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Chapter 186 – Talking tree?

Shi Chang Xiao was still looking at the Solitary Falcon in the hope that his counterpart would reply in acceptance, but the man turned around without a word and ‘bang’ ‘bang’ ‘bang’ broke into the circle where the three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City were standing. Then, his figure flashed forward and made a beeline for Fei Meng Chen and struck him thrice in quick succession, and was then upon the nine remaining disciples of Li Wu Bei before Fei Meng Chen had even shrieked out from pain; he slapped the nine people in their faces, and then proceeded to slapping the six Sky Xuan experts of Shi Chang Xiao’s team.....

In a matter of seconds, this Peak Spirit Xuan maniac had managed to demonstrate his prowess by striking almost twenty experts!

This burst of movement clearly demonstrated why he had managed to kill off the Six Brother of the ten disciples of Li Wu Bei; The Solitary Falcon’s speed and agility had no equal!

Jun Mo Xie loudly applauded the Solitary Falcon’s skill inwardly from his secret hiding place, even though the Solitary Falcon was actually spoiling his entire hard-worked plan; given the temperament of the young master Jun, he wasn’t the kind of man to ignore someone’s talents!

The Solitary Falcon’s violent and aggressive move obviously infuriated everyone present, and undoubtedly aroused their tempers; after all, everyone else was busy trying to understand the twist and turns of the wild schemes in play here, while this warmongering maniac was actually trying to take advantage of it!

Everyone’s eyes reddened; not for the Xuan Core’s sake, but from rage; and they charged right back at him, not for their rage, but for the sake of the Xuan Core! The Solitary Falcon’s expression started becoming increasingly excited as the three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City charged towards him again, and he stretched his arms out whilst laughing and roaring, prepared to face them all again!

Another silhouette flashed, and Shi Chang Xiao joined the battle circle with one hand dedicated to fight the Solitary Falcon, while his other hand was attacking the three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City; the

five men started revolving in a carousel like circle, divided into three sides with each man fighting against at least two enemies at the same time.

Shi Chang Xiao had already identified that neither of the two sides was capable of competing against him on their own, and in case he was able to weaken even side, then he could easily use his full force and settle the fight in his favor!

“Ha ha, this is interesting!” Fei Meng Chen laughed as he flashed forward and joined this group of Spirit Xuan experts, punching the Solitary Falcon’s back and kicking Shi Chang Xiao’s waist to mark his arrival.

Fei Meng Chen was the Yu Tang Empire’s State Teacher, and was naturally smart enough to analyze the situation in an instant. He had already realized that in case Shi Chang Xiao succeeded in weakening either of his two oppositions, then the man could easily turn the tables on everyone. However, his own personal strength was even weaker than each of the three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City, and therefore all he could do was balance the power of this battle by balancing the three sides so that the battle could continue for as long as possible!

The Six Spirit Xuan experts were presently revolving around in mid-air like a ball.....

Apart from the three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City, each of the other men in this battle-ball was being attacked from at least three sides at the same time since they were all completely surrounded by their enemies from all directions; front, right, right, and back. The eyes of each man were constantly revolving in all four directions in order to thwart the constant wave of incoming attacks.....

All the six Spirit Xuan experts were trying to control the scope of their shot range, after all, if the power of the Xuan Qi was to spread out, then they would end up annihilating the entire city; even Shi Chang Xiao was no exception. Although Shi Chang Xiao had attempted to plot against everyone earlier, he was still reluctant to let his own men die since the lives of six Sky Xuan experts was worth more than the Xuan Core itself. However, as the battle started becoming fiercer and fiercer, their control started to decrease.

A silhouette flickered as the Solitary Falcon surged higher into the Sky in the middle fighting everyone, and then rushed back into the circle laughing loudly.

This move evidently demonstrated the one advantage that the Solitary Falcon had above everyone else; even Shi Chang Xiao: Owing to his exceptional speed, he was capable of withdrawing himself from this battle at any time!

Lei Jing Hong and his companions were busy spectating this battle; but at time when the Solitary Falcon rose up in the sky, another silhouette flickered to his side, leaving him startled. This Silhouette slapped him straight in his face, and then disappeared like a blowing breeze; leaving the victim understandably infuriated!

The Solitary Falcon is up in the air, so who attacked me this time?

Several of his companions turned around to see their leader, Lei Jian Hong falling to ground, trying to grab onto his comrade's arm for support, and clenched their fists in anger upon realizing that their companion had been sneakily attacked again.

Naturally, they felt that his sneak attack must have been the doing of the Six Sky Xuan experts from the Yu Tang Empire since a faint blue light had flashed at the time of the attack. Believing that their brother was attacked by the Six Yu Tang experts, they angrily charged towards those six men. Lei Jian Hong's team had no idea what had happened, but figured that standing idly could cost them their lives; after all they believed that this mischief was caused by a team of Six Sky Xuan experts, and hence they withdrew their swords without any hesitation and charged out for a battle!

That sly slap on Lei Jian Hong's face was obviously Jun Mo Xie's doing!

The Young Master Jun had cast out the Yin Yang Escape law, and had escaped into the ground, and then the falling rain. Plus, he had even issued a faint blue light to divert the blame; and since the heavens hadn't yet decided to stop the rain from pouring down, Jun Mo Xie managed to escape undetected!

Lei Jian Hong was obviously not able to realize this truth, and charged out feeling anguished by this slap.

And thus, the young master Jun managed to stir up a conflict between these two idly spectating teams as well.

Since Jun Mo Xie's plan wasn't going as intended, the next most beneficial thing to do would be to cause more chaos; the more chaos, the higher the number of dead bodies would be, and the higher the number of dead bodies, the weaker his enemies would become.....

At first, both these parties were trying to save their energies in order to facilitate their plans of stealing the Xuan Core later on, but now that they were charging at each other like mad men.

A piercing scream filled the sky amidst the howling and clashing of sword, marking the sight of first blood!

"AAAAAA!" Even though the Solitary Falcon was the fastest amongst everyone present, but he wasn't the strongest. And even though he was enjoying this battle more than anyone, he was also the one under the maximum amount of pressure.....

