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### Chapter 611: Sword Realm Fragment

Upon hearing Karina Hanson's words and sensing the motion of the Three-eyed Flame Tiger, everyone who hadn't yet entered the 'Sword Emperor's Treasury' involuntarily twitched the corner of their mouths.

They only now realized that the Three-eyed Flame Tiger was so afraid of that girl because it had once been frozen into an ice stick by her.

"Indeed worthy of being a strong Void Realm figure, who could effortlessly use the 'Ice Realm' to freeze a powerful Demon Beast at the ninth level of the Enter Void Realm into an ice stick!"

Many secretly sighed in their hearts.

Following, everyone also entered the Sword Emperor's Treasury through the translucent light shield at the entrance.

Just as Echo Reid had said, he chose to enter last.

Behind the translucent light shield, Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson only felt their bodies continuously plummeting.

After plummeting for dozens of breaths, the gray fog in front of their eyes disappeared.

A vast cave appeared before their eyes.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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At this moment, a series of loud noises came from the front, clearly entering the ears of Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson.

When the two flew forward, they quickly saw the figure of the old man in green clothes, Elder Cruz.

Now, Elder Cruz was standing with more than a dozen semi-transparent humanoid shadows.

These humanoid shadows possessed decent strength.

Of course, none of them were as strong as Elder Cruz.

However, every time these humanoid shadows were shattered by Elder Cruz, they would condense again, like invincible cockroaches.

"Origin Shadow puppets!"

Looking at the not-fear-of-death humanoid shadows fighting with Elder Cruz, Wyatt Barnes's pupils shrank.

"It seems that the Martial Emperor who left the 'Sword Emperor's Treasury' was indeed an 'Inscription Master'... Origin Shadow puppets, only a Martial Emperor Realm Inscription Master, can condense them with 'Inscriptions Array'."

Wyatt Barnes took a sharp breath.

The Inscription Array is extremely mysterious.

A Martial Emperor Realm Inscription Master, to some extent, can lay some inscriptions arrays that ordinary people can hardly imagine.

Among them is the 'Origin Shadow Inscriptions Array'.

The Origin Shadow Inscriptions Array is a kind of inscriptions array composed of 'original stones' as Array Foundation and assisted by various inscriptions.

This inscriptions array itself does not possess any attack power.

However, once someone passes the place where this inscriptions array is laid, the inscriptions array will activate automatically, drawing power from the original stones to condense the 'Origin Shadow puppets'.

Origin Shadow puppets have varying strength depending on the level of the inscriptions array.

The Origin Shadow Inscriptions Array laid by an Inscription Master of the Martial Emperor Realm can fully condense 'Origin Shadow puppets' above the Peep Naught Realm.

Some stronger Origin Shadow puppets exist at Enter Void Realm, Cave Void Realm.

However, 'Origin Shadow puppets' of the Transforming Void Realm are not what an Inscription master of the Martial Emperor Realm can condense with inscriptions array.

"If it was the Reincarnation Martial Emperor, he could fully condense the 'Origin Shadow Inscriptions Array' to create 'Origin Shadow puppets' of the Transforming Void Realm... However, the Origin Shadow puppets can only reach at most 'Transforming Void Realm Nine'"

"Moreover, the biggest weakness of Origin Shadow puppets is that they don't have any 'strength' or 'realms' to rely on. So even the Transforming Void Realm level Origin Shadow puppets have not cultivated realm fragments."

Wyatt Barnes's mind flashed with the Reincarnation Martial Emperor's memories related to Origin Shadow puppets.

"These dozens of Origin Shadow puppets only have 'Enter Void Realm Four' cultivation. Those that don't have 'realms' to rely on, can exert at most the power of six ancient horned dragons."

"This old fellow really likes creating unnecessary problems, even bothering with the Origin Shadow puppets! As long as the original stones in the 'Origin Shadow Inscriptions Array' area where he is located have not been exhausted, the Origin Shadow puppets will never disappear."

Wyatt Barnes was somewhat speechless at Elder Cruz continuously destroying the Origin Shadow puppets over there.

This old fellow probably doesn't know what 'Origin Shadow puppets' are.

"It would be great if I could get some original stones in this Sword Emperor's Treasury."

Wyatt Barnes's heart moved, looking forward to it.

