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Chapter 1681: Olive Branch

The term "Solar True Origin" refers to the True Origin that has merged with the solar flame.

Of course, the solar flame within Wyatt Barnes's True Origin doesn't yet qualify as a true solar flame.

The true solar flame is the kind mastered by the three-legged Golden Crow 'Elder Fire' at his peak, renowned across all celestial realms, capable of incinerating nearly everything.

As Wyatt Barnes's cultivation progresses, his True Origin will also transform, and the power of the solar flame will gradually intensify.

Until it eventually becomes a true solar flame!

However, mastering a true solar flame requires Wyatt Barnes to elevate his cultivation to a certain level.

This level surpasses even the scope of the Martial Dao Sacred Land, not just the Lower Domain of the Martial Dao Sacred Land, but the entire scope, including the Upper Domain.

"Boy, you're courting death!!"

Just then, an angry shout exploded in Wyatt Barnes's ear. It was the Grand Elder of the Sky-scraping Mansion, 'Serene Adams', who was enraged as Wyatt defied his words and lethally attacked the disciple of the Sky-scraping Mansion.

Of course, he didn't dare say it outright, using voice transmission instead.

Initially, he had that Sky-scraping Mansion disciple kill Wyatt Barnes because he didn't think a young man under forty, like Wyatt, could be a match for his disciple.

Who would have thought Wyatt Barnes would have the strength to kill that Sky-scraping Mansion disciple?

If he had known, he would have immediately had his disciple concede. Though embarrassing, it wouldn't have cost them lives in the Sky-scraping Mansion.

In one outing, they lost two Middle Saint Realm early-stage disciples of the Sky-scraping Mansion.

Moreover, both were under fifty years old!

Under fifty and in the early stage of the Middle Saint Realm, such talent could rank in the top five among the younger generation of the Sky-scraping Mansion.

Such individuals were all lost here today.

Serene Adams could imagine how furious their House Master and even the elders, Vice House Master, would be upon their return.

Even though Serene Adams couldn't intervene due to rules and the presence of Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, he couldn't escape responsibility.

All of a sudden, he began to sweat slightly on his forehead.

It was cold sweat.

Facing Serene Adams's angry shout, Wyatt Barnes raised his head and gave Serene Adams a light glance, saying, "Grand Elder of the Sky-scraping Mansion, is it? So, your disciple can kill me, but I can't kill him? Am I just supposed to stand still and wait to die? Tsk tsk... You say I'm courting death; does that mean your disciples don't have to follow the rules? If that's the case, there's no need for an Overleaping Rankings competition. You could just pre-determine the ten slots for yourselves."

As he continued, Wyatt's face was full of mockery.

Serene Adams didn't expect Wyatt to expose his transmitted threat, and his face immediately darkened.

At that moment, all the surrounding gazes converged on him, filled with ridicule and anger.

The rules of the Overleaping Rankings were set long ago, disregarding life and death.

This Grand Elder of the Sky-scraping Mansion now threatens a loose cultivator because his people were killed?

His people can kill loose cultivators, but loose cultivators can't kill his people? Such tyranny!

The loose cultivators present, including Gully Ashton Chapman, coldly looked at Serene Adams, and many began to mock, "Tsk tsk... A Grand Elder of the Sky-scraping Mansion has no stature, threatening a loose cultivator."

"His people can kill others, but others can't kill his people? Truly tyrannical."

"In my view, if his people died, they deserved it. It's an Overleaping Rankings competition, after all, where life and death don't matter... In such cases, threatening the person who acted because your people were killed is a disgrace to the Sky-scraping Mansion."

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Now, not only were loose cultivators mocking Serene Adams, but even people from other factions looked at him strangely.

Even Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins looked at Serene Adams with unpleasant expressions, as his actions were tantamount to challenging them, the primary hosts of the Overleaping Rankings competition.

Serene Adams could ignore what others thought.

However, noticing the icy gazes of Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, Serene had to appease them. He immediately glared at Wyatt Barnes and shouted, "Boy, I don't know what

you're talking about! When did I say you were courting death? Stop making unfounded accusations!"

For a moment, many looked at Wyatt Barnes with puzzled expressions.

More of them smirked, all guessing that Serene Adams intended to deny the incident.

"Unfounded accusations?"

Wyatt sneered, his mockery deepening, "If that's the case, how about you, the Grand Elder of the Sky-scraping Mansion, make a Thunder Punishment oath saying you never said such things? To be fair, I'm also willing to make a similar Thunder Punishment oath!"

Thunder Punishment Oath!

As soon as Wyatt uttered those words, those who doubted him realized that Wyatt was probably not lying. Otherwise, why would he willingly propose a Thunder Punishment oath?

"Who do you think you are, warranting me, Serene Adams, to make a Thunder Punishment oath?"

Serene Adams didn't expect the loose cultivator to be so ruthless, directly proposing a Thunder Punishment oath. His eyes flashed coldly, but he made no concession verbally.

"If you don't dare, then just admit it. What's the point of all this nonsense? Sky-scraping Mansion's Grand Elder, nothing much!"

Wyatt Barnes sneered coldly.

"Impudent!!"

Just as Serene Adams was rendered speechless by Wyatt Barnes' audacity, his grandson, another combatant 'Shane Adams,' could no longer hold back. His face, already stern, now seemed as if it was coated with frost, exuding an intimidating aura that made people feel as if they were plunged into an icy abyss.

However, Wyatt Barnes didn't even glance at him, or rather, he couldn't be bothered to acknowledge him.

If I'm not afraid of your grandfather, why would I be afraid of you?

This was the inner monologue of Wyatt Barnes at the moment.

Regardless, Wyatt Barnes daring to turn face with the Grand Elder of Sky-scraping Mansion, 'Serene Adams,' excited the gathered crowd of loose cultivators. Wyatt had done what they dared not do and had vented their frustration.

Many loose cultivators looked at Wyatt Barnes with admiration, as if he were an 'idol.'

"Young man, what is your name?"

At this moment, Donovan Tasker spoke, looking at Wyatt Barnes and asking warmly.

In his eyes, there was clearly a touch of fervor.

Donovan Tasker's words seemed to remind Castiel Mullins, who immediately looked at Wyatt Barnes with fiery eyes and smiled, asking, "Young man, I have not heard of such a noteworthy figure in the Sky-scraping Mansion region... Would you be interested in joining our Surge House?"

Boom!!

Castiel Mullins' words were like a bolt out of the blue, creating a wave of astonishment among those present.

The Second Elder of Surge House actually extended an olive branch to this loose cultivator who had killed members of the Sky-scraping Mansion!

And he did so right in front of Serene Adams, the Grand Elder of Sky-scraping Mansion.

Is he not afraid of offending Sky-scraping Mansion because of this?

In truth, Castiel Mullins was being direct due to pressure.

Seeing how friendly Donovan Tasker was being to this young genius loose cultivator, he guessed Donovan's intentions were to recruit Wyatt Barnes into Tengu House.

Genius loose cultivators have always been targets for major forces to contend for.

Just like the famous loose cultivator 'GullyAshton Chapman' in the Sky-scraping Mansion region, not only the Sky-scraping Mansion, but even Tengu House and Surge House had all extended olive branches to him, but he was unwilling, and there was nothing the three major forces could do.

However, Wyatt Barnes was different.

He appeared as a loose cultivator, was previously unknown, and with a talent greater than GullyAshton Chapman, he was undoubtedly a prime target for recruitment by Surge House.

Donovan Tasker initially intended to be more roundabout, but now seeing Castiel Mullins being so direct, he hurriedly said to Wyatt Barnes, "Young man, we at Tengu House also welcome your joining! If you join us, we will not only cultivate you with the best training resources but will also protect your personal safety until you have grown strong enough."

As he said the latter part, he instinctively glanced at Serene Adams.

The implication was clear: they would protect him from harm by Sky-scraping Mansion.

During the Overleaping Rankings battle, perhaps people from Sky-scraping Mansion wouldn't dare act, but afterwards, no one could assure his safety.

He believed that this loose cultivator in front of him surely understood this point.

Seeing Donovan Tasker, the Vice House Master of Tengu House, also extend an olive branch to Wyatt Barnes, the crowd was once again in an uproar, although this time it wasn't as surprising due to Castiel Mullins going first.

"Young man, as long as you agree to join Surge House, whoever dares to harm you is an enemy of mine, Castiel Mullins!"

Seeing Donovan Tasker lowering his guard to recruit, Castiel Mullins refused to be outdone and added immediately.

"Genius loose cultivators really do have it good... it's just a pity, with talent like mine, even fourth-rate forces look down on me, let alone fifth-rate ones."

A loose cultivator said with a bitter smile.

"Yeah, fourth-rate forces and fifth-rate forces look down on us, and we look down on sixth-rate forces... This is the awkward situation for us loose cultivators."

Another loose cultivator chimed in.

Nonetheless, with Wyatt Barnes being invited by both the Second Elder of Surge House and the Vice House Master of Tengu House, he once again became the focal point of the entire scene.

They were all curious about how Wyatt Barnes would choose.

With Wyatt Barnes' talent, they believed that as long as he genuinely joined Surge House or Tengu House and made a Thunder Punishment vow, the two major forces would definitely not mistreat him.

As for Serene Adams, the Grand Elder of Sky-scraping Mansion, his face was now extremely unsightly.

How could it not be?

Donovan Tasker, Castiel Mullins, were extending olive branches to someone who killed members of their Sky-scraping Mansion, even suggesting they would protect him.

Yet, though his heart was full of rage, he had nothing to say.

If he were in Donovan Tasker's and Castiel Mullins' shoes, he would have done the same.

Even if he didn't want to admit it, he had to concede that the stern-faced loose cultivator before him possessed an astonishingly high level of talent.

Chapter 1682: Conspiracy?

If the opponent did not kill anyone from Sky-scraping Mansion, he wouldn't mind lowering his stature to invite the person to join.

"My name is 'Eden Lee'."

Wyatt Barnes smiled at Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, revealing his alias, while also saying, "Thank you, Vice House Master Tasker and Elder Mullins for your kind offer. As for the matter of joining Teng Yue House or Surge Hayden House, it's a big decision for me, so I ask for some time to ponder it. After the Overleaping Rankings battle is over, I'll let you both know my decision, okay?"

Ponder it?

As soon as Wyatt said this, Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins' eyes lit up instantly.

They naturally knew what these words meant.

This meant the person didn't refuse!

There was a chance!

Immediately, Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins exchanged a glance, and fiery sparks could be seen in each other's eyes.

Even though there was a chance, Wyatt Barnes, if he wanted to join a fourth-rate force, would need to choose between the two of them.

So, right now, between Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, there was undoubtedly an air of tension.

Of course, they both understood that even if Wyatt truly intended to join, it would ultimately depend on what conditions their two families could offer, as the saying goes, "a wise bird chooses a good tree to perch on." They understood this logic.

So, they were already starting to consider their own bottom lines.

"Eden Lee! You're indeed not simple."

After Wyatt's body was surrounded by a golden field that no one could see through, Monk Flower knew this Eden Lee was no ordinary person. At the very least, even he could not see through the field; it was the first time he saw such an enigmatic realm.

Later, when the Sky-scraping Mansion disciple vanished into thin air, it further confirmed his suspicions and intuition.

This Eden Lee is no ordinary person!

In the Pure Sun Temple's side, Silent Void's gaze on Wyatt Barnes also gradually brightened.

Previously, although he had paid attention to Wyatt Barnes, it was only because Wyatt was alone and naturally attracted attention.

Now, he realized that this person, as solitary as GullyAshton Chapman, was probably not inferior in strength to GullyAshton at all.

GullyAshton Chapman looked at Wyatt with a complicated gaze.

In fact, from the moment Wyatt appeared, GullyAshton had a good impression of him, but just now, in Wyatt's words, he seemed to express a willingness to join Teng Yue House or Surge Hayden House, which caused GullyAshton's impression of Wyatt to plummet.

He had no fondness for people from large factions.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have been a loose cultivator all this time.

With his talent, joining a fourth-rate power would be no problem, and he could even receive great support if he pledged lifelong loyalty under a Thunder Punishment vow to such a faction.