The Solitary Falcon roared wildly, and spread out his arms as his Peak Spirit Xuan level Xuan Qi spread out unabashedly in all directions.

Shi Chang Xiao trembled with fear for one second, by then immediately solidified his stance, and released his own Xuan Qi to withstand the Solitary Falcon's attack.

Fei Meng Chen and the three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City immediately flew out! The difference in strength of these six experts was clearly visible in this moment.

The two powerful Qi fields collided mid-air; a fierce and piercing sound was issued and it seemed as if the entire space had come to a stand-still; the rain ceased from pouring down, and started flowing skywards instead, making for a miraculous spectacle.

All building within a twenty meter radius collapsed to the ground almost instantaneously, and all the grass and bushes were uprooted while the trees trunks snapped into two regardless of their thickness, and were sent out flying in all directions.

The fierce after-effect of this collision left everyone staring blackly at each other; even the two Peak Spirit Xuan masters were staring at each other dumbstruck!

Because this annihilation was accompanied by another very strange occurrence.....

One of the breaking trees had very clearly spoken something before snapping into two. The two words of this tree were brief, powerful and sonorous:

“Damn it!”

Did that tree actually talk?

And then the tree actually spoke another sentence:

“Fight if you want to, but why are you punishing trees like me?”

“This is the voice of that mysterious black-masked man!” the Third Elder blurted out.

It seems that guy has been hiding in that tree all along; this was no miracle.... It has to be him!

Even though Shi Chang Xiao and the Solitary Falcon felt rather strange about this new development, they both simultaneously flew out, and smashed that tree to sawdust!

But they were very disappointed with this talking tree.....

Even though they had all heard the tree talk, there was no one inside it!

The two supreme beings were left staring at each blankly, ashamed at their skill: the two of them had undertaken the task together..... And still the person had somehow managed to slip away!

Jun Mo Xie had been cheerfully hiding inside the trunk of the tree, and was analyzing the merit and demerit of his actions; the benefits he felt he could derive from this situation, the happier he would become. But then suddenly the tree’s trunk snapped into two.....

The size of this tree's trunk was enough to conceal Jun Mo Xie's body, so naturally the force that broke it was enough to hurt his spine. He somehow managed to restrain his scream, but wasn't able to restrain his abuses.

He immediately realized his mistake after cursing out, and then tried to make up for it with the sentence he spoke immediately after; however, knowing that he had exposed his hiding spot, he immediately vanished into the ground below.....

The two Peak Spirit Xuan experts immediately felt an empty feeling inside their stomach.

Solitary Falcon and Shi Chang Xiao was staring at each other with confused look on their faces at the moment, and were soon joined by the three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City. They all started looking at each other, trying to assess if this cheap trickster had somehow managed to fool them all. The Solitary Falcon removed the Xuan Core from his pocket and shouted: "This thing is broken; I don't want it!" his hands trembled as he threw the Xuan Core in Fei Meng Chen's direction.

Fei Meng Chen had already resigned to the fact that he would never get his hands on the Xuan Core, and was naturally overjoyed to realize that the Xuan Core was now falling straight into his hands by a twist of fate. He stepped forward to grab the Xuan Core, but instantly heard a rustling-like sound, which was obviously being made by everyone else's movement in his background.....

Chapter 187 – Fishing in troubled waters

Fei Meng Chen grunted and started blaming the Solitary Falcon for his personal misfortunes; this guy has intentionally thrown the Xuan Core in my direction so he can reduce the pressure on himself. If things had remained as they were earlier, the five of us would have easily injured him... we might have even killed him!

He decisively threw the Xuan Core away the moment it touched his palm since this thought crossed his mind, and shouted: "I don't want it!" The Xuan Core suddenly changed its direction and made a beeline for the Third Elder of the Silver Blizzard City.

Fei Meng Chen and the Solitary Falcon were both quite smart, and had intentionally made sure that they didn't toss the Xuan Core towards Shi Chang Xiao. Shi Chang Xiao would have bluntly grabbed the Xuan

Core, and would have then fled away with it! His objective was obviously not the same as the Solitary Falcon's since he was here to procure the Xuan Core!

And no one present on this scene was capable of stopping him!

The Solitary Falcon might have the ability to catch up to him, but he was rather unlikely to chase after the man since he only wished to fight.

The Xuan Core continued to fly back and forth the battlefield since no one had the courage to seize it.....

This Xuan Core was no longer a treasure at this point, but was more like a messenger of death! Whoever tried to grab the Xuan Core would inevitably become the target of everyone else!

Shi Chang Xiao had tried to rush in to grab the Xuan Core several times during this time, but ended up getting frustrated since he was obstructed each time by a laughing and giggling Solitary Falcon, and would eventually have to submit into fighting his counterpart master.....

The Solitary Falcon was really enjoying himself, and was laughing non-stop; however Shi Chang Xiao was looking extremely depressed. Although his speed was quite extraordinary, but it was nothing compared to the Solitary Falcon's, and hence there was no way in which he could block the Solitary Falcon's strikes while hoping to acquire the Xuan Core simultaneously. All he could do was anxiously look on and continue to fight against his competition with full force, and turn their faces pale with fright. Even Fei Meng Chen was having a hard time.....

The Xuan Core on the other hand, continued to get transferred back and forth the battlefield for a long time; neither falling to the ground, nor staying in anyone's hands for more than half-a-second.....

In case a modern volleyball player had managed to witness this superb game, the player would have inevitably prostrated in front of these five Spirit Xuan experts in admiration!

The Solitary Falcon's deliberation had allowed Jun Mo Xie to cause more mischief as well; the young master Jun had been stealthily circling around the battlefield, and had been causing more causality; in fact, even Shi Chang Xiao had been cut twice by now.

Jun Mo Xie had managed to find himself a relatively neutral place between the Spirit Xuan experts and the Sky Xuan experts at the time when the Solitary Falcon had tossed the Xuan Core away. However, his situation could best be described as that of a man who's performing a dance on a wire.

Although his body was in a stealth state, but his body was still real, and in case even one of these experts brushed his body, then they would realize his presence, and his life would end-up in a whole lot of danger; after all, the young master Jun was considerably weaker than every man present on the scene.