Original stones are universally used by 'outside territory martial artists' as an auxiliary cultivation resource.

In the 'outside territory', gold and silver are worthless.

The currency circulated in the outside territory is no longer 'gold and silver', but 'original stones'.

Martial artists absorb original stones for cultivation, which is much more efficient than simply absorbing the inner energy of heaven and earth for cultivation.

Some talented martial artists make great progress in cultivation by relying on original stones, advancing by leaps and bounds every day.

"Unfortunately, the 'original stones' used for the operation of the inscriptions array, due to the chaotic inscriptions, are not suitable for cultivation... Otherwise, it is worth considering digging out the original stones in the inscriptions array here."

Wyatt Barnes sighed secretly, somewhat disappointed.

"Brother Wyatt, we don't need to pay attention to these shadows, just walk straight in... These shadows are just 'Origin Shadow puppets', they can't pose any threat to us."

At the right time, Julia's Origin Force condensed voice entered Wyatt Barnes's ears, "If any Origin Shadow puppets catch up, we will directly destroy them... As long as we leave the

coverage area of the 'Origin Shadow Inscriptions Array' that condensed the Origin Shadow puppets, the Origin Shadow puppets will no longer attack us."

Obviously, Julia knows about Origin Shadow puppets and even more about the Origin Shadow Inscriptions Array.

Of course, she doesn't know that Wyatt Barnes understands this inscriptions array better than her.

However, Wyatt didn't break it, just responded, "Okay."

Swoosh! Swoosh!

The two of them moved their figures, shooting out like two flashes of lightning.

In a moment, they caught up with Elder Cruz.

When Elder Cruz saw Wyatt Barnes and Julia catching up, his face sank and a touch of apprehension appeared in his eyes.

"Brother Wyatt, I don't want to see this old man again!"

While Karina Hanson was talking to Wyatt Barnes, she scrutinized Elder Cruz with sharp eyes.

"Julia, we don't need to bother with him now... we can finish him off after we finish searching the Sword Emperor's treasure vault. Whatever he manages to get from the Sword Emperor's treasure vault will be ours eventually."

Wyatt Barnes shook his head, denying Karina Hanson's plan.

After pondering for a moment, Karina Hanson agreed, "Let's let him live for a few more days."

Whizz! Whizz! Whizz! Whizz! Whizz!

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When Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson passed the region where Elder Cruz was, more than twenty Puppet Shadows in the air were formed and came straight at them.

The prepared duo handled it calmly, easily shattering the Puppet Shadows.

While the Puppet Shadows were being reassembled, they continued to race inside.

After destroying two waves of Puppet Shadows, no more came chasing them.

"We are out of the 'Inscription Puppet Array'."

At this moment, Karina Hanson said to Wyatt Barnes.

Wyatt Barnes nodded, "Let's continue and see."

All the way along, although the Puppet Shadows that attacked Wyatt Barnes were all beings in the 'Enter Void Realm Four'...

But they do not have a realm as a basis.

In terms of strength, they were far weaker than Wyatt Barnes.

Although Wyatt Barnes was only a martial artist in the Enter Void Realm three, he had grasped the 'Power of Realm'. Coupled with having a spiritual weapon to rely on, it was easy for him to destroy Puppet Shadows of this tier.

Afterwards, Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson continued to go deeper.

They experienced several other similar areas shrouded by the 'Inscription Puppet Array'.

The further they went, the stronger the Puppet Shadows became.

Gradually, Wyatt Barnes began to struggle to cope.

But with Karina Hanson there, it was easy to crush a host of Puppet Shadows.

In the end, the two of them reached the end of the vast cave.

"That is..."

Wyatt Barnes had sharp eyes, and he saw a stone platform in the distance with a box on it.

The box was covered with dust.

"There are stairs behind."

The timely voice of Karina Hanson reached Wyatt Barnes's ears.

Only then did Wyatt Barnes notice that behind the stone platform where the box was, there were stairs leading down...

From there, it seems to lead to another 'space'.

"Let's see what's inside the box first."

Karina Hanson moved swiftly, immediately reaching the box, dusting off the dust on it, and opening it.

Inside the box, a green jade piece and a sword-shaped fragment lay quietly.

"It's the 'Resonating Jade Piece'"

Wyatt Barnes recognized the jade piece, reached out to pick it up, and his Origin Force mingled with it.