Wyatt Barnes naturally was unaware of GullyAshton Chapman's thoughts.

What he now pondered was why the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams, had not yet arrived.

Now, it was almost noon, and of those yet to come onto the stage, only Monk Flower and Silent Void remained.

"It's said that Peace Adams harbors quite the ambition for the next generation's House Master position at Sky-scraping Mansion, so it's unlikely he wouldn't show up."

At this thought, Wyatt rested easy.

He had spent some time in the Sky-scraping Mansion territory and had deliberately learned about their Junior House Master, Peace Adams, realizing that he was not just a playboy but an ambitious one at that.

Returning to his senses, Wyatt looked at Monk Flower and Silent Void, curious about who would take the stage first.

He did not believe there was a third person besides these two who would take the stage among those present.

After all, none of the ten current stage masters, including himself, were weak.

Yet, as a figure rose into the air, it was beyond Wyatt's expectation.

This person, Wyatt had an impression of.

"Dane Adams?"

Wyatt frowned, not expecting Dane Adams, who had previously lost to Nether Void Master, to stand out again. If he remembered correctly, Dane was only a Little Saint Realm peak martial artist, whose participation now could only end in a beating.

"Dane Adams? Why is he stepping forward again?"

Dane's appearance also baffled the surrounding spectators.

"This Dane is merely a peak Little Saint Realm martial artist. Earlier, he lost to Nether Void Master... Now, the ten stage masters present are all Middle Saint Realm and above. Does he really think he stands a chance?"

Many mocked.

"According to the rules, besides being unable to challenge the Nether Void Master who defeated him, he can challenge anyone else."

Another person pointed out.

"True that may be, but shouldn't one have proper self-awareness? He's a peak Little Saint Realm martial artist, clearly no match for the ten current stage masters. Stepping forward now not only invites a beating but also wastes everyone's time."

A lot of people felt dissatisfied with Dane Adams' actions.

Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins also furrowed their brows, thinking Dane was overestimating himself.

Just as everyone was curious about whom Dane would challenge, he soared and landed firmly in the center of one of the chess pieces.

"This..."

Seeing Dane land in the center of that piece, those present were dumbfounded.

The reason was that the opponent Dane chose was none other than his fellow Sky-scraping Mansion disciple, Shane Adams.

Shane Adams, also Peace Adams' own grandson.

"Dane Adams, actually challenging Shane Adams?"

Immediately, many people were stunned, thinking it was somewhat incredible.

More people even reached out to pat their faces, pinched their thighs, to verify if they were dreaming.

Facts proved they were not dreaming.

Dane Adams was indeed challenging Shane Adams, who was at the mid stage of the Middle Saint Realm.

"Both are disciples of the Sky-scraping Mansion, Dane Adams is actually going to challenge Shane Adams, and he's doing it with a peak Little Saint Realm cultivation, challenging a mid-stage Middle Saint Realm... does he have a grudge against Shane Adams?"

"Even if he has a grudge, with his strength, he can't compare to Shane Adams, it's impossible to take revenge, right?"

"Maybe he knows he's not Shane Adams' opponent, just wants to disgust Shane Adams?"

"That's possible."

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It must be said, the power of the crowd is vast, and soon someone 'guessed' Dane Adams' intention.

"In such a situation, to disgust a fellow disciple of the Sky-scraping Mansion... how big can this grudge be? Isn't Dane Adams worried about disgracing the Sky-scraping Mansion?"

Many people shook their heads, thinking Dane Adams' action was irrational.

On the contrary, Wyatt Barnes did not think Dane Adams showed up for such an absurd reason. He raised an eyebrow, his face turning cold and stern, immediately looking towards the Grand Elder of the Sky-scraping Mansion, 'Serene Adams'.

If Dane Adams was really challenging Shane Adams for that absurd reason, Serene Adams' expression would definitely not look good.

However, Wyatt Barnes noticed that Serene Adams' face had a conspiratorial smile.

His eyes were fixated on him, like a venomous snake, giving Wyatt Barnes an instinctive shiver.

"There's a conspiracy!"

And just as Wyatt Barnes sensed a conspiracy, something unexpected happened that shocked everyone present.

Originally, it was believed that even if Dane Adams challenged Shane Adams, he would be easily defeated.

However, the result was unexpected.

"I concede."

Shane Adams' icy voice spread, causing an uproar on the scene.

At this moment, including Donovan Tasker, Castiel Mullins, and a few other rational people, quickly came to their senses, eyes flashing as they all looked towards Wyatt Barnes, seemingly guessing something.

"What is going on?"

For many present, the scene before them was still puzzling.

"Shane Adams actually conceded? But he's a mid-stage Middle Saint Realm martial artist!"

Many people exclaimed.

"Could he be trying to use this 'yielding' method to help Dane Adams get on the Overleaping Rankings?"

Many people looked at Shane Adams with a strange expression.

"He's crazy! This method could never let Dane Adams on the Overleaping Rankings... Remember, among those already eliminated, there are still a few early-stage Middle Saint Realm martial artists. As long as they appear, Dane Adams won't stand firm and will be immediately pulled down."

More people discussed, thinking Shane Adams was crazy to make such a choice.

But they quickly quieted down.

Only because they clearly saw that after conceding, Shane Adams did not return to the group of Sky-scraping Mansion disciples. Instead, he flew over another chess piece, slowly descended, and confronted the 'leader' above that piece, clearly issuing a challenge.

"So that's it!"

At this point, many people slapped their heads, suddenly realizing, "This whole detour, Shane Adams was aiming to challenge Eden Lee!"

Eden Lee was Wyatt Barnes' current alias.

Earlier, he not only killed a disciple of the Sky-scraping Mansion but also provoked the Grand Elder, Serene Adams, and ignored Shane Adams.

For a moment, everyone could clearly sense the explosive tension from Shane Adams, knowing he was ready to compete with Wyatt Barnes, maybe even eliminate him.

"It seems Eden Lee's really angered him... Otherwise, he wouldn't be in such a hurry to confront Eden Lee! You know, even if both of them got onto the Overleaping Rankings, they would still have a chance to contest, as they would have to determine the specific rankings later."

Someone sighed.

"You're mistaken. Shane Adams' actions are actually very smart... Don't forget, when the ten spots on the Overleaping Rankings are set, the host will intervene in the subsequent specific ranking matches. In past Overleaping Rankings, there were very few deaths in the final ranking matches."

Others said.

"I also forgot about this point for a moment... Indeed, if you want to kill someone in the Overleaping Rankings battle, now is the best time. After all, the ten spots have not been decided yet."

More people suddenly realized.

Facing Shane Adams' presence, Wyatt Barnes' expression was extremely calm because he had already guessed everything when he saw the conspiratorial smile on Serene Adams a moment ago.

"Aren't you afraid your grandson will end up like that Sky-scraping Mansion disciple?"

Wyatt Barnes looked at Serene Adams, casually smiling and asking, with a tone filled with immense confidence.

Hearing Wyatt Barnes' words, and seeing the confidence on his face, the smiling Serene Adams involuntarily had his heart skip a beat, "This Eden Lee... so confident?"

Chapter 1683: Shattered Void Explosive

Wyatt Barnes had just displayed strength that, while formidable, appeared to Serene Adams to be on par with an average Middle Saint Realm martial artist.

As a Great Saint Realm powerhouse, Serene Adams was confident in his own Divine Sense.

Just now, when Wyatt made his move, the strength he displayed, according to Serene's Divine Sense feedback, was not even comparable to his grandson, Shane Adams. It was precisely for this reason that he supported Shane in challenging Wyatt.

Challenging Wyatt was Shane's own decision.

In Shane's eyes, Wyatt dared to be so disrespectful to his grandfather and was already deserving of death. Later, Wyatt ignored him, which further fueled the fury in his heart.

However, now hearing Wyatt's words and seeing the confidence on his face, Serene Adams hesitated.

Could it be that Wyatt has confidence in defeating his grandson?

In an instant, a shadow seemed to loom over his heart.

"You think you can kill me?"

Seeing Wyatt acting so arrogantly, Shane was furious and laughed coldly, his eyes filled with killing intent, ready to devour.

Although Shane was also very confident in his own strength, Wyatt's evident confidence made Serene Adams feel heavy-hearted. He immediately transmitted a message to Shane, "Shane, Grandpa believes in your strength... But this Eden Lee is very mysterious; I'm afraid he has some trump card he hasn't yet revealed. If things go wrong, you must concede promptly."

"Never force yourself because of saving face; in the face of life and death, face means nothing."

Serene Adams advised Shane through Divine Sense.

Upon hearing his grandfather's words, Shane felt a chill in his heart. Although he thought his grandfather was worrying unnecessarily, he still agreed, "I understand, Grandpa."

"Shane, challenge Eden Lee!"

At the same time, all eyes at the venue focused on Wyatt and Shane, tightly watching them. In their view, the upcoming battle was sure to be extremely exciting.

At this moment, none of them wanted to blink.

"Eden Lee's strength is considerable, but facing Shane, he's likely to face dire outcomes."

Many whispered among themselves.

Though Wyatt had previously swiftly killed a Sky-scraping Mansion disciple, Kane Adams, in one move, Kane was merely an ordinary early-stage Middle Saint Realm martial artist and couldn't compare to Shane at all.

Shane would also only need one move to kill him.

Kane had just broken through to the early-stage Middle Saint Realm not long ago and was at the bottom among early-stage Middle Saint Realm martial artists.

Even if Nether Void Master, also an early-stage Middle Saint Realm martial artist, wanted to kill him, it likely wouldn't take more than ten moves.

Even though Wyatt spoke to Serene Adams with confidence, those present still didn't think he could surpass Shane. Facing Shane and facing Kane were two completely different concepts.

"Eden Lee!"

Monk Flower stared unblinkingly at Wyatt, murmuring to himself, "Can you win against Shane?"

Silent Void, Gully Ashton Chapman, and others were also watching Wyatt.

This battle was undoubtedly the most exciting one before the final ranking battle of the Overleaping Rankings.

Although Monk Flower and Silent Void had not yet taken the stage, their appearances were destined to be without suspense; they were sure to rank on the Overleaping Rankings. Therefore, those present were not eagerly anticipating their appearances.

In contrast, they were very much looking forward to the battle between Wyatt and Shane.

"What, you look down on me?"

Upon hearing Shane's words, Wyatt's gaze shifted to Shane as well. He smiled faintly, his expression calm and collected.

Seeing the calm and collected expression on Wyatt's face, Shane's expression turned even darker.

This Eden Lee could remain so composed at this moment, clearly looking down on him!

"Die!!"

With a cold shout, Shane moved, transforming into a black hawk, sweeping towards Wyatt with its wings outstretched.

The void trembled as he passed.

In an instant, along with the surging True Origin within Shane, his domain also emerged.

As soon as his domain appeared, he lifted his right hand, and a small ball formed by condensed True Origin quickly floated above it. Upon appearing, it seemed to transform into a devouring beast, greedily swallowing the energy within a hundred-meter radius centered around Shane.

The domain trembled, and a continuous stream of energy poured into the small ball in Shane's hand, causing its brilliance to increase sharply, resembling a tiny, dazzling sun.

Of course, during this process, the True Origin within Shane also flowed continuously into this small ball.

It could be said that this small ball contained the strongest force Shane could currently muster.

From the beginning, he made no reservations!

Apparently, even though Shane appeared confident while facing Wyatt, he dared not be negligent.

From Shane holding up a small ball, to the ball absorbing the energy of the domain and his own power, transforming into its current state, all happened in the blink of an eye.

"Is that... 'Shattered Void Explosive'?"

At this moment, Donovan Tasker raised his eyebrows, his face showing astonishment.

'Shattered Void Explosive,' a top-grade Earth-level martial arts attack technique. Seeing Shane Adams execute it, it's clear he's cultivated it to the highest realm, mastering it completely.

Only by cultivating 'Shattered Void Explosive' to its highest realm can one condense a 'True Origin Sphere' in such a short time.

"'Shattered Void Explosive'!"

Seeing this scene, Castiel Mullins also turned serious. He recognized 'Shattered Void Explosive' and knew it was one of the strongest attack techniques within the Earth-level martial arts of Sky-scraping Mansion.

