble for himself. |

The most important thing was that once Chu Tianlu returned to the middle Island, he would be like a fish in water. They would never have the chance to make a move again. At that time, even if Chu Tianlu went

back on his word and refused to give them the spiritual fruits, what could they do?

| "Chu Tianlu, my patience is limited. Don't push your luck." Chu tianliang's face darkened. This time, he |
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| would not let the other party return to Nakagama no matter what, even if he did not want the deified     |
| soul fruit!  |
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"Am I pushing my luck? Didn't we agree on this? or did you not plan to let me return to Nakajima alive?" Chu Tianlu looked at the three people in front of him and did not show much nervousness. Under normal circumstances, they were like fish on the chopping block. Their life or death was in the hands of the other party. After all, the other party had an early golden core expert on their side. Once the fight started, he would not be able to escape.

"Hmph, I'll really let you ..." Chu tianliang grinned coldly. Just as he was about to turn hostile, Chu Wenshang, who was beside him, suddenly interrupted,""Tianlu, I'll be the guarantor for the matter between you two brothers. There should be no problem, right?"

Chu Tianlu furrowed his brows and paused for a moment before saying,""Alright, I can trust uncle Wenshang's character, but it's impossible for me to hand over the spiritual fruit here."

"If that's the case, then let's all take a step back. After we get out of here, you'll give us the spiritual fruit and we'll give you the only aerial spirit beast. That should be fine, right?" Chu Wenshang thought of a compromise.

Chu tianliang immediately frowned after hearing this. However, after noticing the look in the other party's eyes, he held back his words.

"Sure." Chu Tianlu agreed readily. He also knew that it was unrealistic to return to Middle Island unscathed in such a situation. If he could really exchange the deified soul fruits for an aerial spirit beast, there would still be some risks, but it was better than wasting time here. The longer the night, the more

| dreams there would be. | If he waited until | Chu tianliang's | patience ran out | , there would be | no more |
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| room for negotiation.  |                    |                 |                  |                  |         |

"Alright, it's a deal then." Chu Wenshang nodded and said,"but before that, don't you want us to verify the spiritual fruit with our own eyes?" This Serpent Stone does look a bit mysterious, but seeing is believing. Who knows if there really is a spirit sense fruit inside?"

"This ..." Chu Tianlu hesitated for a moment. This was his only bargaining chip. However, just as Chu Wenshang had said, if he couldn't prove that there were spiritual fruits in this, there wasn't much room for him to bargain with the other party. He immediately nodded and said,""Alright, then."

As he spoke, Chu Tianlu suddenly exerted force in his hand. The petrified snake body quickly cracked apart, piece by piece. A moment later, black gravel appeared on the ground beside his feet. Everyone's eyes were fixed on his right hand.

In Chu Tianlu's right hand, there was a small piece of dark red object that seemed to be alive. It looked like a snake's gallbladder. The strangest thing was that this suspected snake's gallbladder was emitting a strong, suffocating snake smell. It was even beating weakly.

"Spirit sense fruit!" Everyone swallowed a mouthful of saliva. At this time, even if one's eyesight was bad, they could still see that this was the legendary spiritual awareness fruit!

Even Lin Yi, who was observing everything from afar, couldn't help but click his tongue at this scene. When Chu Tianlu guaranteed that he would find the spirit sense fruit, everyone thought that he was just bluffing. They didn't think that he would really find the spirit sense fruit. This kind of performance couldn't be described with the word "God's help "anymore-it was like a god was possessed.

Chapter 5416 Shadow Steps

| If he jumped into the sea and found this underground cave with the help of God, then he found the spiritual fruit with the help of God. If this wasn't God, what was it?   |
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| "There shouldn't be any problems now, right?" Chu Tianlu said to the three of them.  |
| Chu tianliang snorted coldly and did not reply. Chu Wenshang, on the other hand, was obviously more enthusiastic about the spiritual awareness fruit. He smiled, "En, no problem, but it's the heavenly road. Since it's rare to come here, why don't we continue to look around, maybe there are other spirit sense fruits?"  |
| "No, this is the only one." Chu Tianlu shook his head decisively.  |
| "What do you mean?" Chu Wenshang's expression was stunned. The human heart was always greedy. The spiritual fruit was a good thing that could only be encountered by luck and not sought after. Of course, the more the better. Although he didn't know why Chu Tianlu was so divine, it was never a bad thing to be able to get a few more spiritual fruits. He didn't expect that the other party would reject him so readily.                                 |
| "It's not that I don't want to find it, it's just that the spiritual fruits are mutually exclusive. Any spiritual fruit needs to condense a large amount of young Supreme serpent's soul essence to form, so there has never been a case of twin or multiple births in history. It's generally impossible to find, and even if it can be found, there's only one, no more. What I've said can be verified by ancient books, not made up. " Chu Tianlu explained. |
| "Alright, I understand." Chu Wenshang nodded and suggested, "since there are no other spiritual fruits, there is no point in staying here. Let's go out now."  |

Chu tianliang was still in a dilemma. It would have been fine if he had a few more spiritual fruits, but one was not even enough for him to share with Chu Wen. Letting the other party off just like that would be letting Chu Tianlu off too easily. He was really unwilling to do so.