Karina Hanson, on the other hand, looked bright when her eyes fell on the sword-shaped fragment. "The Realm Fragment of the sword? That Martial Emperor is really generous."

A realm fragment was produced by strong beings above the Transforming Void Realm, containing a high-level realm.

These 'realm fragments' containing high-level realms can quickly enhance that particular realm when recognized by individuals with the same realm comprehension.

The present realm fragment embodied the realm of the soul fragment of the Sword's Realm.

Any martial artist who comprehended the Sword's Realm would be able to comprehend the Sword's Realm swiftly, making significant progress in a short time.

Even martial artists with low comprehension would progress in the Sword's Realm far more rapidly than those with superior understanding.

If it were obtained by a martial artist with high comprehension, progress in the Sword's Realm would be even more frightening.

"It's a pity, it can't be utilized by Brother Leandro, Little Black, Little White, or Little Gold."

Karina Hanson shook her head.

At this moment, Wyatt Barnes had infused his Origin Force into the Resonating Jade Piece and heard a steady voice, "Whoever you are, since you got the Resonating Jade Piece, you have passed the first test that I left in the 'Nobleman's Tomb'... The first test's reward is a 'Soul Fragment of the Sword's Realm'."

"For martial artists who have comprehended the Sword's Realm, they can quickly advance to the 'Third Tier High Order Sword's Realm' with this soul fragment!"



The voice disappeared with these words.

"Soul Fragment of the Sword's Realm?"

Wyatt Barnes came back to his senses and looked at the sword-shaped fragment held by Karina Hanson.

The fragment, which was shaped like a sword, looked just like an ordinary glass fragment...

But when Wyatt Barnes's mental power touched it, he could sense an extremely sharp aura sweeping out, instantly defeating his mental power.

But that wasn't all.

In an instant, Wyatt Barnes felt his blood churning, a sense of sweetness rose in his throat, and he couldn't suppress it.

"Phew!"

In the end, Wyatt Barnes couldn't help but spit out a mouthful of clotted blood.

"Brother Leandro, what happened to you?"

Karina Hanson noticed Wyatt Barnes's movements and asked anxiously, her face changing with worry.

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"It's nothing."

Wyatt Barnes wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth and shook his head.

However, when he looked again at the 'Sword Realm Fragment' in Karina Hanson's hand, an additional measure of wariness appeared deep within his eyes.

Just a mere fragment of the realm had shattered his mental power outright.

"The powerful aura, it seemed to be of the 'Sword Realm'... and even a 'High-order Sword Realm' at that!"

Wyatt Barnes took a sharp inhale, "Fortunately, it was merely instinctively defending itself just now... Otherwise, I fear it wouldn't just shatter my mental power, but also damage my spirit."

The high-order realm, also known as the 'Transforming Void Realm'.

It is a 'realm' mastered by powerful beings of the Transforming Void Realm, emanating extraordinary power.

Take this 'Sword Realm Fragment' as an example.

According to the 'Sound Stone Piece' just now, supposedly left by the 'Martial Emperor' who built this treasure vault:

This Realm Fragment is a 'Third-Level High-order Sword Realm Fragment'.

A third-level high-order realm, equivalent to the might of four hundred ancient Horned Dragons...

What does the power of four hundred ancient Horned Dragons mean?

Even a Ninth Layer Void Realm warrior, regardless of the 'realm' understood, even at full strength, can only match the power of a mere hundred and twenty ancient Horned Dragons.

Even if you add power equivalent to a hundred ancient Horned Dragons from the ninth-layer mid-level realm, it would just total to two hundred and twenty ancient Horned Dragon power.

Moreover, even if a Ninth Layer Void Realm Warrior who has understood the first level high order realm fights with all his might, it would amount to the power of only three hundred and twenty ancient Horned Dragons.

The power of four hundred ancient Horned Dragons- to Wyatt Barnes, whose fully unleashed power is not even equivalent to ten ancient Horned Dragons, is an astronomical figure.

Yet, all this power is contained within this tiny fragment of the realm.

"Brother Wyatt, here."

Karina Hanson casually tossed the fragment of the realm at Wyatt Barnes, as if tossing rubbish, "This 'Realm Fragment' is of no use to us..."