As a Great Saint Realm expert, Castiel Mullins instantly saw that Shane Adams had mastered 'Shattered Void Explosive' to a refined and superb level.

"Eden Lee, be careful, this is 'Shattered Void Explosive.' In terms of power, among the attack techniques in the Earth-level martial arts of Sky-scraping Mansion, it ranks in the top three! Looking at Shane Adams now executing 'Shattered Void Explosive,' it's clear he's also mastered it to its highest realm, completely refined."

At this moment, two voices sounded near Wyatt Barnes' ear.

Both voices were reminding him, and their content was generally the same.

He could tell that Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins were reminding him. As for why they kindly reminded him, he could naturally guess the reason. It was nothing more than trying to win his favor, so that after the Overleaping Rankings battle, he might join their faction.

Previously agreeing to both, that he would give it some thought and consider whether to join their factions, was also a result of Wyatt Barnes' deep contemplation.

Regarding Tengyue Mansion and Surge Hayden Mansion, he didn't reject them. After all, they were fourth-rank forces on the Martial Dao Sacred Land, joining them would be beneficial.

"Thank you both for the reminder."

While expressing gratitude, Wyatt Barnes' gaze never left Shane Adams. "An attack technique ranked in the top three among the Earth-level martial arts of Sky-scraping Mansion? In this case, 'Shattered Void Explosive' is also an attack technique within the top-grade Earth-level martial arts. Shane Adams has cultivated it to the highest realm, its power must be extraordinary."

With this thought, golden True Origin once again rose from Wyatt Barnes' body surface.

In an instant, within a hundred meters centered around him, a golden domain reappeared, completely enveloping him.

In the golden domain, over ten thousand golden sword lights gradually took form.

Myriad Swords Domain!

At the same time, Wyatt Barnes began to manipulate the Myriad Swords Domain, and his muscles also slightly swelled. Though because he was clothed, the obvious changes in his body couldn't be seen.

If Wyatt Barnes were to remove his robe now, those present would surely discover that semi-translucent energy was flickering on his body surface. This was the energy formed by air friction when one's physique reaches a certain level of strength.

Typically, only Savage Beasts and Sacred Beasts with exceptionally strong physiques would exhibit such energy.

But now it also appeared on Wyatt Barnes.

For no other reason than his body, having undergone tempering by the Jewel Tower and the Essence Blood of a Five-Clawed Demon Dragon, had strength even surpassing that of a 'Six-Clawed Divine Dragon' at the same realm, close to a 'Seven-Clawed Divine Dragon.'

In the Lower Domain of the Martial Dao Sacred Land, there were no Six-Clawed Divine Dragons, the Five-Clawed Divine Dragon was the strongest among Dragonsmith Clan.

In the Upper Domain of the Martial Dao Sacred Land, there were Six-Clawed Divine Dragons, but they were extremely rare.

As for Seven-Clawed Divine Dragons, they could only be said to have appeared on the Martial Dao Sacred Land, that was an even more powerful Dragon Pearl.

Of course, Elder Fire mentioned to Wyatt that in the myriad heavenly planes, there were even Eight-Clawed Divine Dragons, let alone Seven-Clawed Divine Dragons, though the latter were also exceedingly rare even there.

As for the Nine-Clawed Divine Dragon, throughout the myriad heavenly planes, there was only one—it was the ancestor of the Dragonsmith Clan, the Nine-Clawed Ying Dragon.

The Nine-Clawed Ying Dragon, also known as the Nine-Clawed Ancestral Dragon, stands at the pinnacle of the myriad heavenly planes. Its strength not only matches those rulers of a heavenly plane, the 'Heavenly Emperors,' but even surpasses some of them.

Swish!!

As Shane Adams' True Origin Sphere gathered all the power he could wield, his figure moved, hurtling towards Wyatt Barnes like a meteorite.

As his domain collided with Wyatt Barnes' domain, he raised his hand and struck out.

The True Origin Sphere in his hand, slicing through the air, headed straight for Wyatt Barnes, terrifying and swift, reaching him in an instant.

At the moment Shane Adams' domain collided with Wyatt Barnes' domain, Wyatt Barnes' domain rapidly contracted under everyone's watchful eyes.

During the contraction, the air experienced violent friction.

"What's happening?"

The scene rendered many present dumbfounded, with some thinking Wyatt Barnes' domain was inferior to Shane Adams'.

However, they soon realized they were wrong.

Only because, as Wyatt Barnes' domain retracted, it transformed into a brilliant golden sword light at his feet, quickly forming an eye-catching golden flying sword.

The brilliance of the golden flying sword was even more striking than the rapidly approaching True Origin Sphere towards Wyatt Barnes.

"Release!!"

At that instantaneous moment, Wyatt Barnes slowly uttered a word.

As his voice fell, the golden flying sword at his feet suddenly burst forth with the brilliance of the scorching sun, forcing many in attendance to involuntarily close their eyes, instinctively shut them tight.

Chapter 1684: Eden Lee Is Not Dead?

As dazzling, blinding golden light blossomed, the flying sword beneath Wyatt Barnes' feet swiftly shot out.

As the flying sword darted out, with the movement of Wyatt Barnes' mind, it embodied the profound mysteries of the Supreme Heart Sword's first realm, "Sword in Heart."

Currently, Wyatt Barnes had not yet mastered the second realm of the Supreme Heart Sword, "Sword Shadow at Will."

However, even so, this sword from Wyatt Barnes was extraordinary, comparable to the attack techniques within top-grade earth-level Saint martial arts, and it was executed at a high level.

But, compared to the Shattered Void Explosive, it was slightly weaker.

However, although somewhat weaker, due to the force of Wyatt Barnes' powerful physical strength, overall, it was not inferior to the Shattered Void Explosive executed by Shane Adams. In fact, because of the Solar True Origin, the power of this sword surpassed Shane Adams' Shattered Void Explosive.

However, this was something that others did not know.

"This Eden Lee, in his haste to strike, probably couldn't even fully mobilize his True Origin... in this battle, he is doomed to die!"

Serene Adams smirked coldly, looking assured of victory.

As a Great Saint Realm powerhouse, he had keen insight and could naturally see that in that rush, Wyatt Barnes could not possibly mobilize all his True Origin, nor could he exert his full strength.

Not only Serene Adams, but also DonovanTasker, Castiel Mullins, and others thought so too.

But how could they have imagined that it would not take Wyatt Barnes long to mobilize his True Origin because Wyatt Barnes had opened up a total of ninety-nine Saint Veins.

In the Martial Dao Sacred Land, opening up eighty-one Saint Veins was already considered remarkable.

In fact, in the history of the Martial Dao Sacred Land, only two people had ever opened eighty-one Saint Veins.

But Wyatt Barnes far surpassed them.

The efficiency of mobilizing True Origin with ninety-nine Saint Veins was more than twice as fast as Shane Adams.

It was precisely for this reason that Wyatt Barnes allowed Shane Adams to strike first, the first to take action, because he was confident that he could mobilize all his True Origin and deliver a full-force strike in the shortest time.

This was confidence, belonging solely to Wyatt Barnes!

The confidence granted by ninety-nine Saint Veins.

For this reason, the speed at which Wyatt Barnes could condense his domain far outstripped ordinary people.

Whoosh!!

The True Origin orb was pushed out by Shane Adams, cutting through the air like a cannonball, quickly hurtling towards Wyatt Barnes.

As long as it touched Wyatt Barnes or his True Origin, it would explode, unleashing all the True Origin and domain power contained within without reservation.

Of course, even if Wyatt Barnes dodged, it would follow suit immediately, as it was firmly locked onto Wyatt Barnes through Shane Adams' Divine Sense.

Swoosh!!

The golden flying sword shot out across the sky at a speed not inferior to the True Origin orb.

In fact, compared to the True Origin orb, it was even several degrees faster.

Its target was precisely the True Origin orb.

However, despite the flying sword's swift speed, and even though Serene Adams, DonovanTasker, and Castiel Mullins noticed it, they still did not believe that the power within the flying sword could rival that within the True Origin orb.

Moreover, even if it could touch the True Origin orb, the orb would explode immediately and crush it with its residual force, then continue to race towards Wyatt Barnes.

By then, the aftermath of the explosion would also turn Wyatt Barnes not far away into dust.

Finally, the flying sword and the True Origin orb collided.

In fact, before the collision, the aura surrounding both had clashed repeatedly, causing the surrounding void to ripple as if it could shatter at any moment.

Soon, the flying sword and the True Origin orb merged.

Time seemed to freeze at this moment.

Boom!!

A deafening, earth-shattering explosion rapidly spread out.

At this moment, even heaven and earth seemed colorless.

In an instant, some martial artists and Taoist cultivators present who had not reached the Saint Realm had their eardrums directly ruptured, with some even bleeding from their seven orifices.

Even the faces of martial artists and Taoist cultivators at the Little Saint Realm turned red, clearly showing that the sound of the explosion had a significant impact on them.

As the earth-shattering sound resonated, the void around Wyatt Barnes was completely engulfed by a golden brilliance.

The golden radiance spread continuously, quickly enveloping Wyatt Barnes and making his figure vanish from sight.

That was the residual power of the explosion.

Serene Adams smiled.

In his view, this residual power from the explosion alone was enough to kill Wyatt Barnes.

Even a Martial Artist at the Middle Saint Realm, with decent physical resilience, was still flesh and blood, incomparable to the strong-bodied Savage Beasts and Sacred Beasts.

Moreover, the residual power from this explosion, even an ordinary Savage Beast or Sacred Beast who was not known for their physical strength, would likely be blasted into tiny pieces.

"Is Eden Lee dead?"

The scene before them also entered the eyes of the onlookers, causing a stir in their minds.

Many Loose Cultivators had bloodshot eyes, gritting their teeth.

Eden Lee was a Loose Cultivator worthy of respect from all Loose Cultivators present. His previous actions had already given him a lofty status in their hearts, comparable to Gully Ashton Chapman's.

"Dead?"

Monk Flower furrowed his brows, then relaxed them again, folded his hands in prayer, and sighed, feeling pity for Eden Lee.

Such an outstanding Loose Cultivator perishing in this manner was lamented by many.

"Hmm?"

At this moment, Donovan Tasker, who also believed Eden Lee to be dead, instinctively raised an eyebrow, then looked with a shocking expression towards the lingering force released by the explosion.

Swish!!

Accompanied by a fleeting sound of a sword slicing through the air, a golden Flying Sword shot out from the residual golden force of the explosion, faster than lightning cutting across the sky.

No, faster than lightning!

"No!!"

With a roar of anger, Shane Adams, who had previously worn a smug expression, had his cold smile freeze in place.

Between his eyebrows, there suddenly appeared a bloody hole from which blood gushed continuously, looking sinister and terrifying.

The next moment, Shane Adams fell, completely silent.

The roar came from Serene Adams, who had reacted after hearing the fleeting sword sound. Seeing Shane Adams fall, his eyes turned completely red, as if he had lost his mind in that instant, rushing over and supporting Shane Adams.

However, Shane Adams now lay in his arms, eyes wide open, completely motionless.

Dead.

"Shane, Shane..."

Serene Adams did not want to believe it, continuously muttering, but Shane Adams would never respond to him again.

"Shane Adams is dead?"

Witnessing this scene, everyone present drew in a sharp breath.

"Heavens! Eden Lee's sword, even after colliding with Shane Adams' True Origin sphere, still had energy... Unbelievable!"

Many exclaimed, yet they all tried to suppress their voices, seemingly afraid to provoke Serene Adams.

"I never imagined such an outcome, both perished... Now, the Grand Elder of the Sky-scraping Mansion must be drowning in regret."

Some people looked at Serene Adams, their eyes revealing a hint of mockery.

DonovanTasker and Castiel Mullins exchanged glances, seeing astonishment in each other's eyes.

They never expected that after the loose cultivator Eden Lee had been obliterated by the explosion's residual force, Eden Lee's attack would still have the strength to kill Shane Adams, who thought he had won.

At that moment, Shane Adams probably didn't even have time to react.

After all, at that time, everyone thought he had won, including himself.