"Alright. But don't you have any evil ideas, or I'll destroy the spirit sense fruit and die with you!" Of course, Chu Tianlu couldn't ask for more. From the very beginning, he didn't have any thoughts of keeping the spiritual fruit for himself. This was a bargaining chip he used to protect himself. If he couldn't find it today, he would really die Here.

"No problem!" In order to show their sincerity, Chu Wenshang gestured for Chu tianliang to lead the way. He and the other peak-level late-stage Foundation establishment cultivator walked in front of Chu Tianlu. This way, no matter what they did, Chu Tianlu would be able to see them. There was no need to worry about them doing anything behind their backs.

Chu Tianlu heaved a sigh of relief, but he did not let his guard down. Before he returned to the central island safely, he did not dare to let his guard down. Previously, he had said that he believed in Chu Wenshang's character, but that was just a lip service. Since Chu Wenshang had helped Chu tianliang to deal with him, it meant that there must have been a deal behind the scenes. If he believed Chu Wenshang, he would be courting death.

However, he had only taken two steps when Chu Tianlu's eyelids suddenly twitched. Chu Wenshang's figure in front of him suddenly blurred!

Due to the fluorescent light of the seaweed everywhere, although the light in the underground cave was not comparable to the outside, it was not weak. The shadow inside was still very obvious, but because of the irregular distribution of the seaweed, the shadow was not quite the same as it was outside.

Chu Tianlu's observation skills weren't weak. Even if the shadow suddenly blurred, it would be difficult for anyone else to notice it in such an environment. After all, the shadow would change irregularly with every step they took. He was able to distinguish it very quickly!

But even so, it was still too late. At the same time the shadow blurred, another figure silently stuck to Chu Tianlu's back. Then, it quickly turned into a solid form. It was Chu Wenshang.

"Pasted shadow steps!" Chu Tianlu's heart turned cold the moment he noticed all this. Although the cultivation techniques were similar, every sect and family in the ancient Jianghu had their own iconic characteristics. Even the Chu family of Nakajima, which couldn't even be compared to the ten small sects and families, also had their unique iconic ability, shadow.

Just like how the core of the spirit leaf sect came from the leaves, almost all of the Chu clan's cultivation techniques and moves revolved around shadows. Among them, the movement technique was especially praiseworthy. Wherever the shadow went, the person would follow. This was the Chu clan's shadow steps!

As the most outstanding young disciple of the Chu clan, Chu Tianlu actually knew how to use the pasted shadow steps. After all, he was already a perfected foundation building expert. However, even if they were both pasted shadow steps, it was completely different when he used it compared to when Chu Wenshang used it.

Chu Tianlu's pasted shadow steps could only be used in an orderly manner. Wherever the shadow went, the person would follow. At most, he could be considered to be at the beginner level. However, Chu Wenshang was an expert in the early stage of the Golden core realm. Their strength and realm were completely different. Pasted shadow steps were almost at the phenomenal stage. To a certain extent, he could even actively change the trajectory of his shadow. He appeared and disappeared like a ghost, making it impossible to guard against.

| As soon as he used the pasted shadow steps, Chu Wenshang was directly behind Chu Tianlu. The     |
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| distance between them was less than a step, and he was almost stepping on Chu Tianlu's heel. The |
| consequences of being so close to an early golden core expert were simply unimaginable.          |
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There was no doubt that everything Chu Wenshang had said before was to numb Chu Tianlu. His goal had always been the spiritual fruit. At the same time, he had also given up on his promise with Chu tianliang.

In short, he wanted both the spiritual fruit and the 1000 spiritual jades.

"Tian Lu, I'm sorry." The corners of Chu Wenshang's mouth curved into a cold arc, but his hand was already holding a short knife against Chu Tianlu's neck. Because they all relied on shadows for a living, all kinds of martial arts techniques tended to be elusive. The experts of the Chu clan basically walked the path of assassins, and he was no exception.

The blade swept across, but to Chu Wenshang's surprise, there was no obstruction from the blade. His sure-win strike actually sliced through the air.