But he was still willing to undertake this risky task since it was important for him to control the criticality of this situation. The first most important thing was that, he simply couldn't allow this Xuan Core to fall into Shi Chang Xiao's hands; else his entire plan would crumble. The next most important thing was to ensure Fei Meng Chen's survival; in case he died, then the consequences of the aftermath would be too severe. And the third; he needed to ensure that the Solitary Falcon was able to realize his true potential.

The Tian Xiang Empire's foreign affairs had been keeping a peaceful approach in these past few years, but the Emperor was still slyly trying to weaken the enemy's forces. Fei Meng Chen and Shi Chang Xiao were powerful and influential men in their country, so much so that they could be regarded as the cornerstones of the Yu Tang Empire. Therefore, the Jun Family had been asked to ensure that such military powers of the enemy states be weakened, but without starting a war.

Their deaths would obviously be the best way of achieving this objective; however Jun Mo Xie was shamelessly enjoying playing this role of a 'semi-traitor' at the moment.

Whenever Jun Mo Xie would get a chance, he would deliberately try to push the Xuan Core between the three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City and the nine remaining disciples of Li Wu Bei; the result was obviously very, very, very effective. The Three Elders were simply unable to cope up with this pressure, in fact, the Sixth and the Ninth Elder had already started to bleed from the corner of their mouths.

As for the nine remaining disciples of Li Wu Bei, they were fighting against an equally strong opposition at the moment. Jun Mo Xie had tactically redirected the Xuan Core towards them about four or five times by now, giving them hope; and whoever received this Xuan Core would inevitably try to flee in full speed in the hope of getting away by fluke, but would inevitably find their way obstructed by either Shi Chang Xiao or the Solitary Falcon, and would have to toss the Xuan Core back towards someone else at the cost sustaining a few additional injuries.

Even though Shi Chang Xiao and the Solitary Falcon had noticed something strange about this Xuan Core's movement on occasion, but since they had never heard of a possibility of Jun Mo Xie's stealth abilities in their entire lifetime, they never paid much attention to it.

The Solitary Falcon was obviously really enjoying this confusion, but Jun Mo Xie was enjoying it even more. However, two black dressed men were secretly hiding on top of a tree branch a few meters away; their hawk-like eyes were staring at this confusing battle scene, but it was arousing more and more doubts in their hearts.

"Third Brother, you see that Xuan Core..... I've been trying to read the purity of its aura for a long time now, and there's no doubt that it's a top-notch Xuan Core, but why do I feel something strange about it still?" one of the black-dressed man blinked his eyes twice: "It looks so mouth-watering.... Like I almost want to bite it? I've seen a lot of top-notch Xuan Cores in my lifetime, but I've never felt this way before....." he gulped a mouthful of saliva down his throat.

"Something is wrong; but it's not with the purity of this Xuan Core's aura. However, its force seems more....." the man being referred to as 'Third Brother' paused for a second, shook his head and then continued: "This force seems very similar to one that comes from the Tian Fa cave, but it's still more tempting than the Tian Fa cave!"

"We must find a way to seize this Core, else the boss will....." the third Brother stopped mid-sentence as his entire body trembled with fear.

"Uh..... Third Brother, please don't mention the boss when it's just the two of us..... it gives me the chills." The other black-dressed man also shivered in fear, and sneakily looked backwards; seemingly afraid that his 'boss' might have suddenly appeared behind him.

"The boss certainly has no time to care for you right now; ever since the second brother has left, the boss has been angrily looking for him. If the boss was to catch a hold of second Brother then... he he he....." the third Brother's face exposed a sly smile, almost as if he would enjoy the sight of this so-called 'second brother' being sorted out by their boss.

"The Second Brother left in search of better future, but is he really better off than us in his freedom? I really don't understand this." The black-dressed man shook his head: "If I ever see him again, I will definitely attack him; I'll tear him apart!"

“You? Hmmm..... If you were to face him alone, then I think the Second Brother would simply kill you on the spot!” the Third Brother looked dismissingly at his companion: “You’re nothing in front of him; do you really think that you can face the Second Brother’s claws? Did you even consider them?”

“His claws are indeed powerful, but I’m sure I can handle myself! Although, they are really powerful, that I must admit!” The man may not be convinced of his inferiority, but he still respected the threat.

“Take note that Shi Chang Xiao is the most powerful one here, and he would try hard to grab the Xuan Core! Prepare to move into action, we’re going in for the Xuan Core!” The third brother issued the command and the two men moved into action like a gust of wind. Their foot movement was so magnificently stealth, that it seemed as if they were walking on the raindrops!

However, even though there were several Spirit Xuan experts on the scene, no one noticed them; not even Shi Chang Xiao and the Solitary Falcon!

It was unclear if these men were even stronger than these two Peak Spirit Xuan experts.... But it was rather obvious that the two supreme beings had taken no notice of their presence thus far!

Shi Chang Xiao roared, and then issued a Qi field from his body; then, he rushed forward to grab the falling Xuan Core once again. The Xuan Core was flying closely by his body at the moment, and the Solitary Falcon was busy fighting with Fei Meng Chen; this was the best chance that he had seen since the starting of this entire confusion!

The remaining five Spirit Xuan experts were all aware of his intention, but failed to obstruct him anyway. The three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City weren’t strong enough to withstand his strength and ducked away pitying their fortunes, only to rejoice in the fact that they wouldn’t sustain any further injuries, and looked on helplessly as Shi Chang Xiao advanced towards the Xuan Core.

Although Fei Meng Chen was reluctant to let the Xuan Core fall into Shi Chang Xiao’s hands, but his strength was barely at par with the Third Elder of the Silver Blizzard city, and wasn’t even remotely enough to match up to Shi Chang Xiao. He had only intended to balance the power of this battle, and had now somehow managed to get himself tangled with the Solitary Falcon in a battle; ah, why am I so unfortunate...? there’s nothing I can do but watch.....

Only one man was capable of stopping Shi Chang Xiao, and that one man was the Solitary Falcon. The Solitary Falcon was the quickest and most agile man amongst the 'Eight Great Master', and was second to none; even Shi Chang Xiao wasn't capable of matching his speed. He was the only one who could get to this Xuan Core in time enough to thwart Shi Chang Xiao's plans, but would then have to face the angry man's desperation.