"Elder Adams, please accept our condolences."

Although DonovanTasker and Castiel Mullins did not care much about Shane Adams' death, they still paid lip service and offered some consolation to Serene Adams.

Serene Adams' eyes were blood-red, his whole body trembling violently.

His grandson had died!

His grandson carried all his hopes.

He even considered letting his grandson compete with Peace Adams, the Junior House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion, for the position of the next House Master.

As long as his grandson ranked on the Overleaping Rankings this time, there would be a chance.

However, now, with his grandson's death, it all turned to dust.

"This..."

At this moment, astonished voices rose from all around.

Since Serene Adams was deeply engrossed in the grief of his grandson's death, he didn't pay attention to the surrounding astonishment.

Amidst the stunned gazes of the crowd, beyond the dazzling golden light left from the explosion, a figure gradually emerged, a figure now clad in a different robe.

Although he had changed robes, those present recognized him at once.

Eden Lee!

Eden Lee isn't dead?

In a moment, everyone's pupils—including DonovanTasker and Castiel Mullins—shrunk, and they couldn't recover for a while.

The scene before them was entirely unexpected.

Even DonovanTasker and Castiel Mullins thought Wyatt Barnes had died in that explosion.

Because the explosion occurred not far from Wyatt Barnes, it was an unbearable impact for a mortal body, even with the highest level of defensive techniques of top-grade martial arts.

After all, that power came from the collision of two mighty forces, and though some cancelled each other out, more merged together.

In such circumstances, unless it was a Savage Beast or Sacred Beast known for their physical sturdiness, even an ordinary Savage Beast or Sacred Beast might not survive such a residual explosion force, let alone a human.

Human bodies, in the Martial Dao Sacred Land, are notoriously fragile compared to Savage Beasts and Sacred Beasts.

Therefore, Wyatt Barnes' survival was beyond everyone's expectations.

DonovanTasker and Castiel Mullins, realizing this immediately, looked at Wyatt Barnes as if he were a priceless treasure.

They could ascertain that from the beginning of the explosion to now, there were no fluctuations of Taoist Talismans or Saint Markings in the void.

This meant Wyatt Barnes had completely relied on his own strength to withstand the residual force of the explosion!

This realization filled them with shock and excitement.

The shock was that Wyatt Barnes managed to survive under such circumstances.

The excitement was in encountering such an outstanding young man who was a loose cultivator, giving them the opportunity to recruit him into their factions.

Bringing this young man back would definitely be a great surprise for their respective forces!

Chapter 1685: The Crazy Serene Adams

"He... He... He's not dead?"

"Who exactly is Eden Lee? Is he still human? Under the aftermath of such an explosion, he actually could survive."

"Looking at him, he only seems a bit pale, and has changed into new clothes, it seems he wasn't injured."

"Could he have used a high-grade defensive Taoist Talisman just now?"

"Impossible! There were no fluctuations from Taoist Talismans or Saint Markings just now, he must not have relied on external means."

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The people present gradually returned to their senses, whispering among themselves, looking at Wyatt Barnes as if they'd seen a ghost.

Monk Flower was also shocked, looking at Eden Lee with a frightened expression, "Eden Lee... He's actually unharmed?"

A group of Loose Cultivators thought Wyatt Barnes was dead, but seeing him unscathed, they each showed smiles.

Many Loose Cultivators were even enthusiastic, loudly calling Wyatt Barnes's name, but of course, they were calling 'Eden Lee,' Wyatt Barnes's current alias.

Wyatt Barnes took a deep breath, finally gathering himself.

"I really didn't expect the move Shane Adams executed to be so terrifying"

Wyatt Barnes immediately looked at Shane Adams, who was held in the arms of Serene Adams, to be precise, Shane Adams's corpse.

"If my body wasn't stronger than the six-clawed Divine Dragon of the Dragonsmith Clan, I surely would have died!"

Recalling the previous moment, Wyatt Barnes still felt unease.

When the aftermath of the explosion swept over him, he felt completely enveloped by an extremely terrifying force.

Immediately, his robe was destroyed, while simultaneously, rolling forces from all directions fell upon him, crushing him like a thousand hammer blows tormenting his body.

Fortunately, his body was strong enough, otherwise it would have been shattered into dust.

Shifting his gaze to Serene Adams, Wyatt Barnes smirked mockingly.

In his view, Serene Adams's grandson, 'Shane Adams,' challenging him was akin to lifting a stone only to drop it on one's own foot.

Seeking death!

Meanwhile, Wyatt Barnes once again expressed gratitude towards Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins.

Though even without the reminder from these two, facing Shane Adams, who was in the middle stage of Middle Saint Realm, he would not have held back, their kind intentions were appreciated.

"Brother Eden Lee, I never expected your strength to be so formidable... But, how did you manage to survive just now?"

Donovan Tasker communicated to Wyatt Barnes, his tone filled with astonishment.

When Castiel Mullins responded to Wyatt Barnes, he also expressed curiosity.

Faced with both their goodness and inquiries, Wyatt Barnes only responded with a mysterious smile.

Seeing this, both Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins smiled wryly and refrained from further questioning.

They could tell Wyatt Barnes was not willing to elaborate, and since that's the case, wisely chose not to press further, knowing everyone has their own secrets. Continuing to ask might not only fail to yield answers but could also leave a bad impression with Wyatt Barnes.

They were enthusiastic about recruiting Wyatt Barnes into their respective factions, naturally not wanting to leave a poor impression.

"Not dead?"

Meanwhile, Serene Adams gradually recovered from the sorrow of his grandson's death, finally picking up on the surrounding heated discussions, startled by the content.

His body trembling, he turned, seeing Wyatt Barnes, unscathed.

His eyes widened, filled with rage and disbelief.

"Impossible!!"

Seeing Wyatt Barnes unharmed, his first thought was that it was impossible.

The immense force generated by the explosion is simply not something a middle-stage Middle Saint Realm Martial Artist could withstand, regardless of the defense techniques deployed.

Added to the fact that the human flesh and blood can hardly withstand such force.

"Did you use a Taoist Talisman?"

Immediately, Serene Adams concluded Wyatt Barnes used a Taoist Talisman, though he was unsure how Wyatt could possess such a high-grade Taoist Talisman since even their Sky-scraping Mansion has few that could withstand such force.

Hearing Serene Adams's angry and low words, Wyatt Barnes was too lazy to respond.

"Elder Xu, Eden Lee did not use a Taoist Talisman, nor did he rely on any external force... If he did rely on external forces, as a Great Saint Realm expert, you'd definitely notice."

Donovan Tasker looked at Serene Adams, frowning.

"Indeed, Elder Xu, Eden Lee truly didn't rely on external means."

Castiel Mullins also remarked.

Serene Adams claimed Wyatt Barnes used a Taoist Talisman, which was merely his subconscious assumption.

Reflecting now, he could confirm that throughout the ordeal, his external Divine Sense did not sense the fluctuations of a Taoist Talisman, nor did it sense other external force's fluctuations.

With a deep breath, Serene Adams glanced at Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, then his whole body shivered with True Origin as he unexpectedly rushed toward Wyatt Barnes.

In an instant, terrifying True Origin surged out from Serene Adams' body!

The aura of a Great Saint Realm powerhouse spread out, causing the void to tremble and ripple, extending in all directions.

Many martial artists and Taoist Cultivators without Saint Realm cultivation around were nearly all knocked unconscious.

Some weaker Little Saint Realm martial artists and Taoist Cultivators were also forced to retreat, withdrawing to a distance.

"This..."

The sudden action of Serene Adams caught the onlookers off guard, of course, most of them could only see Serene Adams vanish before their eyes.

Only the high-level officials of the three fifth-rate forces and some powerhouses within the three fourth-rate forces could vaguely make out Shane Adams' figure.

The aura of a Great Saint Realm powerhouse spread, the formidable focal point immediately locked onto Wyatt Barnes.

In that instant, Wyatt Barnes felt as if he was completely bound, his True Origin within being suppressed, barely able to surface.

This situation arose firstly because of Serene Adams' overwhelming presence locking onto him, and secondly because of Serene Adams' swift actions, making Wyatt's True Origin movement appear sluggish in comparison.

At this moment, a sense of despair involuntarily rose in Wyatt's heart.

In this instant, Wyatt's sole thought was to use the 'Splendid Fairy Sword'... But just as he thought, when he retrieved the Splendid Fairy Sword from his Storage Ring into his hand, he found Serene Adams' attack was already looming close.

He simply didn't have the time to channel True Origin into the Splendid Fairy Sword, let alone deliver a full-force strike!

"Am I destined to die here?"

Wyatt's heart filled with unwillingness, if given one or two more breaths of time, he could certainly channel the full force into the Splendid Fairy Sword to meet Serene Adams' attack.

Even if he couldn't rely on the Splendid Fairy Sword to kill Serene Adams, he could at least block part of the attack.

Then, maybe he could survive.

With some buffer time, he believed Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins definitely wouldn't stand idly by.

Unfortunately, his movements were still too late.

If he had drawn the Splendid Fairy Sword earlier and injected his True Origin without reservation, he wouldn't be so passive.

To be precise, he hadn't expected Serene Adams would suddenly go mad and attack him directly.

After all, in this setting, Serene Adams was not allowed to retaliate.

Overleaping Rankings' placement battle, life and death, irrelevant—these were the rules.

"Hmph!"

"Hmph!"

Just as Wyatt thought he was about to be killed, two angry snorts resounded almost simultaneously.

At the same time, Wyatt felt the powerful aura binding him had shattered abruptly.

And that oppressive force receded as quickly as it came.

In the blink of an eye, Wyatt noticed two figures appearing in front of him; it was Donovan Tasker, Vice House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion, and Castiel Mullins, Second Elder of the Surge Mansion. They both arrived in time to intercept Serene Adams' attack.

Moreover, their joint action caused Serene Adams considerable distress.

"Ugh!!"

Serene Adams, knocked flying, halted a great distance away, spitting out a mouthful of dark, red clotted blood, his face turning exceedingly pale.

"Elder Serene, you've gone too far."

Donovan Tasker's tone was full of rage, for Serene Adams to attack Wyatt in his presence not only violated the rules of the Overleaping Rankings' placement battle but also slapped his face.

After all, he was there to ensure the fairness of the Overleaping Rankings.

If he couldn't manage this, he wasn't fit to host the Overleaping Rankings' placement battle; if he allowed such behavior to occur, the Overleaping Rankings might as well establish a rule excluding Loose Cultivators, otherwise, they would just be oppressed by forces' strongholds even if they succeeded.

Although Castiel Mullins didn't speak, his cold gaze towards Serene Adams showed his anger clearly.

At this time, Wyatt, standing behind Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, finally caught his breath completely. Realizing the crisis was resolved, he immediately put away the Splendid Fairy Sword.

He could vividly feel his hand gripping the Splendid Fairy Sword was wet, soaked in cold sweat.

Just moments ago, he felt as if one foot had stepped into Hell Gate, cold sweat spurting out uncontrollably, beyond his control.

"Thank you both for saving my life."

Wyatt took a deep breath and gratefully thanked Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, looking at their backs.

"I will ensure justice for you in this matter!"

Donovan Tasker nodded, his gaze towards Serene Adams icy even though he didn't turn around.

Castiel Mullins upon hearing Donovan Tasker's words, couldn't help but regret—why hadn't he spoken first? Such words could notably bolster goodwill from Wyatt.

Immediately, Castiel Mullins added, "Brother Eden, I, Castiel Mullins, assure you that you will receive a thorough explanation on this matter."

Hearing Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins' words, the injured Serene Adams in the distance showed an even more grim expression on his already pale face.

How could he fail to see that Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, paying such attention to Wyatt, were actually attracted by Wyatt's talent and strength.

Chapter 1686: Peace Adams Arrives

However, he never expected that, in his haste, Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins could still intercept him in time.

He believed that Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins must have been prepared in advance; otherwise, they would never have reacted so quickly and stopped him.

In that moment, Serene Adams gritted his teeth.

He hated it!

He hated himself for not being able to kill Eden Lee and avenge his grandson.

Meanwhile, the onlookers, who were initially stunned by Serene Adams' actions, began to come to their senses, exclaiming in surprise.