The realm fragment can only be used by warriors who have understood that 'Realm', to gain insight into even higher levels of that 'Realm'.

Like Wyatt Barnes right now.

Unless he comprehends the 'Sword Realm', even if it's just the lowest level of the Sword Realm,

Otherwise, this 'Realm Fragment' would be of no use to him.

However, Wyatt Barnes still treasured the 'Realm Fragment' in his hands.

What a joke!

Even to Void Realm Martial artists and some strong individuals of the Transforming Void Realm, this 'Realm Fragment' is considered a highly treasured item.

If sold,

Even a Ninth Layer Void Realm martial artist, or those Transforming Void Realm experts who have comprehended the Sword Realm but not the Three-layer high-level Sword Realm, would still kill for it.

"Wyatt, we should go down now."

Only when Karina Hanson's voice came from the stairs below did Wyatt Barnes regain his composure.

"Let's put it away first."

After pocketing the 'Sword Realm Fragment', Wyatt Barnes replied to Julia, and they both began to descend the stairs.

At this moment, Wyatt Barnes struggled to restrain his excitement.

The stairs were long, and a hazy fog shrouded the view ahead, making it unclear what lay beyond.

Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hansen trekked through, descending the stairs until they reached the flat ground. Only then did the fog gradually begin to dissipate in front of their eyes.

And just at that moment.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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The chilling howl of winds suddenly echoed from the distance.

Before he could react, Wyatt Barnes felt gusts of strong wind rushing towards him, causing his robes to balloon outwards.

When Wyatt Barnes looked up, he saw ceaselessly swirling 'tornadoes' plunging towards him and Karina Hanson.

The tornadoes lined up in a row, filling the vast cavern of the second level of the Sword Emperor's Treasure Vault, leaving them with nowhere to go.

Now, Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson had two options.

The first, retreat to the first level.

The second, charge forward!

As long as they could break through the row of tornadoes that formed a barrier across the cavern, they could continue deeper into the second level.

The second level's 'reward' must surely be at the end of the cavern.

Watching as the row of tornadoes grew closer and closer, it seemed as though Wyatt Barnes was about to be carried away by the wind.

"It's still several hundred meters away from me... If it gets any closer, won't I be blown away?"

Wyatt Barnes laughed bitterly.

"Brother Wyatt, let's charge through."

Karina Hanson called out to Wyatt Barnes, and promptly, her entire body seemed to transform into a bolt of lightning as she dashed out towards the approaching row of tornadoes.

Whoosh!

In the blink of an eye, Karina Hanson had charged past the entire row of tornadoes, disappearing from Wyatt Barnes's view.

For Karina Hanson,

This degree of tornado posed no threat to her.

Wyatt Barnes took a deep breath and then followed suit.

"Wind and Thunder!"

Just as Wyatt Barnes moved, the force between his legs surged as the 'Sound of Wind and Thunder' rang out across the sky.

Whoosh!

Wyatt Barnes seemed to transform into a hurricane, colliding head-on with the oncoming row of tornadoes.

For a moment, Wyatt Barnes felt a strong resistance trying to stop him from moving forward.

The resistance only intensified!

Gradually, Wyatt Barnes couldn't help but slow down, not because he didn't want to continue forward, but because the headwind was too strong.

This is the might of nature.

Wyatt Barnes continued to struggle forward, quickly colliding with a row of tornadoes.

Fortunately, Wyatt Barnes promptly used 'Origin Force Light Shield' to protect his body, otherwise, he would have been torn to shreds by now.

However, his Origin Force Light Shield still wavered.

The power of the tornado was too strong.

"In at most five breaths, my Origin Force Light Shield will be destroyed."

Realizing this, Wyatt Barnes was starting to feel restless.

Given his current speed, breaking through the tornado's obstruction in five short breaths is undoubtedly as challenging as ascending to the sky.

"Now, I only have two paths in front of me! One, to turn back and return to the first floor; the other, to have Julia help me."

Wyatt Barnes took a deep breath, changing his train of thought.

Expecting him to simply turn back to the first floor was out of the question.

But having Julia help him...

Although it was a simple thing, deep down, he felt a bit reluctant to do so.

Should he always count on Julia for everything inside the Martial Emperor's treasury?

If Julia weren't there, would he not even be able to take a single step forward?