"How is that possible?" Chu Wenshang's heart skipped a beat. He thought that there shouldn't have been any flaws in his pretense. To a certain extent, he should have been able to paralyze Chu Tianlu. How could this kid's reaction be so fast?

Chu Tianlu's reaction was indeed very fast. Not only did he manage to Dodge Chu Wenshang's blade in the nick of time, but he also made a counterattack at the first moment. His target was not Chu Tianlu, but Chu tianliang, who was walking in front of him.

| Pasted shadow steps! Although Chu Tianlu couldn't appear and disappear as unpredictably as Chu       |
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| Wenshang, Chu tianliang's position in front of him was just too perfect. Especially since this guy's |
| reaction was very slow, he still didn't know that Chu Wenshang had already made a move on him. Who   |
| else could he find?  |

"What are you doing!" Chu tianliang was shocked when Chu Tianlu's short knife was suddenly pressed against his neck. He did not dare to move.

"I don't want to do anything, I just want to live." Chu Tianlu looked at Chu Wenshang with extreme vigilance and shouted coldly,""Back off twenty steps, or I'll kill him."

Chapter 5417 Which Side To Choose

"Let's talk this out, don't be rash. " Chu Wenshang quickly agreed. Although it seemed like a deal between him and Chu tianliang, if Chu tianliang died here, he would not be able to live in peace when he returned to Middle Island. Chu tianliang's father would definitely find trouble with him. Chu tianliang was a ruthless figure who held great financial power. Even an early golden core expert like Chu Wenshang could not afford to offend him.

"Chu Tianlu, if you dare to touch a single hair of mine today, I guarantee that you'll die without an intact corpse!" Even now, Chu tianliang was still acting tough.

"Hehe, if it wasn't for my quick reaction, I would have died without an intact corpse." Chu Tianlu snorted and said coldly,""Originally, I really wanted to give you the spiritual awareness fruits, but now I've changed my mind. Even if I die Here today, I'll take one with me!"

As he spoke, the short knife in his hand had already pierced half an inch into Chu tianliang's neck. Blood immediately gushed out, and Chu tianliang was so scared that he collapsed. He did not dare to move at all, nor did he dare to speak any nonsense.

"Wait! Don't be rash! I'll let you go!" Chu Wenshang quickly advised, but his eyes were paying attention to the surrounding light. He knew very well that in this situation, negotiations would definitely not solve the problem. The only solution was to find a good angle and use shadow steps again. Only then could he regain the initiative.

"Sure, but uncle Wenshang, you don't have to waste your effort to find a good angle. It's already scary enough to be hit by your shadow steps once. If you do it again, I might really kill him with a shake of my hand. At that time, will I be the one to blame for his death? you or me?" Chu Tianlu said warily.

"Don't worry, I won't do such a stupid thing. Otherwise, I won't be able to explain it to the master, don't you think?" Since the other party had exposed him, Chu Wenshang had to give up on this plan and think of other ways.

Chu Wenshang spread out his hands and retreated. Chu Tianlu only heaved a sigh of relief after he had retreated more than twenty steps. This distance had far exceeded the range of the pasted shadow steps. As long as he did not give his opponent an opportunity to take advantage of him, even if Chu Wenshang was an early gold core expert, he would not be able to catch him off guard. As long as he had a chance to react, Chu tianliang would be a dead soul under his blade.

Now that things had developed to this point, Chu Tianlu no longer cared about their Brotherhood, nor did he think about the consequences of killing Chu tianliang here. Right now, survival was his top priority.

On the other hand, Chu Wenshang was very cooperative. After all, if something really happened to Chu tianliang, it would be meaningless even if he could kill Chu Tianlu. At that time, whether it was the head of the Chu clan or Chu tianliang's father, they would all vent their anger on him. From then on, he would no longer have a place in the Chu clan.

| However, it was obvious that Chu Wenshang's cooperation was only on the surface. He must be                   |
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| planning all kinds of things in his heart, just that he couldn't find the right opportunity to do so. As long |
| as Chu Tianlu showed even the slightest weakness or flaw, this guy would definitely attack him at the         |
| first moment.   |

Chu Tianlu was well aware of this. In fact, the biggest problem for him now was how to get out of this place.

Under normal circumstances, it would not be difficult to get out of here and climb back to the top of the cliff, at least for experts above the foundation establishment stage. But the problem was that he was threatening Chu tianliang, and Chu Wenshang, an early Jindan stage expert, was watching him like a tiger watching its prey. The whole process had to be done without any flaws, which was really difficult.

Lin Yi was still watching from a distance, not planning to interfere. Since he saw the legendary spiritual fruit, he wouldn't let it go. He didn't do things like killing people for treasures, but he wasn't a gentleman. After all these years in the world of practitioning, Lin Yi had learned to follow the customs of the land. Even if he didn't have the habit of killing people, stealing treasures was no problem.