"This Grand Elder from Sky-scraping Mansion is truly arrogant!"

One after another, displeased gazes fell on Serene Adams. These gazes belonged to representatives of various forces other than Sky-scraping Mansion, as well as the loose cultivators present.

Even among the group from Sky-scraping Mansion, quite a few felt their faces flush with embarrassment.

After all, the rules of the Overleaping Rankings' placement battle are fierce and unyielding. Even if people die, it is viewed as normal.

If you can't afford to lose, you shouldn't participate.

Since you participated, you have to be able to afford to lose.

The fact that their Grand Elder of Sky-scraping Mansion disregarded the rules of the Overleaping Rankings' placement battle showed to some extent that he couldn't afford to lose. As members of Sky-scraping Mansion, they too felt ashamed by their Grand Elder's display.

"So many people died just now, and yet Serene Adams didn't react at all... Now, his grandson is dead, and he has directly disrupted the rules of the Overleaping Rankings' placement battle."

Many laughed mockingly.

"Exactly! When his grandson killed that loose cultivator just now, I saw him smiling without feeling a bit that his grandson was excessive... Now that his grandson is dead, he breaks the rules, clearly only deeming his grandson's life worth something, while disregarding others' lives."

"And he's supposed to be the Grand Elder of Sky-scraping Mansion... Humph!"

"If this spreads, Sky-scraping Mansion might just be utterly embarrassed."

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The crowd engaged in discussions, speaking freely without regard for Serene Adams.

Serene Adams' earlier actions obviously incited public outrage.

"Elder Adams, you are the Grand Elder of Sky-scraping Mansion... How do you propose to resolve this matter?"

Donovan Tasker looked at Serene Adams and spoke calmly.

Though his tone was steady, his eyes gleamed with a chilling light, as if he wouldn't mind exchanging a few moves with Serene Adams if the latter's resolution didn't satisfy him.

"Elder Adams, the Vice House Master's words also align with my thoughts."

Castiel Mullins glared at Serene Adams with a fierce look, eager to seize the opportunity to perform in front of Eden Lee.

Moreover, Serene Adams was clearly in the wrong, and for Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, it was simply aiding the flow.

Facing Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins' targeting, a fierce light flickered within Serene Adams' gaze.

Nevertheless, he knew he was in the wrong, so after taking a deep breath, he suppressed his inner fury and hatred, cupping his fists toward Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, "Both of you, my actions just now were entirely due to my grandson being killed. I lost my mind in anger... Reflecting on it now, it was indeed inappropriate."

"However, as it seems he's unharmed, can we just let this matter go?"

As he spoke, Serene Adams sounded somewhat humble.

At this point, he had no choice but to act this way.

"Hahaha..."

Just then, before Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins could respond to Serene Adams, Wyatt Barnes burst into laughter, laughing until tears seemed ready to fall, "What a great 'I'm fine

too!' Just now, if not for Vice House Master Tasker and Elder Mullins's timely intervention, I fear I would have already become the ghost under Elder Adams's hand."

"You think a mere 'inappropriate' could gloss over your violation?"

As he spoke, Wyatt's originally stern visage grew even colder, "Is such logic found on this earth?"

"Boy, if you don't want to die, you'd best shut your mouth!"

At that moment, Wyatt's ears were struck by Serene Adams' sinister voice, dripping with threat.

"Idiot!"

Upon hearing Serene Adams' voice, Wyatt openly cursed him, "At this point, you're still trying to intimidate me with your voice? Grand Elder of Sky-scraping Mansion, your quality is indeed only thus."

As Wyatt uttered these words, not only did Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins' expressions sour, but even the surrounding onlookers were in an uproar.

Aside from the individuals from Sky-scraping Mansion, the others' gazes toward Serene Adams grew increasingly colder.

Under such circumstances, most ordinary people would instinctively sympathize with the 'weak,' and presently, Wyatt Barnes was the weak.

"Elder Adams, you must immediately apologize to my young brother Eden Lee and sever an arm yourself... Otherwise, we will not only revoke Sky-scraping Mansion members' qualification to participate in the Overleaping Rankings, but personally sever your arm."

Castiel Mullins stepped forward, coldly addressing Serene Adams.

It was the result of his and Donovan Tasker's deliberation.

Meanwhile, when Donovan Tasker glanced sideways and noticed Wyatt Barnes' expression becoming more at ease, he realized Wyatt was pleased with the decision and sighed in relief.

Upon hearing Castiel Mullins' words, Serene Adams' expression changed drastically.

If Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins joined forces to sever one of his arms, it would be a simple task.

He wouldn't even be able to escape.

"You two, isn't this going a bit too far?"

Serene Adams asked coldly.

However, Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins ignored him, staring coldly at him with firm resolve.

Seeing this, Serene Adams realized that he probably couldn't save one of his arms.

Suddenly, Serene Adams felt utterly humiliated, yet he had no solution.

"You two, I, Serene Adams, will remember this."

With a deep gaze at Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, understanding that he would lose an arm no matter what, Serene Adams said in an icy voice, "I can sever one of my arms myself, but if you want me to apologize to him, that's impossible!"

After speaking, Serene Adams raised his right hand and directly severed his left arm.

Just as his right hand moved, ready to collect his left arm, Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins acted together.

Donovan Tasker rushed forward, startling Serene Adams to the extent that his face changed dramatically and his actions slowed.

As for Castiel Mullins, with a wave of his hand, the void trembled, and a series of azure knife lights appeared out of nowhere, shredding Serene Adams's severed arm into fragments with overwhelming force, leaving only a pool of blood as Serene Adams's left arm completely vanished.

"You..."

Seeing the two approaching aggressively and then returning to their original positions in an instant, while his left arm was destroyed with no possibility of reattachment, Serene Adams's face became extremely grim.

He hadn't expected Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins to be this ruthless.

He knew that although his left arm was severed, he was confident he could reattach it within a certain period.

Of course, to reattach the left arm, it had to be intact.

But now, his left arm was destroyed by Castiel Mullins, which meant he would only have one arm for the rest of his life.

How could this not anger him?

Seeing Serene Adams's left arm gone, the surrounding crowd not only didn't sympathize with him but instead took some schadenfreude, feeling he brought it on himself.

Seeing this, Wyatt Barnes's anger lessened a lot.

"Elder Adams, would you really sacrifice the qualification of Sky-scraping Mansion's members to partake in the Overleaping Rankings just to avoid apologizing to brother Eden Lee? You should know, as the host of the Overleaping Rankings, once Elder Mullins and I reach a consensus, we have the complete authority to disqualify the members of Sky-scraping Mansion from participating in the Overleaping Rankings."

Donovan Tasker looked at Serene Adams, speaking coldly.

"Hmph!"

Upon hearing Donovan Tasker's words, Serene Adams glanced at the other nine arena masters on the scene, then at the group from Sky-scraping Mansion, before finally snorting coldly, stepping into the air, and addressing the group from Sky-scraping Mansion: "Let's go!"

The moment his words fell, he shot a look full of hatred at Wyatt Barnes and then prepared to leave with his people.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

But just at that moment, above the Linglong Chess Formation, the gray clouds swayed, followed by the appearance of two figures.

They were two young men, standing one behind the other.

The man in front wore a cyan robe with a wicked face, exuding a faint but ominous presence.

Following him was a hunchbacked young man, evidently his subordinate.

Their appearance immediately drew everyone's attention within the Linglong Chess Formation.

"Junior House Master!"

Instantly, many among the group from Sky-scraping Mansion had their eyes lit up, exclaiming in surprise.

"It's the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams!"

At the same time, all eyes on the scene were drawn to the wicked-faced young man in the lead, many of whom recognized him.

This was indeed the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams.

Seeing Peace Adams appear, Serene Adams felt not only no joy but his face grew somber.

Earlier, the reason he refused to apologize to Wyatt Barnes was firstly because he did not want to apologize to the enemy who killed his grandson, and secondly, because among Sky-scraping Mansion members present, none was capable of ranking in the Overleaping Rankings.

The three who had the capability to rank, including his grandson Shane Adams, were all dead.

Because of this, he felt it made no difference whether the Sky-scraping Mansion members were disqualified from the Overleaping Rankings or not.

Of course, he had considered their Junior House Master from Sky-scraping Mansion.

However, in his view, given the Junior House Master's past progression, even with the recent resource shift from Sky-scraping Mansion, it was unlikely he could outmatch his grandson Shane Adams.

Moreover, with his grandson dead, he naturally didn't want to see that Junior House Master rank in the Overleaping Rankings, as that would mean the Junior House Master could become the next House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, which wasn't something he wished to see.

Since his grandson was no longer eligible for the position of Sky-scraping Mansion House Master, he naturally didn't want the Junior House Master to become the next House Master either.

So, he simply didn't care whether the Sky-scraping Mansion members were disqualified from the Overleaping Rankings.

However, Serene Adams never expected that just as he was about to leave with his people, the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams, would appear in time.

The appearance of Peace Adams also meant that he could no longer act recklessly.

"Is he really the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams?"

Upon hearing the surrounding murmurs, Wyatt Barnes's gaze immediately locked onto the wicked-faced young man, knowing that his target this time was precisely Peace Adams.

Chapter 1687: Peace Adams Enters the Field

Peace Adams, the Junior House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion, was also Wyatt Barnes' target for this journey.

To be precise, his appearance at the Sky-scraping Mansion, and even the Overleaping Rankings competition in Jewel Valley, was all because of this Junior House Master. He planned to kill this Junior House Master to resolve the crisis facing his sister figure, Karina Hanson.

As long as this Junior House Master 'Peace Adams' is dead, Karina Hanson wouldn't have to marry into the Sky-scraping Mansion.

The wedding contract would then vanish into thin air.

"Hmm? Grand Elder, are you all preparing to leave and return? Could it be that the Overleaping Rankings competition has ended?"

Peace Adams had just appeared when he noticed Serene Adams leading a group from the Sky-scraping Mansion to leave, and he subconsciously thought that the Overleaping Rankings had ended, his expression changing slightly.

It should be known that he had rushed all the way here without stopping.

The reason he was late was because just a few days ago, he had barely broken through to the realm he had longed for in his dreams.

"No, it hasn't."

Though Serene Adams was not pleased with Peace Adams appearing at this moment, he didn't dare to show it and answered truthfully.

"No?"

Upon learning that the Overleaping Rankings had not ended, Peace Adams' expression returned to normal, and he then asked indifferently, "Since the Overleaping Rankings hasn't ended, Grand Elder, what are you doing?"

He could see that Serene Adams was preparing to leave with his people.

Just as Serene Adams was unsure of how to explain, a Sky-scraping Mansion elder had already informed Peace Adams of everything that had happened earlier.

Instantly, even Peace Adams couldn't help but shudder inside.

Did their Sky-scraping Mansion really lose three people in this Overleaping Rankings competition?

And among them, one was Serene Adams' grandson, 'Shane Adams'?

While the other two didn't matter much to him, Peace Adams didn't pay them any heed, Shane Adams, however, was a Sky-scraping Mansion disciple with a talent not inferior to his own, and had once brought him a certain amount of pressure.

In fact, if he hadn't practiced the Devouring Dark_Demon Art, he wouldn't have been confident in defeating Shane Adams in the Overleaping Rankings competition.

Yet, this person whom he once regarded highly had died in the Overleaping Rankings competition, at the hands of a young man not yet forty!

How could he not be shocked?

However, this shock was quickly overshadowed by the anger rising in his heart.

Knowing what Serene Adams did after Shane Adams' death, Peace Adams' gaze towards Serene Adams also turned somewhat cold.

Even Serene Adams didn't understand why he felt like he was being stared at by a venomous snake when Peace Adams looked his way.

At this moment, he also realized that Peace Adams had very likely learned of what had just happened.

"Grand Elder, did you really think I, the Junior House Master, wouldn't come?"

Peace Adams stared at Serene Adams, asking coldly.

"Junior House Master, today is the last day to claim a spot in the Overleaping Rankings, but you hadn't shown up until now, so I thought..."

Feeling guilty, Serene Adams didn't dare to speak forcefully.