"Back on the first floor of the Martial Emperor's treasury, if Julia hadn't stepped in, even if I could've made it through, that 'Piece of Sword Intent' definitely wouldn't be mine."

As a man, Wyatt Barnes couldn't entirely depend on Julia.

At least, right now, he can't ask her for help.

He couldn't get over this mental hurdle.

"Squeak~~"

A sharp sound brought Wyatt Barnes back to his senses.

"Little Gold, I will take you through it!"

Wyatt Barnes looked at the little golden rat on his shoulder, his eyes becoming more resolute. "I didn't have Julia by my side before, and yet I still made it through by myself, didn't I?"

Just as the thought settled, Wyatt Barnes' Origin Force Light Shield, instantly shattered into pieces due to the pressure of the tornado.

Wyatt Barnes was fully exposed to the tornado.

"Charge!"

Wyatt Barnes fixed his gaze forward and faintly saw Karina Hanson waiting for him on the other side through the line of tornadoes.

Suddenly, the energy beneath Wyatt's feet surged and his aura turned yellowish taking the form of a cannonball and charged forward.

However, the pressure originating from the tornado still struck him ruthlessly, causing his yellow aura to crack.

This yellow aura was the defensive martial art skill 'Earth Dragon Protection' that Wyatt executed in haste.

However, Wyatt had only achieved the 'Initial Comprehension of Earth's Momentum', so the defense power of 'Earth Dragon Protection' was very weak and was shattered in an instant by the tornado.

The defensive aura was gone, just like the light shield that was shattered earlier.

The powerful wind pressure completely constricted Wyatt, making him tremble and unable to breathe properly.

"This tornado is strong, but it's just 'wind'... Am I, a Martial Emperor who has comprehended the 'First Level of Wind's Intent', really going to be defeated by this tornado?"



Wyatt's heart was filled with unwillingness.

The aqua aura wrapped around his body rose in waves.

First Level of Wind's Intent!

However, the 'First Level of Wind's Intent' similarly couldn't resist the tornado's pressure and was immediately suppressed.

Just as the 'First Level Wind's Intent' was about to be shattered, Wyatt surprisingly calmed down.

"Tornado... Wind... Why must I clash against it head-on?"

A thought flashed through his mind and Wyatt folded his First Level Wind's Intent. He let himself absorb the relentless onslaught of the tornado, seemingly having an epiphany, he felt extremely lightweight as if he had formed a connection with the tornado.

He moved along with the wind, letting the tornado lift him upward.

"Brother Wyatt!"

At the same time, Karina Hanson, having waited for a while and seeing no sign of Wyatt, quickly moved forward crossing the tornado again.

Just as she was about to help Wyatt, she saw him flying with the tornado.

At that moment, she felt a misperception.

It seemed as if Brother Wyatt had become one with the tornado.

"Brother Wyatt... What incredible perception."

Karina Hanson seemed to have realized something...

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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At this moment, figures started to descend from the staircase on the first floor and arrived on the second floor of the Martial Emperor's treasury.

They were the other people who had entered the Martial Emperor's treasury.

In an instant, their robes fluttered, and they discovered the entire line of tornadoes.

"There's someone in the wind!"

Suddenly, someone with a sharp sight noticed the violet figure in the tornado.

"It's Elder Brother Ling Tian!"

Echo Reid exclaimed.

"Second Level Wind's Intent!"

At this time, an elated voice suddenly echoed, attracting everyone's attention.

Immediately following, they saw.

Wyatt Barnes stabilized himself in the tornado, even with the tornado sweeping over him, he stood firm as a rock.

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Moments later, the tornado seemed to lose its target, completely disregarding Wyatt Barnes, and passed directly through him.

Meanwhile, Wyatt Barnes floated in the air, his body enveloped in curling strands of green energy, and above his head, there were two ancient Horned Dragon's shadows in the void.

The second layer of Wind Realm!

Wyatt Barnes' proficiency in the 'Realm of Wind' has advanced.

"At the end of the day, it is all thanks to this tornado."

Looking at the tornado sweeping towards the other side, a thought raced through Wyatt Barnes.

At the same time, a smile appeared at the corner of his mouth.

The breakthrough in 'Wind Realm' meant that his strength had increased, leading to the extra power of an ancient Horned Dragon.