Unfortunately, the Solitary Falcon had no intention of doing so; after all, his intention wasn't to win over the Xuan Core since his addiction for battles was far more powerful than his desire for worldly objects. As far as he was concerned, if could cross swords with Fei Meng Chen for as long as he wished to, then he was more than willing to let Shi Chang Xiao take the Xuan Core!

The Solitary Falcon had already made up his mind, and Shi Chang Xiao had understood this fact, which is why he had moved into action in full force since he knew that even though several powerful experts were present on the scene, no one would be able to stop him unless the Solitary Falcon decided to cause trouble!

He extended his right hand to grab the Xuan Core as he flew closer to the flying Xuan Core!

Shi Chang Xiao was flying at full speed, just waiting to welcome the Xuan Core in his hands!

The hearts of this supreme master was obviously very excited: Peak level Nine Xuan Core ah! Finally it's coming into my hands!

Chapter 188 – An unforeseen event

Shi Chang Xiao had already decided that he'd flee once he had gotten his hands on the Xuan Core. His cultivation level had already reached the peak of Spirit Xuan realm several years ago, but there hadn't been any progress ever since. However, he could attack the next bottleneck with the help of this Xuan Core, and could then reach new and insurmountable heights!

Shi Chang Xiao was confident that he would become capable of waging and winning a battle against Mo Wen Tian after he had succeeded in expanding his Xuan Qi further, and was sure that he could even challenge Li Jue Tian thereafter, which meant that he would rise up in the list of the 'Eight Great Masters'!

If he was successful in defeating Li Jue Tian, then his name would be spoken in the same breath as Yun Bei Chen!

He'd be at the peak of the world!

Even the Yu Tang Empire would benefit from this, and would become the overlord of the Xuan Xuan continent! After all, the strongest man alive, Shi Chang Xiao would belong to the Yu Tang Empire!

Shi Chang Xiao couldn't control his excitement as these thoughts gushed about in his head, so much so that he had even started to thank the Solitary Falcon for allowing him to seize this opportunity!

The Three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City were flatly unable to understand the reason behind the Solitary Falcon's lack of action at the moment, but knew that they simply couldn't allow Shi Chang Xiao to succeed. Therefore, the three of them joined hands once again, and rallied to attack Shi Chang Xiao!

However, Shi Chang Xiao was so close to success at the moment that he completely ignored their advance, and focused his attention on getting his hands on the Xuan Core first! The three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City had been refraining from using their Qi fields to contest against Shi Chang Xiao for the fear of sustaining injuries, but that fear was nothing compared to the terror that Shi Chang Xiao would reek in case he succeeded in capturing this Xuan Core!

The situation however, had already gotten out of hand now.....

Jun Mo Xie stared at the proceeding helplessly; even though the Yin and Yang Escape law was beyond anyone's strangest imagination, and even though the Solitary Falcon and Shi Chang Xiao were unable to detect his presence as a result, but even though his silhouette was invisible, his body was real. If he rashly rushed into Shi Chang Xiao's Qi field, and something went wrong then he'd end up in a significant amount of danger; after all, his strength was much weaker in comparison!

Aren't those two weird looking guys going to do anything? Jun Mo Xie was rather angry at the moment, and had already started cursing inwardly. In fact, Jun Mo Xie had even forgotten that those two strange looking men weren't under his control.....

Should I use the Hongjun Pagoda's burst as a last resort? The Young Master Jun couldn't help wondering; If things get out of control then I'll use it as a last resort!

However, another unexpected turn of events startled everyone again.....

"That Xuan Core belongs to me!" a loud voice rang!

Coincidentally this loud voice's sound coincided with a bolt of thunder; however, the booming sound of this voice actually managed to suppress the sound of the thunder!

The powerful and sonorous voice rang in everyone's ears, and seeped all the way down to the bottom of their souls!

Two black colored figures emerged from their hiding spot at speeds surpassing that of thunder strikes; one of the two men was in humanly big and burly! In fact, his body was so huge that even Dugu Wudi's stature seemed humble in front of him!

He smashed his way forward and past the three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City, and then landing straight in front of Fei Meng Chen and the Solitary Falcon, and started punching them wildly.

The other man floated through the air swiftly and towards Shi Chang Xiao; comparing his body's stealth to smoke would have been an understatement as he casually extended his arm and grabbed the Xuan Core right from under Shi Chang Xiao's nose. Meanwhile, his other hand firmly stretched out to confront the angered Shi Chang Xiao's desperate attack, and solidly collided with Shi Chang Xiao's palm!

"Bang" their collision gave rise to a loud noise, and Shi Chang Xiao was sent staggering back in the air, unable to control his decreasing altitude; the black colored man was already sent out somersaulting through the air, creating a marvelous air show, but then his body suddenly changed its direction in the most bizarre of ways, and he started speeding away with the Xuan Core!

"Got it, let's go!"

Jun Mo Xie's mind was thrown in a state of complete shock all of a sudden, and he immediately started pushing his Qi into the Hongjun Pagoda to incite the Pagoda into full force rotations in the hope of using its energy to regain control over the situation.

Since Jun Mo Xie had deployed the Pagoda into action under the cover of the Yin Yang Escape Law's stealth, the Solitary Falcon and Shi Chang Xiao took no notice of it, but the body of that black colored man who was bolting away with the Xuan Core immediately trembled, and he suddenly turned around. His sparkling eyes started searching for the source of this momentum, clearly reflecting the desires of his heart; however, his speed of escape still didn't reduce.

Even the other black colored man's body trembled at the instant when the Hongjun Pagoda was set into motion, and he too started looking around in all directions.

That big and burly man was engaged in combat against five Spirit Xuan experts at the moment, but he was making no attempt to dodge their attacks. In fact, he was readily exchanging blows with them, kicking them back for every kick, and punching them back for every punch he received. His body had turned into a punching bag for the five Spirit Xuan Experts, and all five of them punched and kicked him several times in quick succession, forcing the man to cover his stomach with his hands for protection as he screamed twice to relieve himself of his physical pain.

However, his other hand still continued to punch the three Elder of the Silver Blizzard City, and the sheer weight of his hands was enough to give three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City something to think about!