However, before he could finish his words, Peace Adams interrupted him, "You thought I wouldn't come? Grand Elder, I advise you to quickly apologize to Eden Lee... If I lose my qualification to participate in the Overleaping Rankings competition because of you, you should know what consequences await!"

By the end, Peace Adams' tone was utterly cold, with an implicit threat.

At this point, Serene Adams also understood he had no choice.

Even if he was unwilling to apologize to the person who killed his grandson, he had to apologize.

As the saying goes, 'the situation is stronger than the person,' refusing to apologize now would suggest he deliberately wanted to prevent Peace Adams from participating in the Overleaping Rankings competition.

Then, he would become the sinner of the Sky-scraping Mansion!

Earlier, he dared to lead people away so firmly because Peace Adams hadn't arrived yet.

Now that Peace Adams was here, not to mention that the others from the Sky-scraping Mansion might not want to follow him, even if they did, he wouldn't dare to take them away.

Taking a deep breath, Serene Adams looked at Wyatt Barnes, his eyes filled with a cold fury, and apologized.

Facing Serene Adams' apology, Wyatt Barnes remained calm. He knew Serene Adams had no choice but to apologize, "If Peace Adams hadn't come, he would have taken people and left... If he had left earlier, and Shane Adams arrived later, he wouldn't have been able to participate in the Overleaping Rankings competition. I would have lost a good opportunity to kill him."

"Fortunately, Peace Adams arrived timely."

Thinking of this, Wyatt Barnes also secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

His ultimate goal was to kill Peace Adams, and as for the rest, he didn't care.

Seeing that Serene Adams eventually apologized, the surrounding crowd immediately erupted into whispers.

"Did this Sky-scraping Mansion Grand Elder really think of himself as the House Master? Daring to let the Sky-scraping Mansion disciples lose their qualification to participate in this Overleaping Rankings competition just because he didn't want to lower his face."

"He probably saw that all the Sky-scraping Mansion people had died and that the Junior House Master 'Peace Adams' hadn't arrived, so he made such a decision."

"I think so too. Now that Peace Adams has come, he's obediently apologized to Eden Lee."

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The onlookers discussed endlessly, their conversations never straying from Serene Adams, making his face extremely ugly.

If he could, he would love to eliminate all those gossiping tongues!

In any case, Peace Adams' timely appearance and Serene Adams' apology brought the Overleaping Rankings competition back on track.

Wyatt Barnes discovered that Peace Adams' gaze occasionally fell on him.

In his eyes, there was surprise, doubt, but more of an icy coldness.

Although Peace Adams didn't care about Shane Adams' death, in the current situation, as the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, he had to adopt a stance of being irreconcilable with Wyatt Barnes, the one who killed the mansion's disciple.

If he could kill Wyatt Barnes, his prestige within Sky-scraping Mansion would greatly increase.

So, in his eyes, Wyatt Barnes was just a stepping stone beneath his feet, nothing more.

After Peace Adams appeared, he didn't rush to initiate a challenge.

Soon, Monk Flower and Silent Void took to the stage, and their chosen opponents prudently chose to concede, allowing the two to become ring champions without a single fight.

After Monk Flower and Silent Void respectively became ring champions, the attention of most present turned to the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, 'Peace Adams'.

"Now, the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion should take the stage, right?"

"He sure has a big ego, waiting for Monk Flower and Silent Void to go first."

"I bet he's afraid if he goes first and becomes a ring champion, Monk Flower and Silent Void will challenge him... Then, if he loses, it would be embarrassing."

"With his strength, it's normal to lose to Monk Flower and Silent Void, isn't it? Even if he avoids them today, he can't escape a battle with Monk Flower and Silent Void when the real matchup of the Overleaping Rankings starts tomorrow."

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Many people whispered, all claiming that Peace Adams was afraid of Monk Flower and Silent Void.

Upon hearing these whispers, the hunchbacked youth behind Peace Adams curled his lips into a mocking smile.

The power of his family's Junior House Master isn't what it used to be!

Peace Adams simply acted as if he hadn't heard any of the whispers around him.

"Hmm?"

The mocking smile on the hunchbacked youth's lips clearly entered Wyatt Barnes' view, giving Wyatt a pause, "Even those close to Peace Adams are so confident in him? Could it be that Peace Adams had some encounter in the past year?"

It's no wonder Wyatt Barnes thought this way.

One year ago, Peace Adams was merely an early Middle Saint Realm Martial Artist.

Even if Sky-scraping Mansion had cultivated him unreservedly, providing him with all the resources, allowing him a clear path forward, he would have at most advanced to the middle of Middle Saint Realm.

Having just recently broken through to the middle of Middle Saint Realm, wanting to defeat Monk Flower and Silent Void was simply impossible.

The current Monk Flower and Silent Void, even if not in the late Middle Saint Realm, had strengths among Middle Saint Realm Martial Artists and Taoist Cultivators so formidable that few could rival them.

Under the gaze of the crowd, Peace Adams finally stepped forth.

His eyes fell first upon Wyatt Barnes, making Wyatt's heart flutter, "Chosen me?"

If Peace Adams chose him, it would be his most desired outcome.

That way, perhaps he could solve this trouble for Julia quickly.

"Peace Adams wants to challenge Eden Lee?"

At this moment, the people present also noticed Peace Adams' gaze.

"He wouldn't consider Eden Lee a pushover, right? Based on the strength Eden Lee showed earlier, he's definitely no weaker than GullyAshton Chapman."

Many people speculated.

"Hmph! How could Eden Lee's strength just be comparable to GullyAshton Chapman? Even Monk Flower and Silent Void, under the explosion aftermath earlier, might not have survived. Eden Lee did survive, implying his strength might not be weaker than theirs."

Someone else chimed in.

In conclusion, Wyatt Barnes' survival earlier shocked everyone, leading them to reassess his strength with fresh eyes.

No one underestimated him due to his age, which was under forty.

Unfortunately, under the watchful eyes of everyone, Peace Adams' gaze lingered on Wyatt Barnes for just a moment before shifting to Monk Flower and Silent Void.

"He's going for Monk Flower and Silent Void?"

For a moment, those present were taken aback.

As for Wyatt Barnes, he felt slightly disappointed.

"Hmph! He glanced at Eden Lee earlier yet didn't challenge him... Now he's looking at Monk Flower and Silent Void, but might not challenge them either."

Someone scoffed with disdain.

"I also think he's probably just looking around... as for his chosen opponent, it's likely not Monk Flower and Silent Void."

Someone agreed.

And they were proven correct; Peace Adams' gaze soon left Monk Flower and Silent Void behind.

"I guessed right!"

"I told you, Peace Adams surely doesn't dare challenge Monk Flower and Silent Void."

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Many wore expressions of 'I knew this would happen', their eyes mocking Peace Adams.

Chapter 1688: Instantly Killing Gully Ashton Chapman

Upon hearing the taunting words of those around them, aside from Serene Adams, the expressions of the others from Sky-scraping Mansion were not very pleasant.

Serene Adams looked at Peace Adams's back with a cold sneer.

In his view, if Peace Adams, being so timid, did not participate in this Overleaping Rankings duel, it might actually be better than now, at least he wouldn't bring disgrace to Sky-scraping Mansion.

Of course, such words he could only think in his heart and didn't dare speak out.

If there was anyone among those from Sky-scraping Mansion whose expression was natural, it was undoubtedly Peace Adams and the hunchbacked young man following him.

After Peace Adams shifted his gaze away from Monk Flower and Silent Void, it swept over Nether Void Master, Jade Void, Drunken Meat Monk, and finally locked onto a solitary and proud figure.

This figure carried a sword wrapped in cloth on his back, dressed in simple attire, appearing plain and unadorned.

Yet his eyes were sharp and bright, like the brilliant stars in the night sky.

"GullyAshton Chapman!"

Finally, Peace Adams spoke, targeting his challenge.

GullyAshton Chapman was one of the two strongest loose cultivators participating in the Overleaping Rankings duel.

If before, everyone present thought GullyAshton Chapman was the strongest loose cultivator under fifty in the region of Sky-scraping Mansion, now they no longer thought so, and the reason was the presence of 'Eden Lee' as Wyatt Barnes's alias.

Eden Lee killed Shane Adams and survived the terrifying power that ensued, proving he possessed strength equal to that of GullyAshton Chapman.

Sometimes, a previously unknown loose cultivator merely needs an opportunity to become famous far and wide.

To become famous through a single battle is precisely what Wyatt Barnes's alias 'Eden Lee' did.

Seeing Peace Adams challenge GullyAshton Chapman, those present couldn't help but be taken aback, quickly realizing the situation.

"In the region of Sky-scraping Mansion, it is said that the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, 'Peace Adams,' and the loose cultivator 'GullyAshton Chapman' are arch-rivals... and now it seems to be true."

"Indeed. They clashed when both were at the peak of the Little Saint Realm, and back then, GullyAshton Chapman had the upper hand... However, after Peace Adams first broke through to the early stage of the Middle Saint Realm, GullyAshton Chapman was no longer his match."

"A year ago, Peace Adams was in the early stage of the Middle Saint Realm, and even with Sky-scraping Mansion's resources, he likely has just broken through to the mid-Middle Saint Realm now... Facing GullyAshton Chapman who also broke through to the mid-Middle Saint Realm, is he not afraid to lose to GullyAshton Chapman as he did when his cultivation level was at the peak of the Little Saint Realm?"

"In our Sky-scraping Mansion region, almost everyone believes that at equal levels of cultivation, Peace Adams is no match for GullyAshton Chapman... Perhaps today, Peace Adams intends to break this assertion?"

"Hmph! Confidence is a good thing, but if it's overconfidence, it becomes arrogance."

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As everyone recovered their senses, whispers spread throughout the Linglong Chess formation.

No matter what, now stepping into the void, landing on the chess piece where GullyAshton Chapman was and confronting him, Peace Adams had become the center of attention for those present.

Peace Adams, the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion.

Today, can he vindicate himself?

For this, everyone present was quite expectant.

Even Wyatt Barnes was now watching the battle between GullyAshton Chapman and Peace Adams.

For GullyAshton Chapman, he had a good impression.

As for Peace Adams, he was the target of this journey, the one he must kill.

If he could decide the outcome of this battle, he naturally hoped GullyAshton Chapman could defeat and even kill Peace Adams.

"GullyAshton Chapman, you killed a disciple of my Sky-scraping Mansion, I cannot let it go easily without settling this account."

While confronting GullyAshton Chapman, Peace Adams said in a clear and cold voice.

"Enough talk, if you want to fight, then fight!"

GullyAshton Chapman said calmly.

If he hadn't broken through to the mid-Middle Saint Realm, facing Peace Adams, he might have felt apprehensive, because now Peace Adams has more than likely broken through to the mid-Middle Saint Realm.

But now that he has broken through to the mid-Middle Saint Realm, he is not afraid of Peace Adams.

Just as rumors say, at the same level of cultivation, he indeed does not fear Peace Adams.

Peace Adams, after all, was an old rival of his.

He knows exactly how capable Peace Adams is.

Yet, what GullyAshton Chapman couldn't have dreamed was that the current Peace Adams was completely different from the one in the past.

And the reason was that Peace Adams had practiced the Devouring Dark_Demon Art.

In nearly a year's time, although occasionally returning to Sky-scraping Mansion for resources, he spent more time outside, under the guise of training but actually devouring the vital essence of young women.

In nearly a year, the number of young virgins he drained into dry corpses was close to three figures.

Because of this, his cultivation had increased tremendously, reaching the 'peak of the Middle Saint Realm' just a while ago!

What is the concept of the peak of the Middle Saint Realm?

Going a step further, that would be the 'Great Saint Realm'!

Under the watchful eyes of everyone, just as GullyAshton Chapman's words fell, without Peace Adams making any obvious move, a hundred meters around him suddenly seemed to erupt into a storm.

Many people, including Wyatt Barnes, hadn't reacted yet when they saw a rapidly spinning tornado where Peace Adams was standing, advancing towards GullyAshton Chapman at an extremely fast speed.

Seeing GullyAshton Chapman make a move to block it, most people thought he could stop the tornado.