"Wyatt, your comprehension is astounding... You even realized the 'Second Layer of Wind Realm' in the midst of the tornado."

Somewhere along the way, Karina Hanson had come to Wyatt Barnes' side in amazement.

Wyatt Barnes gave her a bitter smile.

If it weren't for his desperate circumstances, he wouldn't have forced himself into the heart of the tornado to comprehend the 'Realm of Wind'.

It was an extremely high-risk move.

Of course, he had his reasons to take such a risk.

He knew that if he was in real danger, Karina would definitely come to his rescue.

It was precisely because of this that he chose to take the gamble!

Otherwise, he wouldn't risk his life on this bet.

Even though he didn't want to rely on Karina too much, when his life was in danger, he had no choice but to swallow his pride.

Shhh!

Suddenly, Wyatt Barnes heard a gust of wind whistling from behind him.

Immediately, a figure swiftly flew towards the front of the cave, charging forcefully ahead.

Upon close inspection, Wyatt recognized who it was.

It was none other than the old man in green, Elder Cruz.

Now, as Elder Cruz raced into the distance, a wave of intense heat swept over from afar.

"Is that...Fire?"

Looking at the flares attacking from the distance, Wyatt's pupils couldn't help but constrict.

This fire seemed to have appeared out of nowhere.

"It seems that the second layer also has many 'Inscription Formations'," Karina explained.

Wyatt Barnes took a deep breath, his eyes narrowed, and he quickly recalled the memories of reincarnated Martial Emperor in his mind.

In this moment, he had gained some understanding of the Inscription Formations that could conjure a 'tornado', and the 'flames'.

"It seems that the Martial Emperor mastered quite a lot of 'Inscription Formations'."

Wyatt Barnes let out a thoughtful sigh.

"Wyatt, let's go over there," Seeing Elder Cruz traverse through the sky of flames and disappear beyond, Karina anxiously took Wyatt's hand and headed in that direction.

Wyatt could do nothing but allow Karina to lead him.

As they approached the flames, Wyatt could only feel a searing heat engulfing him, a torrent of sweat dripping down his forehead.

He was sweating profusely, soaked through with perspiration.

And in that very moment-

"Ice!"

Karina's voice rang out, chillingly clear.

In an instant, a coldness that could freeze a person to the bone materialized out of thin air, freezing Wyatt. He couldn't help but shiver, and his body trembled.

At this moment, he felt as if he were trapped between 'ice and fire'.

The coldness successfully extinguished the scattered flames.

Karina led Wyatt effortlessly through the fire and flames.

"Now, I have the powers of 'wind' and 'fire' from the forces of nature. That leaves 'water', 'thunder', and the 'Power of Earth'...I must be jinxing myself!"

While Wyatt Barnes was murmuring to himself, he distinctly saw a surge of water in the distance, advancing towards them.

This water was like a raging sea, extremely fast and unstoppable.

Even from a distance, Wyatt could clearly feel the overwhelming pressure from the gigantic waves, churning and rolling towards them.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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The waves picked up speed, arriving near Wyatt and Karina in no time.

The waves, one after another, lashed out violently onto the floor of the cave, leaving no place untouched.

Even for someone as strong as Wyatt, it would be difficult to maneuver around this tumultuous tempest.

"Freeze!"

Karina's voice rang out once again.

Immediately, Wyatt saw the extreme cold winds sweep out as Karina slowly raised her hand, the mighty waves suddenly ceased their destructive course and completely froze.

A moment ago, the waves were turbulent and ferocious, but now, they were absolutely still.

More accurately, they were frozen solid by Karina.

"Ice, which is from water, but colder than water... in front of water, ice surpasses its origin."

Looking at the scene before him, Wyatt couldn't help but be awed by this idea.

"Let's go, Wyatt," Karina stretched out her delicate hand again, grabbed Wyatt's hand, and walked on the unyieldingly thick ice to continue their journey.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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Just after passing through the 'Water' test, Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson heard a series of thunderous explosions in the distance.

"It's 'Thunder Tribulation'!"

Karina Hanson looked towards the far-off, her voice a blend of surprise.

Wyatt Barnes followed her gaze.

In the distance, a silhouette stood in mid-air, resisting the 'Thunder Tribulation' looming over the sky...