However, it was time to watch the show, so there was no need to rush into action.

As a bystander, Lin Yi could more or less tell what was at stake from the conversation just now. Chu Tianlu's current situation was dangerous, but in his opinion, the solution was very simple.

The key to breaking out of this situation wasn't strength. In fact, with just the strength of a perfected foundation building cultivator, unless it was a super genius like Ling Tianyou who could challenge those of a higher realm, Chu Tianlu had no chance of winning. The key was awareness.

No matter what happened to Chu Tianlu himself, Lin Yi knew that if he were in Chu Tianlu's position, he would only be at the peak of Foundation Stage. He wouldn't hesitate to slit Chu tianliang's throat in front of Chu Wenshang.

This wasn't a simple act of impulse, but a well-thought plan. It could be said to be the only feasible way to break the situation.

There were two reasons. The first was to eliminate any future trouble. To Chu Tianlu, killing his cousin Chu tianliang would definitely have some repercussions, but it was still better than keeping him alive. With such a venomous snake staring at him, there would be no end to the trouble. It was better to cut the Gordian knot.

Secondly, if he killed Chu tianliang right now, Chu Wenshang would not fly into a rage and start a massacre. Instead, he might choose to bide his time and even help Chu Tianlu on the spot!

The reason was simple. As long as Chu Wenshang wasn't an idiot, he should be able to tell the pros and cons of this.

As long as Chu tianliang was dead, no matter what kind of deal he had made with Chu tianliang and his son behind the scenes, it was destined that they would break up. At this time, even if he killed Chu Tianlu, he would not be able to salvage the situation. On the contrary, the two most outstanding young disciples of the Chu clan had died on the snake Island under his eyes. Chu Wenshang would definitely not be able to clear his name even if he jumped into the Yellow River. Even if he did not die, he would be skinned alive.

Therefore, if Chu tianliang were to really die at the hands of Chu Tianlu, the best choice for Chu Wenshang was not to lay his hands on Chu Tianlu. Rather than taking on a strenuous and unrewarding task, he might as well stand on Chu Tianlu's side and offer him help in times of need.

In this way, the matter had become a private fight between the two cousins. When Chu Wenshang returned, he would at most be blamed for not being properly monitored, but he would not be punished physically. If he was more determined and courageous, he could even stand out and testify against Chu tianliang and his son's plot. As long as he could survive until Chu Tianlu took over, there was no doubt about his returns.

It wasn't hard to think of such a simple way to get out of this situation, but it was a pity that even an outsider like Lin Yi could see it clearly. Chu Tianlu couldn't figure it out so quickly, and he was still thinking about how to force Chu tianliang out.

Let Chu Wenshang go up first? Or should he take Chu tianliang as a hostage and go up first? Chapter 5418 Who Will Be Killed First

Chu Tianlu was really uncertain. No matter which option he chose, it was extremely dangerous. It was difficult for him not to give Chu Wen a chance to take advantage of it. However, if he stayed in this cave, what would he do when the tide rose?

In fact, this was not the most dangerous part. From the moment Chu Tianlu jumped into the sea, he already knew that he would not be able to survive.

"Tianlu, we can't continue this stalemate. Let's hurry up and get out." Chu Wenshang advised.

Chu Tianlu hesitated for a moment before finally nodding.""I'll go out first. You guys stay 200 feet away from me. I'll kill him if you take one step closer. "

"Alright," he said. Chu Wenshang agreed readily. However, before he could finish his words, the peak of the late Foundation establishment stage on the other side suddenly launched an attack. His figure turned into a black shadow and pounced towards Chu Tianlu. He was shocked."Xingping! You're crazy!"

This person's name was Chu Xing Ping, and his strength was considered one of the best among the younger generation of the Chu clan. However, he was different from Chu Tianlu and Chu tianliang. He was not a descendant of the main clan, and no matter how strong he was, it was useless. He was destined to only serve as a foil to the two of them. In the past, he was rarely noticed by people, and had always appeared in front of everyone as Chu tianliang's follower.

Not only Chu Wenshang, but Chu Tianlu was also shocked. Even Chu Wenshang, an expert in the early golden core stage, couldn't succeed in a sneak attack from such a long distance, let alone the other party, who was at the peak of the late Foundation establishment stage. What was this guy thinking? wasn't he being too impulsive?

"Chu Xing Ping! You want to F \* cking kill me!" Chu tianliang roared in anger. Although he wanted nothing more than to slice Chu Tianlu into a thousand pieces, that had to be after he had escaped from danger. By doing this, wasn't chu Xingping forcing Chu Tianlu to kill him?!