Who would have thought that just as GullyAshton Chapman touched the tornado, it seemed to become invigorated, its spinning speed further increasing, causing a tumult in the void.

At this moment, the tornado seemed to transform into a primordial beast, instantly swallowing GullyAshton Chapman with one bite.

Bang!!

With a loud bang, under the eyes of the crowd, as the tornado gradually weakened, the once-living GullyAshton Chapman instantly turned into a blood rain across the sky.

Dead!

The scene before them happened in an instant, not even enough time for a breath.

Because of this, everyone, including Wyatt Barnes, couldn't help but freeze.

High above, DonovanTasker and Castiel Mullins, the hosts, exchanged glances, seeing shock in each other's eyes.

They had known about the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion before, knowing his talent wasn't top-tier. Even with the resource tilt from Sky-scraping Mansion some time ago, at most, he had broken through to the mid-Middle Saint Realm.

However, with this recent act, this Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion displayed strength far exceeding that of a mid-Middle Saint Realm.

Just at the moment the tornado surged like it was invigorated, the aura their Divine Sense detected wasn't something a mid-Middle Saint Realm Martial Artist could possess; only a late-Middle Saint Realm Martial Artist could give them such a feeling.

"Late-Middle Saint Realm!"

At this moment, DonovanTasker and Castiel Mullins almost concluded that Peace Adams was already a late-Middle Saint Realm Martial Artist.

Of course, this was also because they didn't use their Divine Sense to deeply explore Peace Adams's cultivation. Otherwise, they would surely realize their mistake.

Using Divine Sense to deeply explore someone's cultivation is considered impolite, and ordinary people generally wouldn't do it.

Moreover, because of their preconceived notions, neither DonovanTasker nor Castiel Mullins dared to think Peace Adams could break through to the 'late-Middle Saint Realm', which had already surprised them greatly.

They simply didn't dare to think further.

"Late-Middle Saint Realm? Impossible!"

The strongest present, undoubtedly, were DonovanTasker and Castiel Mullins, and beneath them was Sky-scraping Mansion's Grand Elder, Serene Adams.

At this time, Serene Adams's Divine Sense also confirmed the aura Peace Adams just displayed was at least what a late-Middle Saint Realm Martial Artist would have.

Because of this, his heart was filled with shock.

In his view, this was almost impossible!

As the Grand Elder of Sky-scraping Mansion, he was very aware of how capable this Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion was.

He knew that even with Sky-scraping Mansion's resource tilt, Peace Adams couldn't have broken through to the 'late-Middle Saint Realm' in such a short time. A year ago, Peace Adams was only a Martial Artist of the early Middle Saint Realm.

To break through from the 'early Middle Saint Realm' to the 'late-Middle Saint Realm' within a year is utterly astonishing!

"In this year's time, he must have had some fortuitous encounter outside!"

Serene Adams was almost certain of this.

However, Serene Adams couldn't have imagined that Peace Adams's fortuitous encounter was due to cultivating the 'Devouring Dark_Demon Art'.

And the original owner of 'Devouring Dark_Demon Art' was also the culprit who once caused Sky-scraping Mansion to drop from a 'quasi-third-rate power' to a 'fourth-rate power'.

As Serene Adams came to his senses, Wyatt Barnes finally came to his senses as well. As he did, his expression became extremely grave, "The cultivation of this Peace Adams... has he broken through to the late-Middle Saint Realm? How is this possible?"

Not only Serene Adams, but even Wyatt Barnes was startled by Peace Adams's progress in cultivation.

"Could the resource tilt from Sky-scraping Mansion really be that exaggerated?"

This was the first thought that came to Wyatt Barnes's mind after learning that Peace Adams had likely broken through to the 'late-Middle Saint Realm', as he didn't have the detailed knowledge of what resources Sky-scraping Mansion could provide, unlike Serene Adams.

"I truly didn't expect he actually broke through to the late-Middle Saint Realm... Now, killing him would be somewhat challenging."

Wyatt Barnes, who previously had a calm demeanor, became serious at this moment.

With his current strength, he believed he could defeat most mid-Middle Saint Realm Martial Artists and Taoist Cultivators, but with late-Middle Saint Realm Martial Artists and Taoist Cultivators, he felt he could at most defeat those who were weaker or had unstable foundations.

Against stronger ones, even with his full capabilities, he might have slight confidence to defeat them.

Stronger ones could result in a draw or potential defeat.

For the outstanding amongst the late-Middle Saint Realm, he had no confidence at all.

In truth, the reason for his confidence was from the insights he gained in the tense moment he drew the 'Splendid Fairy Sword' to save his life from the attack by Sky-scraping Mansion's Grand Elder, Serene Adams, allowing him to touch further upon the second realm of the Supreme Heart Sword technique.

Chapter 1689 Simultaneous Challenge

At the same time, everyone present came back to their senses one by one.

A lot of people immediately pinched their thighs, and when the sharp pain came from their legs, they realized that what just happened was not a dream, but it was all real.

The Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, 'Peace Adams,' killed Gully Ashton Chapman in an instant!

"Could it be that Peace Adams has already become a strong Middle Saint Realm late stage fighter?"

Although most of the onlookers didn't have eyes like Donovan Tasker, Castiel Mullins, and Serene Adams, recalling what just happened, they still guessed a few things.

For this reason, their hearts were filled with shock.

"How is that possible?"

Of course, after the shock, many people felt it was highly improbable.

A year ago, he was just at the initial stage of the Middle Saint Realm, and after a year, he advanced to the late stage of Middle Saint Realm?

They really couldn't understand how Peace Adams cultivated in this year to achieve such exaggerated progress.

However, many of the loose cultivators present had eyes turning bloodshot when looking toward Peace Adams.

As an outstanding figure among the loose cultivators of the younger generation, GullyAshton Chapman held a remarkable position in their eyes, and many even regarded him as the hope of loose cultivators.

In the Sky-scraping Mansion's region, loose cultivators were a scattered group, but in the past, if something happened, a powerful loose cultivator would step up, gather these scattered groups together, and solve problems.

Of course, those who could lead were all strong among the loose cultivators.

But in recent years, no outstanding strong loose cultivator had emerged in the Sky-scraping Mansion's region. Therefore, many loose cultivators pinned their hopes on GullyAshton Chapman, believing that in the near future, he could become a strong force among loose cultivators, integrating the scattered loose cultivators into one.

But now, GullyAshton Chapman was dead.

GullyAshton Chapman's death also meant their dreams were shattered.

Many loose cultivators looked at Wyatt Barnes, but quickly sighed.

Not to mention this loose cultivator, self-claimed 'Eden Lee,' had been obscure, which was enough to show he wasn't a person who liked being in the limelight. His previous stance in front of DonovanTasker and Castiel Mullins also undeniably showed his interest in powerful groups.

Therefore, none of them thought this Eden Lee could replace GullyAshton Chapman.

At this thought, a group of loose cultivators looked at Peace Adams as if they were knives. If they could, they'd wish to tear Peace Adams apart.

No matter what, GullyAshton Chapman ultimately lost to Peace Adams, who proved his worth with strength.

He not only wasn't weaker than GullyAshton Chapman but could also kill him in just an encounter.

If anyone found it hardest to return to their senses after witnessing Peace Adams kill GullyAshton Chapman in one encounter, it would undoubtedly be Monk Flower and Silent Void.

As prominent figures among the younger generation in the Sky-scraping Mansion's region, Monk Flower and Silent Void knew all about the talented geniuses among their peers, including 'Peace Adams,' the Junior House Master.

However, the strength Peace Adams displayed today made them feel unfamiliar.

Sss! Sss!

When they came back to their senses, they gasped in shock. "Middle Saint Realm late stage... Peace Adams has actually advanced to the Middle Saint Realm late stage?"

They had only barely broke through to the Middle Saint Realm late stage a while ago, after all.

Now, this Peace Adams, whom they previously suppressed, had caught up with them in cultivation?

How could they not be shocked?

After killing GullyAshton Chapman, Peace Adams replaced him and became the new champion.

And just then, a disciple of Sky-scraping Mansion stepped forward. He was a Little Saint Realm late stage martial artist previously eliminated.

Seeing him step forward, not only did no one present laugh, but their faces became serious.

The scene before them was so similar to when Dane Adams stood out earlier!

For a moment, many people's eyes fell on Peace Adams.

"Does this Peace Adams want to kill again?"

"Has he become addicted to killing?"

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Unlike before, after Peace Adams demonstrated what seemed to be his Middle Saint Realm late stage strength, those who previously underestimated him didn't dare to look at him the same way.

No kidding!

Previously, they knew nothing about Peace Adams's strength. Now, after he killed GullyAshton Chapman instantly, they knew Peace Adams's strength might not be below Monk Flower and Silent Void.

No one now believed Peace Adams hadn't stepped up earlier because he feared Monk Flower and Silent Void.

Just as people thought, after the Sky-scraping Mansion disciple stepped into the ring, he challenged Peace Adams by name.

As everyone expected, Peace Adams admitted defeat.

After Peace Adams admitted defeat, he was eliminated from the stage.

At this point, as someone who wasn't the champion, he could challenge any champion as his goal.

Peace Adams looked again at Wyatt Barnes, causing Wyatt to turn serious.

Now, his comprehension of the supreme heart sword technique in the Sword Dao has further deepened, infinitely nearing the second realm 'Sword Shadow Following Heart.' Against a martial artist in the later stage of the Middle Saint Realm, he holds some ability to fight, yet it will be quite strenuous.

Moreover, he can discern that the strength Peace Adams just revealed is not merely a simple breakthrough to the later stage of the Middle Saint Realm.

Thus, facing Peace Adams, though he isn't afraid, he still feels a bit unsure.

"He wants to challenge Eden Lee?"

Upon seeing Peace Adams glance at Wyatt Barnes, quite a few people were taken aback, "Is he planning to wipe out loose cultivators completely?"

If earlier those present did not believe Peace Adams could outmatch Eden Lee, now, they don't consider Eden Lee to be Peace Adams' opponent. In their eyes, once Peace Adams targets Eden Lee, Eden Lee is undoubtedly doomed.

At this moment, a crowd of loose cultivators had extremely unpleasant expressions.

"Junior House Master, this Eden Lee is even more unforgivable than Gully Ashton Chapman; he consecutively killed two genius martial artists from our Sky-scraping Mansion!"

Upon seeing Peace Adams glance at Wyatt Barnes, Serene Adams' eyes flashed sharply as he immediately conveyed a message to Peace Adams.

Of course, although he spoke nobly, Peace Adams was well aware that Serene Adams wanted to use him to avenge Shane Adams.

Originally, he indeed planned to challenge Wyatt Barnes.

However, after Serene Adams conveyed the message, he temporarily dismissed the idea of challenging Wyatt Barnes.

What a joke!

Not to mention he is the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, even disregarding his position, as the heir to the Swallowing Demon, his potential is boundless. How could he be led by the nose by a Grand Elder of Sky-scraping Mansion?

Thus, not only did Peace Adams not respond to Serene Adams, but instead he shifted his gaze away from Wyatt Barnes.

Immediately, many loose cultivators breathed a sigh of relief.

Serene Adams' face turned livid; he didn't expect Peace Adams to ignore him and even shift his focus, seemingly not intending to challenge Eden Lee.

Though angry, he could do nothing.

Though a Grand Elder of Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams is the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion.

In Sky-scraping Mansion, with his status as the son of the House Master, Peace Adams' position is above the Grand Elder's.

Quickly, Peace Adams' gaze landed on Monk Flower.

Simultaneously, he moved swiftly, appearing on the chess piece where Monk Flower was located in the blink of an eye, standing opposite Monk Flower, "Monk Flower, I used to be not as strong as you... but today, I shall prove to everyone: I, Peace Adams, the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, am the foremost strongman among the young adults in the Sky-scraping Mansion region!"

Peace Adams spoke these words with full energy and tremendous self-confidence, brimming with infectiousness.

However, confronted with Peace Adams' self-assurance, Monk Flower merely gave a slight smile, "Junior House Master Adams, your breakthrough to the later stage of the Middle Saint Realm is stunning... yet, if you think breaking through to the later stage allows you to defeat me, then you are gravely mistaken!"