This Thunder Tribulation, it seemed identical to the Thunder Tribulation Wyatt Barnes experienced when he broke through to the Peep Naught Realm.

However, in terms of thickness, these Thunder Tribulations were much more terrifying.

The thickness of the Thunder Tribulation, to a certain extent, represented its power.

Elder Cruz, who was in the lead, smoothly swept aside the 'Thunder Tribulation' and vanished into the rain-like bolts of lightning, they continued onward.

Immediately after, Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson also followed.

The Thunder Tribulation raining down from the sky was frightening. Without the help of Karina Hanson, even though Wyatt could pass, he feared he would risk losing half his life.

"Wind, Fire, Water, Thunder...we've experienced all these four natural forces. It seems very likely that the 'Power of the Earth' will come out next!"

After passing through the area shrouded in 'Thunder', Wyatt Barnes thought to himself.

As it turned out, Wyatt Barnes was right in his prediction.

What came afterwards, was indeed the 'Power of the Earth'.

The ground in the distance shook suddenly, as if a violent earthquake had just taken place...

The ground cracked open, transforming it into a massive spider web.

And the cracks on the spider web were widening, forming terrifyingly large chasms in an instant.

But that was not all, large rolling stones that covered the sky shot out from the distance, causing the whole cave to shake violently, as if it was the end of the world.

Now, even Elder Cruz appeared quite flustered.

Those rolling stones seemed extremely sturdy.

Despite Elder Cruz's intervention, he found it difficult to shatter the stones and could only rely on his own speed to dodge them.

Whoosh!



Karina Hanson, holding Wyatt Barnes's hand, took the lead, effortlessly dodged the rolling stones, and even surpassed Elder Cruz.

"Now, the 'Power of the Earth' has come...I wonder if 'Ice' will be next?"

Wyatt Barnes felt a peculiar knot in his stomach, wondering.

If it were ice, he wouldn't fear with Karina Hanson at his side.

But for the others, it might be their downfall.

However, this time, Wyatt Barnes's speculation did not come true.

After passing through the area enveloped by the 'Power of the Earth', the cave ahead didn't activate the 'Inscription Array', and all was quiet.

As Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson continued to move forward.

A turn was spotted.

And, behind the corner, a stone platform appeared in front of Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson.

On this stone platform, there was a single 'Jade Piece' placed lonely.

However, Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson's attention wasn't on the stone platform or the 'Jade Piece'...

Their focus was drawn by the ten steps behind the stone platform.

Before these steps, there was a small stone platform, on which lay an exquisite box...

These boxes were completely unharmed, so unlike the ones Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson had seen on the first level as if they weren't from the same era.

"It's the 'Inscription Array' again!"

As Wyatt Barnes' mental energy swept out, he quickly perceived something amiss around the ten steps scattered around.

Around these steps, each was shrouded by an 'Inscription Array'.

The memory of Martial Emperor had records of these Inscription Arrays. Although they weren't powerful, they bore a 'one-way entrance' restriction.

Meaning.

Anyone could choose to enter an 'Inscription Array' and easily get in without any pressure.

But if one wished to exit, it was almost impossible.

Unless they possessed power greater than the one who set up these 'Inscription Arrays'.

And the person who had set up these 'Inscription Arrays' was undoubtedly the 'Martial Emperor' who left this treasure trove of swords.

Not to mention Wyatt Barnes and the group trailing behind.

Even Karina Hanson, in terms of strength, was far inferior to a Martial Emperor.

"Brother Leandro."

While Wyatt Barnes was surprised, Karina Hanson's voice came, mixed with a hint of joy.

Without knowing when, Karina Hanson had already reached one of the nearby stone platforms, and picked up the 'Jade Piece' from it.

"Is it a 'Sound Condensation Jade Piece'?"

Wyatt Barnes recognized the Jade Piece as soon as he approached Karina Hanson.

"What's recorded inside this jade piece?"

Wyatt Barnes asked curiously.

"Brother Leandro, why don't you listen to it yourself."

Karina Hanson handed the jade piece to Wyatt Barnes.

Wyatt Barnes reached out to receive it. As the Origin Force poured into it, a clear voice immediately reached his ears.

"Regardless of who you are, the ability to enter the second layer of the 'Nobleman's Tomb', and pass through the trials of the five natural elements is indeed commendable... In front of you, there are ten steps; I suspect you have already seen them."