"I'm trying to save you!" Chu Xing Ping also roared, looking at his expression, it was sincere, but what he was thinking in his heart, only he knew.

While he was speaking, a long and narrow shadow, which was partly bright and partly dark, shot silently and rapidly toward Chu Tianlu's feet from an extremely secretive angle. The tip of the shadow glinted

coldly. It was actually a materialized sharp blade, one of the Chu clan's signature martial arts techniques, the shadow Blade!

Chu Tianlu's eyes twitched. Chu Xingping alone was not scary, but if Chu Xingping made his move, then Chu Wenshang would not just stand by and watch. He would definitely wait for the opportunity to make his move. Facing the joint attack of a peak late Foundation establishment stage expert and an early golden core stage expert at the same time, even if he had Chu tianliang as a hostage, he would not have the slightest chance of escaping unscathed.

Clang! The crisp sound of metal clashing rang out. The short knife in Chu Tianlu's hand accurately blocked the opponent's shadow knife. The huge impact that came from the knife was enough to collapse a thick wall.

A chance! Chu tianliang was overjoyed to see this. He had thought that Chu Tianlu would definitely kill him at the first opportunity. He did not expect Chu Tianlu to actually choose to block the shadow Blade, and even use the short blade that was the greatest threat to him. He was simply stupid.

The impact of the shadow Blade was the strongest among all the shadow element techniques of the Chu family. Even if Chu Tianlu's strength was higher than Chu Xing Ping's by a level, he was still not a golden core stage expert. While he was parrying, he would definitely be forced back by the shadow Blade. This was the best chance to escape!

Chu tianliang's eyes shone with energy. He had made up his mind that as long as Chu Tianlu took half a step back, he would immediately charge forward. Once he managed to escape, he would make sure that Chu Tianlu would die without a burial place!

However, to his surprise, after Chu Tianlu parried the shadow Blade, he didn't move at all. Not only did he not retreat, but he even placed the short blade on his neck again the moment he parried the shadow Blade. This scared him so much that his hair stood on end. He was extremely shocked.

"How is that possible?" Chu tianliang was simply incredulous. It was only when he caught a glimpse of the unusually dark shadow beside him out of the corner of his eye that he finally came to a realization. This guy had actually specially cultivated the unmoving shadow!

Unmoving shadow, in the eyes of almost 90% of the Chu clan disciples, this was a completely useless move. It was neither a movement technique nor had any killing effect. The only use was that as long as the shadow did not move, the person would not move.

For most people, this kind of move might not be useful for their entire lives, so they naturally wouldn't spend time on it. Instead of wasting time on it, it was better to Polish moves like Shadow Blade and shadow steps. Those were the ultimate moves that could produce immediate results.

In the entire Chu family, there were no more than three people who specialized in cultivating the unmoving shadow. He did not expect Chu Tianlu to be one of them.

Chu tianliang was instantly filled with vulgarities, but he could only swallow them back. He was a fish on a chopping block. The situation was already very tense. If he were to take the initiative to provoke Chu Tianlu now, he might really lose his life.

Chu Tianlu managed to block the shadow Blade with his unmoving shadow. As long as he could control Chu tianliang, he would be able to stand on an undefeatable position. However, before he could celebrate, Chu Wenshang's attack followed closely behind.

| A blurry shadow rapidly approached Chu Tianlu. At the same time, it continuously split into thousands of threads, just like countless strange tentacles. They enveloped him from all directions, layer by layer, just like a thousand-layer cage that had been erected from the ground.   |
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| Chu Tianlu's heart tightened. This was a profound martial art technique that only experts at the Golden core stage and above could cultivate-shadow bind.   |
| He could block shadow Blade, but how could he block shadow bind?  |
| Killing intent flashed in Chu Tianlu's eyes as his short blade was about to Pierce Chu tianliang's throat. He knew that he could not escape from shadow bind. At this point, he could only throw himself into a desperate situation.  |
| Unfortunately, it was too late. Chu Wenshang was after all an early stage golden core expert, his mastery of shadow element martial arts was much higher than Chu Tianlu's. Even though Chu Xingping's sneak attack was very sudden, Chu Tianlu's response could be said to be perfect, and Chu Tianlu's follow-up attack was also a little rushed. Chu Tianlu still managed to grab the opportunity. |

At the very last moment before the short blade was about to Pierce into Chu tianliang's throat, the shadow tentacle wrapped around the short blade. No matter how much force Chu Tianlu exerted, he could not push the short blade any deeper.