This man continued to exchange blows with the five Spirit Xuan experts till his comrade issued to command for retreat. However, once the command was given, he changing his strategy and started trying to escape away from his enemies. However, everyone had already realized his intention, and they all quickly formed a circle around him, kicking and punching him in unison to ensure that he wouldn't be able to escape out alive!

Suddenly another astonishing thing happened.....

The burly man made no move to defend himself this time either, and charged out of the encirclement, taking all the attacks on his body. Even though his body trembled under the effect of the paralyzing pain, he paid no attention to it until he had forced his way out of the encirclement; then, he howled in pain, twisted his waist, and spat out a mouthful of blood....

And then, he spread out his giant feet, and bolted away from the crowd to safety.

The Solitary Falcon, Fei Meng Chen and the three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City simply looked on with dismal in their eyes!

This man cultivation level must have already reached the Spirit Xuan realm, which was quite an exceptional and rare feat in its own merit. However, even though it seemed as if he was marginally stronger than Fei Meng Chen, he was still visibly much weaker than the Solitary Falcon! Everyone present had already been able to assess this very clearly by now!

However, even then this mad maniac had somehow pulled off a stunt such as fighting solo against five Spirit Xuan experts without defending himself; a feat that even Yun Bei Chen wouldn't dream of attempting!

Even though these Spirit Xuan experts had already consumed a fair amount of their energies, they were still all Spirit Xuan experts! Even if a team of five Spirit Xuan strong had confronted these experts, they wouldn't have acted in such a bold manner either; especially when one considers the fact that these five Spirit Xuan experts were all in a very desperate and hysterical state of mind at the moment.....

This man had not only survived so many blows, but had actually managed to escape away at the mere cost of some blood loss! And even though he had sustained some injuries, his injuries still didn't affect the speed at which he was fleeing away from them! What is going on? Isn't this affair getting stranger with every passing moment?!

This sudden change of events had obviously left Shi Chang Xiao the most depressed out of the lot, after all, he was closest to success at the time these two men had intervened. Even though his anger was on the verge of exploding, the suspicion of his heart suppressed it.....

There are barely a handful of people in this world who are actually capable of walking straight past my Qi Field, and then repel me in combat to steal away something from right under my nose... and I can name all of them..... but who was this guy?

The only thing that I'm sure is that, this man isn't one of the 'Eight Great Master'..... but who apart from us would have the courage to charge into a tiger's den in this manner?

The other black colored man's scream instantly woke up Shi Chang Xiao from his train of thoughts, and he immediately realized that this man had a partner, and therefore he naturally thought of intercepting the man's partner instead. However, he turned around and witnessed the madness with which that man was making his escape from an encirclement of five Spirit Xuan experts, and was left glued to his spot with his mouth hung open in shock.....

A team of two people had somehow managed to sneak in, and had then managed to steal a Xuan Core from the hands of two Peak Spirit Xuan experts, four Spirit Xuan experts, and about twenty Sky Xuan experts.....

If this news ever got out, it would bring them all a whole lot of shame.

However, no one had any time to think about all the disgrace they would have to suffer since they were still busy standing glued to their spot speechlessly out of utter shock and disbelief! The fighting capabilities of these two people were unheard off! Even Yun Bei Chen wasn't capable of doing what these two men had just demonstrated!

"My God, who were those monsters?" an Earth Xuan who had been spectating the fight from the outermost periphery after injuring himself severely in battle, opened his mouth in horror and spoke up, not even bothering about the raindrops that went straight into his mouth.

Even though his reaction was a fairly normal one, but Shi Chang Xiao and the Solitary Falcon immediately halted in their steads even though they had just decided to follow after these two people! They both stared at each other with eyes wide open; anyone could clearly see the look of horror in their usually confident eyes!

Fei Meng Chen slowly flew over towards them, and asked with a serious look on his face, "Were they?" he spoke his sentence in a rather soft tone.

The Solitary Falcon and Shi Chang Xiao grunted; the face of these two Peak Spirit Xuan masters had already turned pale. Fei Meng Chen's face also changed colors, making a total 'pale face' count of three.....

The three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City were also looking at each other in horror. The Sixth Elder wiped the wisps of blood which was staining the corner of his mouth: "The Tian Fa is....."

"My ass!" the Third Elder snapped angrily: "You think you're so smart? Haven't we been ashamed enough for one day... isn't this already enough?" then he sighed, and said: "Since they have already joined this fray, we should immediately pack up and get out of here with the Little Princess."

"Would they come back again?" Shi Chang Xiao frowned as he muttered to himself; he stretched out his hand, and looked at his palm which now had four red marks on it! If it wasn't for my Qi field's protection, then I would have lost my hand! This palm mark resembles that of a wild beast rather than that of a human.....

Shi Chang Xiao flexed his fingers, sighed and said: "and now my hand has touched them, but is that legend really true?" the fear of the trauma he had just suffered was still lingering in his voice.

Chapter 189 – Lethal flying knives

"You've already given up? I think you are capable of catching up with them, beating them up and recovering that Xuan Core if you want to..... you just need to have the spine for it!" the Solitary Falcon gloated a schadenfreude smile: "That's right! And maybe you'll encounter a supreme being... and who knows, maybe you'll win and your epic battle will be remembered for an eternity to come....."

Shi Chang Xiao's entire body stiffened as he heard these words; he furiously turned around and ferociously roared: "Shut your trap! Keep your damned words to yourself unless you wish to die!"

It must be mentioned that Shi Chang Xiao was not only one of the 'Eight Great Masters', but also a rather old-fashioned and civilized man, and therefore it was quite difficult for most people to imagine him screaming abuses at anyone; let alone another member of the 'Eight Great Masters'! He was staring right in the eyes of the Solitary Falcon, and everyone else had already started preparing themselves for the inevitable fight which would normally follow after such an exchange!

However, beyond all expectations, this exchange failed to rekindle the flame of war!

If these words had been spoken under any other circumstances, then it would have resulted in a very sharp response from the Solitary Falcon, and would have aroused a fierce battle between the two masters. However, the Solitary Falcon not only did not lose his temper, but actually broke into laughter instead.