As soon as the words fell, Monk Flower's robe fluttered, and True Origin surged forth from within.

In an instant, centered around Monk Flower, the surrounding void trembled, ripple-like patterns clearly visible.

The first to detect the aura emanating from Monk Flower's body were undoubtedly DonovanTasker, Castiel Mullins, and Serene Adams, whose pupils contracted in unison, shock apparent in their expressions, and exclaimed, "Later stage of the Middle Saint Realm!"

Though their exclamations were not loud, those present all had astonishing hearing, naturally overhearing their words.

All of a sudden, those present looked with shock towards Monk Flower, "Monk Flower... has also broken through to the later stage of the Middle Saint Realm?"

"As expected, one of the two most outstanding young adults in our Sky-scraping Mansion region... Monk Flower's talent and strength are truly outrageous!"

"Monk Flower broke through too, but I wonder if Silent Void has also broken through."

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Compared to Peace Adams breaking through to the later stage of the Middle Saint Realm, Monk Flower's breakthrough merely astonished the crowd for a while before their emotions settled down.

In the crowd's eyes, Monk Flower always stood out exceptionally and was already a martial artist at the mid-stage of the Middle Saint Realm.

Learning today that he broke through to the later stage, though surprising, seemed reasonable.

Meanwhile, as they marveled at Monk Flower's breakthrough to the later stage of the Middle Saint Realm, many were also curious whether Silent Void had broken through.

"If my guess is correct, Silent Void, you should have broken through as well?"

At an unknown time, Peace Adams stepped into the air and looked at the young Taoist standing on another chess piece nearby, asking loudly.

Throughout, regarding the cultivation Monk Flower displayed, Peace Adams seemed to show little surprise, more like he had foreseen this outcome.

Not only that, when Monk Flower exhibited his later stage cultivation of the Middle Saint Realm, he even had the leisure to inquire about Silent Void's cultivation.

Faced with Peace Adams' inquiry, Silent Void, though silent, still nodded.

Instantly, the crowd present was once again in an uproar.

Even Silent Void had broken through to the later stage of the Middle Saint Realm?

This means, in this Overleaping Rankings battle, three powerhouses in the later stage have emerged?

"Good, very good."

Peace Adams was very pleased with Silent Void's response.

Immediately after, he looked up at DonovanTasker and Castiel Mullins, "Vice House Master Tasker, Elder Mullins... I wish to challenge Monk Flower and Silent Void both simultaneously!"

Chapter 1690: One Against Two

"Vice House Master Tasker, Elder Mullins... I want to simultaneously challenge both Monk Flower and Silent Void!"

Though Peace Adams' voice wasn't loud, it echoed throughout the Linglong Chessboard.

For a moment, the scene was dead silent.

The people present, once they came back to their senses, looked at each other in disbelief. Some even rubbed their ears, wondering if they had misheard.

Heavens!

What did they just hear?

The Junior House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams, is declaring he wants to challenge both Monk Flower and Silent Void at the same time?

For the others present, Peace Adams' words were shocking.

But for Monk Flower and Silent Void, it was undoubtedly a humiliation, a great humiliation.

In an instant, whether it was Monk Flower or Silent Void, their faces darkened... At this moment, no matter how good their temper, they couldn't hold back.

Peace Adams, you've gone too far!

Upon hearing Peace Adams' words, Wyatt Barnes was also taken aback, "This Peace Adams actually wants to challenge two Middle Saint Realm late-stage martial artists at once?"

"Arrogant!"

"Too insolent!"

"This Peace Adams, does he really think he can challenge both Monk Flower and Silent Void at the same time? Does he really take them for easy targets?"

"Hmph! It seems that after breaking through to the late stage of the Middle Saint Realm, he's very confident... However, as a Middle Saint Realm late-stage martial artist himself, to claim he wants to challenge both a Middle Saint Realm late-stage martial artist and a Middle Saint Realm late-stage Taoist cultivator is simply courting death, isn't it?"

"Courting death? Monk Flower and Silent Void don't dare to kill him... Although they could flee after killing Peace Adams, as the saying goes, 'the monk can run, but the temple can't.' Even if they leave, the Sky-scraping Mansion won't spare the Brahma Heaven Temple and the Pure Sun Temple behind them."

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The crowd present, once they came to their senses, started discussing, all feeling that Peace Adams was overestimating himself by wanting to challenge both Monk Flower and Silent Void at the same time.

Even Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins didn't expect Peace Adams to be so presumptuous.

So when they heard Peace Adams' words, they didn't respond immediately.

"Junior House Master, what are you doing? Whether it's Monk Flower or Silent Void, they are both strong opponents for you... I know your confidence has soared since breaking through to the late stage of the Middle Saint Realm, but each of them is also in the late stage of the Middle Saint Realm. Facing them both, you can't possibly be their match!"

At this point, Serene Adams also furrowed his brows and relayed a message to Peace Adams.

After speaking, without waiting for Peace Adams to respond, he looked at Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins, managing a difficult smile, and said, "Vice House Master Tasker, Elder Mullins, our Junior House Master was just joking earlier."

Joking?

Hearing Serene Adams' words, everyone present looked at Peace Adams with suspicion.

This joke wasn't funny at all.

"Grand Elder, I wasn't joking!"

However, Peace Adams showed no appreciation for Serene Adams' gesture. As soon as Serene Adams finished speaking, he disdainfully said.

Hearing this, Serene Adams' face flushed red.

He had swallowed his pride to help Peace Adams, but Peace Adams showed no gratitude, making him feel as if he had warmed a cold shoulder.

For a moment, Serene Adams, angry, waved his sleeve and decided not to meddle in the matter any longer.

"Junior House Master Adams, do you really want to challenge both Monk Flower and Silent Void at the same time?"

Donovan Tasker looked at Peace Adams, asking solemnly.

"Vice House Master Tasker, do you think I'm joking?"

Peace Adams frowned.

"Junior House Master Adams, you should think carefully... Whether it's Monk Flower or Silent Void, either of them is at the same late stage of the Middle Saint Realm as you, and facing two of them, you're at a disadvantage." said Castiel Mullins.

"Thank you, Elder Mullins, for the reminder, but my mind is made up."

Peace Adams said calmly.

"Technically speaking, this doesn't violate the rules of the Overleaping Rankings battle... However, you also need to get their consent to face them both. If they're unwilling, there's nothing Elder Mullins and I can do, as we can't force them to fight you in this manner because, to them, it's inherently a kind of humiliation."

Donovan Tasker spoke to Peace Adams, somewhat troubled.

At that moment, he could fully understand the feelings of Monk Flower and Silent Void, and if it were him, he would certainly be very angry too.

A former defeated opponent now publicly stating he wanted to challenge him in such a way was downright humiliating!

As Donovan Tasker spoke, everyone's gaze, including Wyatt Barnes', fell on Monk Flower and Silent Void.

At this moment, both Monk Flower and Silent Void looked displeased.

However, they also knew they needed to give a response.

Just when they were about to refuse, Peace Adams spoke ahead of them, "Monk Flower, Silent Void, I know you are both proud individuals... However, if you don't dare accept my challenge today, I can't help but say that the people from Brahma Heaven Temple and Pure Sun Temple are all useless!"

All useless!

Needless to say, Peace Adams' words were harsh.

At the very least, as soon as he finished speaking, everyone from both Brahma Heaven Temple and Pure Sun Temple had a drastic change in their expressions.

"Arrogant! Too arrogant!"

"Brother Flower, since he's being so arrogant, join forces with Brother Silent Void and take him out!"

"Yes, Brother Flower, the other side is already bullying us at Brahma Heaven Temple. You should forget about everything else and team up with Brother Silent Void to teach him an unforgettable lesson!"

"Brother Flower, accept his challenge!"

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Among the group from Brahma Heaven Temple, except for the Abbot and other high-ranking officials who were grim-faced and silent, the other disciples of Brahma Heaven Temple kept urging Monk Flower to agree to Peace Adams' challenge and join forces with Silent Void against him.

Things were similar over at the Pure Sun Temple.

Except for the high-ranking officials led by the temple master who remained silent and had a stern expression, a group of Pure Sun Temple disciples continuously urged Silent Void.

For everyone else present, Peace Adams' sudden move was also quite shocking.

Because this was a challenge aimed at both Brahma Heaven Temple and Pure Sun Temple, two fifth-tier forces!

Of course, given Peace Adams' background, challenging these two forces isn't much.

But the problem is, he's involving Monk Flower and Silent Void in this challenge. If they refuse him at this point, it would be exactly what Peace Adams wants, admitting that the people from Brahma Heaven Temple and Pure Sun Temple are useless.

"I agree!"

"I agree too!"

So, under these circumstances, neither Monk Flower nor Silent Void could refuse.

However, when they agreed, their faces were incredibly grim, and their eyes glinting with a chilling light as they looked at Peace Adams.

They had already made up their minds that even if they couldn't take out Peace Adams, they would teach him an unforgettable lesson!

They could tolerate Peace Adams' provocation against them.

But provoking the sects behind them was absolutely intolerable.

For sect disciples, especially those outstanding ones who represented their sects, an insult to their sects was akin to desecrating their ancestors' graves.

No one was surprised at Monk Flower and Silent Void accepting Peace Adams' challenge.

In this situation, even if Monk Flower and Silent Void felt Peace Adams' demand was somewhat insulting, they had no choice but to accept because according to Peace Adams, rejecting would mean admitting that the people from their sects were indeed useless.

"That Peace Adams is truly insane!"

"Does he really think that after breaking through to the late stage of the Middle Saint Realm, he's invincible? To challenge two people at once, and both of them are also at the late stage of the Middle Saint Realm like him."

"Let's see if he can still be so arrogant after getting defeated by Monk Flower and Silent Void teaming up!"

"By that time, he'll probably be so embarrassed he'll want to dig a hole in the ground to hide in."

"I'm now actually looking forward to seeing him get beaten by the team-up of Monk Flower and Silent Void... I fear they won't need more than ten moves to defeat him."

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Seeing that Monk Flower and Silent Void agreed to Peace Adams' challenge, the people present started whispering among themselves.

"Too bad Peace Adams has the Sky-scraping Mansion backing him... Otherwise, Monk Flower and Silent Void would likely want to kill him!"

"Indeed. With the Sky-scraping Mansion involved, even if they could defeat him, Monk Flower and Silent Void dare not kill him."

"Humph! I suspect he's considering this... Otherwise, how could he dare challenge both Monk Flower and Silent Void at once?"

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Many people were indignant, thinking that without the backing of the Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams would not have dared to make such a demand.

"Peace Adams, does he truly have the confidence to handle both Monk Flower and Silent Void simultaneously?"

Unlike the others, Wyatt Barnes was somewhat unsure as he noticed a look of pride and confidence in Peace Adams' eyes.

Having lived two lives and come all this way, Wyatt prided himself on having a good read on people.

The current Peace Adams exuded the air of a victor.

"If he truly has the strength to defeat the combined powers of Monk Flower and Silent Void... then his strength, even among the late-stage Middle Saint Realm practitioners, would be

considered top-notch! If he really does have that kind of power, doing no worse than a draw with him would be impressive... Killing him, however, would be utterly impossible!"

As the thought crossed his mind, Wyatt Barnes felt a heaviness in his heart.

He had come to the Sky-scraping Mansion's territory to participate in this Overleaping Rankings battle with only one goal, to kill Peace Adams, the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, and break Julia's engagement.

But now it seemed that killing Peace Adams wouldn't be so easy.

"Hopefully, he's just being overconfident and not truly self-assured."

At this point, Wyatt could only hope for this, though he felt the likelihood was slim.

Because of this, it seemed like a dark cloud was looming over his heart, increasing the pressure manifold.

Hoo!

With the whoosh of the wind, Silent Void left his position and joined Monk Flower on his piece, standing alongside him to confront Peace Adams.

Peace Adams, Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, facing two foes: Monk Flower and Silent Void!

Either of these two, in the past, could have easily crushed Peace Adams.

Yet today, Peace Adams dared to challenge them both at once.

For this battle, few present had faith in Peace Adams; most bet on Monk Flower and Silent Void, considering their recognized strength in the past.