Chu tianliang had barely escaped death. At this moment, Chu Xingping, who had just used Shadow Blade once, was already charging over. From the looks of it, he was prepared to take advantage of the opportunity when Chu Tianlu was being controlled by shadow bind to send him on his way.

| As long as he could get rid of Chu Tianlu, he would be able to get a hundred spiritual jades. Although this |
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| price was only one-tenth of Chu Wenshang 's, it was already a huge sum of money for a branch family         |
| descendant like Chu Xingping. For this, he was naturally willing to risk his life.                          |

At this moment, Chu Tianlu had already been heavily trapped by shadow bind and couldn't move. He was a ready-made head. If he didn't kill him now, when would he?

In the end, just as his blade was about to pierce through Chu Tianlu, Chu Xing Ping would never have thought that a short blade would actually stab into his heart first. How was this possible?

Chapter 5419 Sudden Change

Even Chu Wenshang was shocked to see this. Chu Tianlu was trapped by him and had no chance to attack. The owner of the short knife was Chu tianliang!

Chu Xingping had risked his life to save Chu tianliang, but Chu tianliang had taken the opportunity to stab him in the heart. This turn of events had happened too suddenly, and even Chu Wenshang and Chu Tianlu were stunned for a moment.

"You're crazy!" Chu Wenshang continued to trap Chu Tianlu while frowning at Chu tianliang. He could not understand what was happening in front of him. Was this guy a madman who could not distinguish between friend and foe?

"Hmph, this bastard wanted to kill me on purpose just now. Do you think I can't see it?" Chu tianliang, on the other hand, sneered at Chu Xing Ping, who had died with his eyes wide open.

"This ... You're thinking too much, aren't you?" Chu Wenshang did not comment on this. It was true that Chu Xing Ping's sudden attack was open to question, but to say that he deliberately wanted to kill Chu tianliang was not logical. What good would it do him to kill Chu tianliang?

Chu Tianlu and Chu tianliang were not the only descendants of the main family. Unless all of the main family's descendants were dead, Chu Xing Ping, a branch family descendant, would not be able to take over the position. Killing Chu tianliang would not bring him any substantial benefits. Instead, he would be hunted down by Chu tianliang's father. What was he doing?

Furthermore, even if Chu Xing Ping had not chosen a good opportunity to attack, this was the best he could do with his strength. The result proved that he had not made the wrong bet. If it was not for his Shadow Blade attracting Chu Tianlu's attention, Chu Wen would not have had the chance to make a move. Not only did Chu tianliang not show any gratitude, but he also killed him without hesitation?

In an instant, Chu Wenshang felt a chill in his heart.

Although it was said that a man with no poison was not a man, and mutual deception was common in the world of cultivation, it was rare to see someone as heartless as Chu tianliang. He killed his own helper just because of an unreliable suspicion, especially when he had just been saved by the other party. Even though Chu Wen had seen all kinds of scheming, he could not help but feel a chill at this moment.

A dignified early jiedan stage expert was actually frightened by a mere peak late Foundation Stage cultivator. It sounded a bit ridiculous, but it was the truth. Chu Wenshang was shivering in fear at this moment.

| "What are you still doing?" Chu tianliang frowned. He didn't care how much of an impact his blade had     |
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| on the others. His eyes were only on Chu Tianlu. He had planned to kill the other party on this trip, and |
| after the incident just now, he was even more determined to get rid of him.                               |

At this time, Chu Tianlu was already enveloped in layers of shadow bind. As time passed, the power of shadow bind didn't weaken, but instead grew stronger. At first, it only trapped his hand, but by now, he couldn't move at all. Unless Chu Wenshang took the initiative to let him go, the only thing he could do was to close his eyes and wait for death.

"Do it yourself, the spiritual awareness fruit is mine." Chu Wenshang's tone was unquestionable. He wanted the 1000 spiritual jades promised by Chu tianliang and his son, as well as the spiritual fruit that was within his reach. He couldn't miss out on either.

"Uncle Wenshang, aren't you being a little too greedy?" Chu tianliang's brows furrowed even deeper. His top priority was to get rid of Chu Tianlu, but he did not want to give up on the spiritual fruit. Although Chu Tianlu was an early golden core cultivator, he would definitely not be able to compete with him. However, it was only right that the one who saw the fruit get a share, right?

"What do you want?" Chu Wenshang's eyes suddenly became more guarded. Chu tianliang's performance of stabbing Chu Xing Ping to death just now was really impressive. With the word "benefit" in front of him, this ignorant junior might take the risk out of desperation.

"Whoever sees it will have a share, we'll split it equally." Chu tianliang suggested.