Most people were left standing dumbstruck with a perplexed look on their face, unable to understand the reason. However, several people seemed to be depriving pleasure from the misfortunes of their counterparts at the moment: if an 'Eight Great Masters' like figure was left tumbling in the air, then why should I feel ashamed?

The nine disciples of Li Wu Bei had already realized that even though their Sixth Brother wasn't moving after facing the Solitary Falcon, he hadn't yet succumbed to his death, but was in a coma at the moment; inching closer to his death. They were all huddled next to a big tree at the moment, using one hand to assist their injured comrades, while using the other to maintain their guard. Out of these ten people, six had sustained injuries in the battle which had just taken place, while the Sixth Brother wasn't just very seriously injured, but had also managed to land himself in a coma.

"The Xuan Core is gone, so what's the plan now? Young Li will be very disappointed." Lei Jian Hong sighed, and said: "Who could have thought that even using our entire strength in a battle would turn out to be completely useless....."

"No one could have..... since even two of the 'Eight Great Masters' were unable to do anything, I believe that even our own Master would have come out empty handed in this battle.... So please don't take this to your heart Big Brother."

The young woman stationed behind him spoke in a low tone: "Moreover, even the Three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City were rendered useless, so what are we worth in such a fight?" her words immediately eased the tension inside their group.

"The Six Brother is now..... Young Li would have wanted to use him to keep an eye on Jun Mo Xie, so what about that now?" Lei Jian Hong frowned under the effect of the pain he felt upon watching his comrade's nearly lifeless body.

"Young Li hails from the Imperial Tutor's household; he's clever and resourceful, and he'll surely find someone else to carry out this task." The woman replied: "If he isn't able to find any suitable candidates, then I'll take over that responsibility."

"I'm interested in knowing who those two black people were? How could they have been so powerful? There are only a handful of people in this world with so much power, but I didn't recognize either of those two! What's even more surprising is that even though they were weaker than Shi Chang Xiao and

the Solitary Falcon, these two men still aren't chasing after them..... The Solitary Falcon didn't come here for the Xuan Core, so I can understand his inaction, but even Shi Chang isn't chasing after them..... which is very surprising since he was willing to risk everything for that Xuan Core earlier....."

"You're right; I believe that even though the strength of those two people was lesser than the Solitary Falcon and Shi Chang Xiao, they have surely reached the Spirit Xuan realm. Although we don't know who these mysterious experts are... therefore I can only conclude that their origination must be beyond the scope of our knowledge!"

The woman's beautiful eyebrows puckered in puzzlement as she asked: "But what's bothering me even more is this..... Why do the Solitary Falcon and Shi Chang Xiao seem afraid of them? Is there a force in this world that even these two masters are afraid of provoking?"

"Could there really be a force in this world that even the 'Eight Great Masters' are afraid to provoke?" Lei Jian Hong frowned.

No member in his team was capable of answering this question.

But their conversation had already caught the attention of Jun Mo Xie, who was still in his stealth state. Jun Mo Xie's hands had already started to itch at the time he heard that they were Li You Ran's companions, and this itch got even worse when he heard that Li You Ran had asked them to keep an eye on him. As a result, Jun Mo Xie simply couldn't control his urge to kill again.

The rain was finally beginning to ease down a bit.

"Brother Shi, Brother Falcon, Brother Fei Meng Chen, if the three of us have wronged you today, then please allow us to make up for it with some of our finest tea the next time we meet." The Third Elder of the Silver Blizzard City stepped forward, and said: "If there's nothing else left to say, then we will take your leave now."

Several distant silhouettes had already started dispersing by now; several of the City's forces including the military had gathered to plunder the Xuan Core. They had all already realized that it was fruitless to linger around anymore since the Xuan Core was already gone, and had chosen to return to their shelters over standing pointlessly in the rain.

Shi Chang Xiao replied lightly as the Three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City started to leave: "Please don't blame yourself for the falling out here today; but I will take you up on that invitation later on."

The three Elders chuckled, leaped upwards, converged with their other four companions, and left.

A hurricane stormed the sky as soon as they left, and it seemed that the Solitary Falcon had also decided to leave; but without even properly saying his goodbyes. Although he did say a few parting words before he left, however it seemed that his voice was sounding from a fair distance away: "It offends me that the Silver Blizzard City thinks they can charm us all by their silly tea, and oh, tell Han Feng Xue that I'll come looking for him! Li Wu Bei's disciples, tell your master that I'll be ready in case he wishes to come around causing trouble!"

Even though his voice was still echoing in the sky, his body had already vanished.

"Falcon, be careful of what you say." Shi Chang Xiao quickly responded, but it was unclear if the Solitary Falcon heard his remark since there was no reply.

Fei Meng Chen chuckled, turned around, and leisurely floated away! He had travelled thousands of miles from the Yu Tang Empire with the sole goal of capturing the Xuan Core, but even though the Xuan Core had disappeared away in front of his eyes, he didn't seem very disappointed since he was wise enough to realize that he was lucky to be alive.

Seeing that the crowd had already dispersed, Shi Chang Xiao sighed: Those people are still out there.... I must meet with Yun Bei Chen and Li Jue Tian to discuss some proposals..... his heart was becoming more and more upset with the turn of events, which was making him extremely anxious since the Xuan Core had slipped right out of his hands.....

"Sir." A Sky Xuan expert respectfully addressed Shi Chang Xiao.

"You will return to the Shen Ci camp, and you'll stay there. I have something I need to take care of personally; I will join you there later on." Shi Chang Xiao stated after pondering for a long while.

“Yes!” the six men accepted their order. Four of these men extended their arms to support the two men who had sustained some injuries; they glared wildly at Li Wu Bei’s disciples once again, then turned around to salute Shi Chang Xiao, and then dispersed into the rain.

Shi Chang looked at his hands again as slowly paced about alone in the air; it seemed as if a strange but desolate feeling had overtaken his heart.

He suddenly looked skywards, and then sighed as he took out a vial, and tossed it towards Lei Jian Hong before he flashed away; his flickering body was seen speeding away from Lei Jian Hong’s team once, then a few meters away in a blur, and then completely vanished from sight....