"Evenly split? What's the point of splitting this spirit sense fruit into two?" Chu Wenshang refused. The effect of a spiritual fruit was to raise the level of the primordial spirit by one level. This was a definite thing. Once it was divided into two, it meant that the effect would not be enough to raise the level of

the primordial spirit. At most, it could only nourish the primordial spirit, and the effect would be greatly reduced.

In addition, their understanding of the spiritual fruit was only limited to hearsay. They said that they knew what would happen after the spiritual fruit was cut open, but what if it was directly wasted? That wasn't impossible. Who could he cry to when the time came?

Chu tianliang understood this logic, but it was rare to encounter the legendary spiritual fruit. He did not want to give up just like that. He rolled his eyes and said,"I can ask my father to prepare more spiritual jades. Uncle Wenshang, you only need to give me half, no, a small half!"

A spiritual fruit could easily increase the level of the primordial spirit of a Jindan stage master, even a nascent soul old monster. He was only at the peak of the late Foundation establishment stage now, maybe he only needed a small half to increase a level. For this, it was worth spending a few hundred spirit jades.

"The spirit sense fruit is mine, there's no room for discussion. If we find any other treasures later, I can give them to you." Chu Wenshang didn't back down. His aptitude wasn't high, and he had been stuck in the early jiedan stage for many years. If he didn't have any fortuitous encounters, it was very likely that he would end up here for the rest of his life. This spiritual fruit was almost his only hope to reach the next level, so how could he give up?

Chu tianliang did not say another word, but it was clear from his expression that he did not want to let go.

Lin Yi was amused by the scene from a distance. The fruits were still in Chu Tianlu's arms, and the two were about to start fighting, unaware of the danger approaching.

The confrontation was still going on. Although Chu Wenshang had made up his mind to monopolize the spiritual fruit, he could not completely ignore Chu tianliang. After all, the father and son had a very high status in the Chu clan. If they really fell out because of this, even if he could rely on the spiritual fruit to increase his strength to a higher level, his future days would be very difficult.

The best solution at the moment was to show a tough attitude and force tianliang Chu to back off. At most, he would make some concessions in other aspects as compensation.

However, at this moment, something strange happened. The ground under Chu Tianlu's feet suddenly trembled, and the black shadow tentacles that enveloped him began to show signs of collapse. In an instant, Chu Tianlu broke free and regained his freedom.

Chu Wenshang was dumbfounded. Shadow bind was the Chu clan's most powerful binding skill in the shadow element. Its binding effect was ranked among the top in the entire ancient martial world. If Chu Tianlu was a golden core stage expert of the same level, he might have a chance to break free. However, he was only in the foundation building stage. How could he break free?

Chapter 5420 Exchanging Shadows For Bones

No matter how surprised Chu Wenshang was, the reality was that Chu Tianlu had indeed broken free from his shadow bind. He had even taken out a spiritual fruit from his pocket and was about to stuff it into his mouth.

Crazy! Chu Wenshang was shocked. Although the spiritual fruit was not a poison, the more powerful the effect of the heavenly treasure, the more careful one had to be before taking it. Otherwise, it was better than poison. Not to mention that the whole process of taking the fruit would be a huge fatal flaw, it was not impossible to die on the spot.

Without time to think, Chu Wenshang quickly used the pasted shadow steps again. This was the only way he could stop his opponent. According to common sense, pasted shadow steps couldn't be used directly. First, the shadow requirements might not be met. Second, even if there were enough shadows, the traces were too obvious. Without the element of surprise, if he rashly sent himself to the enemy, he would hit the muzzle if he was not careful.

If it wasn't for the fact that his strength was much higher than the other party 's, Chu Wenshang would never take such a risk. He wasn't a person who liked to take risks, but he was determined to get the spiritual awareness fruit, so he had such a reaction.

Unexpectedly, Chu Tianlu was already prepared for this. His act of eating the spiritual fruit was just a pretense. He would only eat the spiritual fruit under Chu Wenshang and Chu tianliang's covetous eyes if he wanted to. He did this to lure the other party into taking the bait.

As soon as Chu Wenshang used the pasted shadow steps, Chu Tianlu took the lead. His target was not Chu Wenshang, but Chu tianliang.

He knew very well that he was no match for Chu Wenshang. In the short time that he had been trapped by shadow bind, he had already figured out that his only chance of survival was to kill Chu tianliang!

Judging from the situation just now, Chu Wenshang and Chu tianliang were not completely on the same side. After Chu tianliang was really killed, this guy might not target him after weighing the pros and cons.

Lin Yi only realized now that Chu Tianlu had reached a certain level of late-realization in his eyes, but it was still better than dying without realizing it. Besides, Chu Tianlu wasn't very smart or talented, but he had courage. To be more precise, he carried out his decisions and pressed forward.