Lei Jian Hong looked carefully at the small jade vial in his hand, and spotted two words on it: Resurrection Fluid! He couldn’t help rejoicing his fortune and looked up to thank Shi Chang Xiao, but the man had already left by then.

This ‘Resurrection Fluid’ was a trade mark of Shi Chang Xiao’s family, and they were the only ones capable of manufacturing it. Although this secret medicine may not necessarily be capable of reviving the dead, but it was more than capable of ensuring the survival of anyone alive!

Lei Jian Hong quickly ordered his comrades, who immediately and carefully picked up the Six Brother’s body. Lei Jian Hong’s senses suddenly started tingling to warn him of an impending danger as he opened the Jade vial, and his body subconsciously ducked away to avoid this unseen danger.

Several screams sounded almost simultaneously!

Four of the people who had gathered around the Six Brother immediately started to bleed from their nose and mouth, and then silently dropped to the ground in front of them!

A small throwing knife was sticking out of their chest, and it was evident from the manner in which the blade had pierced their bodies that the blade had already buried itself all the way into their hearts!

Each knife had demanded a life!

And all four men had died a silent death!

Three of them were Earth Xuan experts, while the fourth one was a Sky Xuan expert!

“Young.....” Lei Jian Hong reached out. His body immediately stiffened as he crazily jumped, “Who are you? Come and stand in front of me! Don’t hide in the dark and attack us behind our backs..... come out you son of a bitch..... come out.... You ... you.... You... where are you.....”

Lei Jian Hong roared furiously as he continued to curse, while his eyes had already reddened with rage! It seemed that he had already lost his mind to chaos since he had already started running in circles in a frenzied attempt to find his attacker, but was unable to locate anyone even after searching for a long time; he finally knelt down to the ground, and burst into tears!

The other four remaining companions of his’ were all as shocked as he was, and had also started rushing about screaming and crying.

The five of them tried to search again, but were unable to find any traces of their enemy; they had never imagined that the ten of them would be able to get out of a fight against a team of Sky Xuan experts and even some Spirit Xuan experts with just one casualty. But now they had suddenly been caught off-guard after the battle had ended, and four more of their people had suddenly died!

Lei Jian Hong bent down and pulled out the knife sticking out of the Ninth Brother’s chest to inspect it, and gnashed his teeth as he said: “I’ve never seen anything like this throwing knife before.... our enemy obviously designed this specially to fool us; as long as you’re able to spot the origin of this knife, attack ruthlessly! We must avenge the death of our brothers!”

“They won’t die in vain, we vow to avenge each fallen man!” the four others simultaneously shouted out in anger.

The woman suddenly exclaimed: “Where are the other three knives?” they all turned around, and then the suddenly froze in fear. Someone had actually managed to remove the three remaining knives from the chests of their fallen victims, and this mysterious attacker had even gone ahead and ruthlessly slit the throats of these men to confirm the kills!

Someone had somehow managed to steal those three remaining knives in a very short period of time, leaving the blood these victims to flow out of their open wounds!

Everyone looked at each other as a burst of horror surged through their psyches!

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The blood was constantly pouring out of the dead bodies while the rain continued to pour from of the sky above. The blood slowly started turning pink instead of red, and the soon became colorless.

The young woman had just turned around to retrieve the knife from the dead body closest to her since she wished to compare the blades. Her entire body started to shake from fear upon realizing that the blade had disappeared from such close proximity.

Do ghosts really exist? All five people were completely shocked!

Someone actually managed to silently sneak into a circle of five Sky Xuan experts undetected! Even an normal Spirit Xuan expert may not be capable of accomplishing this feat; and in case this man has already reached the Spirit Xuan realm, then why would he need to act in much a secretive manner to fight us?!

But if this man isn't a Spirit Xuan experts, then what other possible explanation could there be?

Explanation or no explanation, we definitely shouldn't stay here for one more second!

But we can't leave our brothers here....

The five of us could easily get out if we leave the four dead ones here, but what about the Sixth Brother? He's still alive.... Only barely so..... but if we leave him here then he will die for sure!

Could things get any worse?

The five of them decided to pick up one person each, and even though they were trying to get away as far as possible, as quickly as possible, their eyes would still glance back from time to time; even the pouring rain wasn't enough to simmer down the fire of hatred in their eyes, and it seemed that they were looking back to get just one glimpse of their attacker.....

Those throwing knives belonged to Jun Mo Xie; he had already decided to kill them at the time when he realized that they were Li You Ran's friends. They had obviously been asked to participate in the fight for the Xuan Core by him, and would most likely leave the Tian Xiang City once the fight for the Xuan Core was over, but since Li You Ran was able to seek their assistance once..... he could always do it again!

Moreover, since these people were Li You Ran's seniors, Jun Mo Xie simply couldn't take any chances with them. These Sky Xuan experts might have turned out to be completely useless in this fight since they were contesting against Spirit Xuan experts, but these people would still be capable of threatening the Jun Family's existence under normal circumstances! If the Li Family decided to pick a fight with the Jun Family, then they could easily use these people to a terrifying effect!

These people had just fought a tough battle, and had already exhausted the majority of their Xuan Qi; had the hitman Jun allowed this opportunity to slip by, then he would have regretted it forever.

And therefore, the young master Jun had decided to murder them under the cover of this rain!

However, the young master Jun had never imagined that he would actually succeed in killing all four of his intended targets! Controlling the direction of four knives while being in a stealth state had already pushed Jun Mo Xie to his current limits, which is why he had never thought that each of his strike would actually claim a life.....

I actually managed to kill a Sky Xuan expert! The young master Jun couldn't help feeling complacent about his achievement.

Everyone had already left the scene, while any remaining dead bodies had been cleared up the City's patrol. The venue which had been the center of an enormous and fierce battle between some legendary warriors was now completely empty, leaving behind only the rubble of the broken buildings and the decapitated vegetation as a requiem. Even the blood had already been washed away by the rain, but the intense smell of blood was surely going to linger for a long time to come.....

Lei Jian Hong's remaining team had been walking in silence for a long, long time now when he suddenly turned around and whispered to a tree: "Ha Ha, I'm still waiting for you....."

He waited a while, and then whispered to another tree: "You think I won't catch you someday?"

His voice was soft and low, but contained almost traces of anger; it seemed rather indifferent instead, almost as if he was talking to a friend in general. But there was no one present.....

He waited for some time, and then his voice rang again in an indifferent tone as he repeated his sentence: "I'm still waiting for you....."

He paused for a while, and then spoke again: "Come out? Don't you want me to personally chop your body to pieces?"

He repeated himself again after a while.

But still no one answered him.

He continued to whisper to the trees on the way from time to time, seemingly not getting disheartened by the lack of response from the other end. Had a doctor been listening to his emotionless threats then that doctor would have diagnosed Lei Jian Hong with a mental illness.....

He continued to repeat himself, seemingly never lacking the perseverance to stop.....

The two black colored men reappeared in the field again. The big and burly man opened his big lips and announced: "Who are you? You know we are here now? Stop playing games, and quickly come out!"

These two mysterious people were obviously the ones who had captured the Xuan Core earlier, and had then fled the scene. However, Jun Mo Xie had initiated the Hongjun Pagoda's spin at full force at the time they were escaping away, hoping that it would attract them into coming back here to meet with him.

The logic was very simple; even an expert of Shi Chang Xiao's caliber had been unable to figure out the falsehood of this Xuan Core, but these two men had realized that this Xuan Core was different than a normal one. In fact, it almost felt as if these two people were extremely sensitive to the Aura coming from this fake Xuan Core....

Obviously, in case Jun Mo Xie's assumption was incorrect, then his wait would have been fruitless.

Although these two people had sensed the Aura which coming out from the Hongjun Pagoda, they had also assumed that the source of this Aura would be extremely powerful. Moreover, they had also come prepared to return empty handed since they weren't sure if the source of the Aura would actually reveal itself.

However, even though the source of Aura didn't reveal itself immediately, these people were a bit skeptical to leave so early; if someone has intentionally exuded this aura, then the person obviously had something mind. Perhaps another plan; or maybe he just wanted to say hello to us..... since the purity of that Aura had already coveted their desires, these men had immediately decided to take the risk of coming around a second time, fully aware that it could be very dangerous. Thus, these two people hid themselves immediately after escaping away with the Xuan Core, and waited till everyone had left, and then returned to the battle scene again.

After all, the purity of this Aura was the world's most seductive thing for them! No jewels, no riches, no techniques or power, and no medicines could ever have attracted them into taking such a big risk!

Even though Jun Mo Xie hadn't been sure of it at the time, but the plan had gone exactly as intended thus far!

Jun Mo Xie had managed to use the Xuan Core to instigate a battle between the competitors; he had managed to damage Li You Ran's strength by killing and weakening Lei Jian Hong's team, and had even managed to hurt the Three Elders of the Silver Blizzard City. This plan had indeed worked out very well so far, because these people were sworn enemies of the Jun Family and could cause some major trouble for the Jun Family in the future. Even though he hadn't succeeded in completely eliminating his enemies, he had at least managed to delay the arrival of their threats!

Jun Mo Xie had managed to plan all this, and had somehow managed to execute this plan to perfection with the help of some improvisation! But as far as these two mysterious people were concerned, it was time for Jun Mo Xie to start wracking his brain again!

'Ha Ha', the sound of a low, weirdly mystical, but powerful and sonorous laughter originated from a few meters in front of these two men. There is nothing in front... just a tree! But that sound definitely comes from in front of us!

Although the origination of these two people was very mysterious, but even they had never witnessed something this strange in their entire lives! They simultaneously stepped back, and immediately brought their hands up to their chests in defense!

"What the hell are you? Come out!"

Without any signs of warning, a third black robed man unexpectedly emerged in front of these two men in the most bizarre of ways! This man's body drilled its path out of the ground, almost as if the ground underneath his feet was just an illusion! The strength of these two men had already reached the Spirit Xuan realm, but even then they had never heard of a technique as weird as this one!

It could be said that even Yun Bei Chen would've refused to believe that something like this was ever possible!

It was simply too strange!

But another very strange thing had happened right before this mysterious third man had made his entry; just before this man appeared, the two mysterious black people had sensed a faint hint of that same Aura which had lured them here, and it seemed to be coming straight from the body of this third man.

The two of them were now completely sure that this was no illusion!

"What is your name sire? What's your purpose for bringing us here?" the tall and slender man asked cautiously.

"I obviously have my reasons for bringing you here." The newly emerged mysterious man replied lightly: "I'm Feng Jue Qing; may I know your names?"

“You don’t know our history?” the burly man asked with a puzzled look on his face, I though this man was something extraordinary when he broke out of the ground in that manner, but his name is obviously fake.... I have a strange feeling about this.....

“I know your history, but I don’t know your names; after all, isn’t it very difficult to guess them given your history, right?” this third man was obviously Jun Mo Xie. If I hadn’t guessed your origination, then why would I have come here?

“Oh, that’s right.... I’m Long Crane, and this is my fourth Brother, Big Bear.” The slender black man, Long Crane nodded as he spoke: “We’ve heard a lot about you Brother Feng Jue Qing! We’ve been dying to meet a man of your renowned reputation; we consider ourselves very fortunate for your company today!”

“You’ve heard the name Feng Jue Qing before?” Jun Mo Xie tilted his head, I’ve heard this name for the first time in my life, but you’ve actually heard it before? Don’t tell me.... have I carelessly borrowed a famous celebrity’s name?

The man called Big Bear replied with a straight face: “Isn’t that what your people say as a courtesy remark? Don’t they just pretend that they’ve already heard of your name?”

Ah! Damn it!

“He he, you’ve actually travelled two thousand miles to the Tian Xiang City for a peak level nine Xuan Core?” Jun Mo Xie scratched his nose.

“This is a condensed peak level nine Xuan Core! Ordinary experts might have been taken in by it, but fortunately, we have too many years of experience.....” Long Crane turned and tossed the fake Xuan Core which Jun Mo Xie had fabricated, this trip had turned out to be completely useless, but it seems that things could get better now.

He looked at Jun Mo Xie meaningfully and spoke: “However, we don’t think that our trip would be a complete waste now that we’ve met you sire; we now believe that there are a lot of unknown great things awaiting us here!”