Just like now, he charged towards Chu tianliang with no regard for his own life. All his strength was concentrated on the tip of his blade, and he did not hesitate to give up his own defense. Everything he did was to kill Chu tianliang in one strike.

It must be known that he hadn't completely gotten rid of Chu Wenshang at this time. He had only caught the other party off guard. Chu Wenshang was also going all out like him, and it was completely possible for him to catch up with him by relying on the strength of the early jiedan stage.

Moreover, he had used the pasted shadow steps head-on, taking the same risk as Chu Wenshang. The difference in strength between Chu tianliang and him was not as insurmountable as the gap between him and Chu Wenshang. They were only a small level. As long as he made preparations in the instant he realized the other party's intentions, it was entirely possible for him to kill Chu Tianlu!

Chu Tianlu knew better than anyone the risks involved, but he couldn't care less. In today's situation, either Chu tianliang or he would die. There was no possibility of the two of them existing together.

In the blink of an eye, Chu Tianlu was only one step away from Chu tianliang. Just as the short blade in his hand was about to touch Chu tianliang's throat again, a silent howl suddenly came from behind him. Chu Tianlu's scalp turned numb. This voice was all too familiar. He did not even need to turn around to know that it was the shadow arrow, one of the Chu clan's strongest shadow-type martial arts techniques!

Chu Wen was still left behind by him. The fastest technique, the pasted shadow steps, not only required a variety of harsh conditions but also needed to store energy. This was a hard limit. Even a Jindan stage master could only shorten this time at most, but could not completely erase it, so it was impossible to use it continuously.

However, just because Chu Wenshang himself couldn't catch up, it didn't mean that he could rest easy. A shadow arrow from a long distance was enough to take his life!

The speed of the shadow arrow was extremely fast. Almost at the same time as Chu Wenshang raised his hand, the shadow arrow had already caught up with Chu Tianlu, who was 100 feet away. If Chu Tianlu hadn't noticed it in advance and forced himself to move half a body away, this arrow would have directly pierced his throat.

In the end, the shadow arrow sank into Chu Tianlu's right shoulder and disappeared into thin air. However, it left behind an extremely bloody and huge wound, which was a ghastly sight.

Chu Wenshang frowned when he saw this. Although he had been fooled by Chu Tianlu just now, he didn't panic at all with the shadow arrow as his trump card. He had always been very confident that as long as he wanted to, he could take Chu Tianlu's life at any time. It would be as easy as turning his hand.

However, the scene before his eyes was far beyond his expectations. It was not strange that Chu Tianlu had been on guard against his shadow arrow, nor was it strange that he had dodged half a body's distance in advance. However, this fellow's right shoulder had clearly been blasted with such a hideous and bloody hole. To outsiders, it looked as if his entire right arm was about to fall off. Yet, at this moment, he did not fall. Instead, he did not move an inch.

How was that possible? How could he withstand the powerful impact of the shadow arrow?

Chu Wenshang was stunned for a moment. He finally found a layer of vague lines between the joints of the other party's hands and feet. At first glance, it seemed to be a complicated and profound pattern formed by some kind of extremely fine black lines. If he looked carefully, he would find that these were not black lines at all, but shadows.

"Bone exchange with shadow!" Chu Wenshang blurted out in shock. As the name suggested, it replaced the joints with a shadow in a short period of time. In this way, it was almost half a shadow. Unless the source of the shadow could be eliminated directly, it was almost impossible to defeat it, because the shadow could not be defeated.

Of course, the damage caused by the shadow arrow was real. The only effect of bone swapping was to allow the user to maintain sufficient mobility even after being severely injured. It didn't matter even if the joints were shattered, unless the time limit was up.

This was definitely an unorthodox martial art of the Chu family. It was even more unorthodox than the unmoving shadow. At least there were still people who practiced the unmoving shadow, but the bone swapping technique had almost been lost. According to Chu Wenshang's knowledge, even the current patriarch, who had recently advanced to the nascent Soul Stage, did not know it. It was only recorded in the secret manual of the Chu family's martial arts.

The reason for this was not that the actual combat value of changing bones like a shadow was not enough. On the contrary, its actual combat value was very high, at least far above the unmoving shadow. The problem was that this martial art technique was too difficult. Looking at all the ancestors of the Chu clan, the number of people who could truly understand its essence could be counted on one's fingers. In addition, its actual combat effect was far less outstanding than the offensive and defensive martial arts techniques such as the shadow arrow, so naturally, no one was interested in it.

He had never expected that Chu Tianlu, a young junior, would not only specialize in the unorthodox unmoving shadow, but he had even mastered the technique of exchanging bones with shadows. He was simply an out-and-out weirdo.