"These ten steps, as well as the boxes on the small stone platforms beside them are each covered by the same type of 'Inscription Array'. Once you choose to enter one of these steps, you cannot leave - you can only continue to move forward..."

"In each of the boxes on the small stone platforms beside the steps, there's an 'Realm Fragment'! These Realm Fragments come in five types, with two of each, corresponding to the five natural powers you've previously encountered."

Chapter 614: Choice

"Ten fragments of the realm, respectively are two 'Wind Realm Fragments', two 'Fire Realm Fragments', two 'Thunder Realm Fragments', two 'Water Realm Fragments', and two 'Earth Realm Fragments'."

Wyatt Barnes learned what was inside the boxes on the small stone platforms next to the ten steps ahead from the Phonation Jade Slice.

Next, voices came continuously from the Phonation Jade Slice:

"The ten realm fragments, from left to right, are the 'Wind Realm Fragments', 'Fire Realm Fragments', 'Thunder Realm Fragments'..."

The message in the Phonation Jade Slice detailed the distribution of the 'realm fragments'.

"Ten realm fragments, the worst one is the 'High-Level First Layer Realm Fragment', and the best one is the 'High-Level Sixth Layer Realm Fragment'...What level of 'Realm Fragment' you can get depends on your luck."

The message also roughly explained the grades of the ten realm fragments.

The highest grade being the 'High-Level Sixth Layer Realm Fragment'!

What is the concept of a sixth layer high level realm?

Leave alone other things, let's talk about the 'Realm Fragment of the Sword' that Wyatt Barnes acquired in the first level.

The Sword Realm Fragment, a 'High-Level Third Layer Realm Fragment,' the third layer high-level realm contained within it, is comparable to the power of four hundred ancient Horned Dragons.

And the 'High-Level Sixth Layer Realm Fragment' is even more terrifying, the sixth layer high-level realm contained within it, is comparable to the power of seven hundred ancient Horned Dragons.

It's even better than that 'Realm Fragment of the Sword'!

"My 'Nobleman's Tomb' has a total of three layers... The third layer you go down to from here is the last one, it is ever-changing, and the test for different cultivation levels of people is also different."

"Each step only allows one person to enter! Once someone enters the 'Inscription Array', the Inscription Array covering the steps will change, from 'allowing entry but not exit' to 'not allowing entry or exit'."

"And once you've entered the Inscription Array and got the 'Realm Fragment', there's only one road, continuing with the third layer's trial! The exit is within the third layer. Also... the rewards of the third layer's trial are the most."

The voice stopped abruptly at this point.

And Wyatt Barnes understood.

"The Sword Emperor's Treasury, seems to be that Martial Emperor's 'Nobleman's Tomb', there are three layers in total... The test of the third layer is set according to the cultivation level of the person who enters it, and the steps leading to the third layer, each can only be entered by one person!"

Wyatt Barnes looked at the ten steps in front of him, his eyes flashed, "That is to say... only the first ten people to enter among us have the chance to undertake the third level's trial."

"Those who come later will lose the opportunity!"

Thinking of this, Wyatt Barnes felt a bit impatient.

"Brother Wyatt, it seems we're going to have to part ways here...which of the five natural realm fragments are you going to choose?"

Karina Hanson looked at Wyatt Barnes and asked.

Wyatt Barnes had no hesitation, "The Fragment of the Wind Realm!"

Though Wyatt Barnes himself has touched on 'wind', 'thunder' and 'earth', only in the field of 'wind', he has achieved the second level of low-order realm.

Thunder, is just 'Intimate Momentum'.

The earth is even just 'Initial Momentum'.

Choosing the 'Fragment of the Wind Realm', once obtained, Wyatt Barnes could immediately use it to further understand the 'Wind Realm'.

With the help of the 'Fragment of the Wind Realm', plus Wyatt Barnes' own good understanding.

His advancement in the Wind Realm will cover great distances in a single day!

"Among the two 'Fragments of the Wind Realm', which one are you planning to choose, Brother Wyatt? The levels of these two realm fragments might not be the same."

Karina Hanson asked again.

"Just pick any one."

Wyatt Barnes shrugged his shoulders and said nonchalantly.

Now, with the people behind not yet arriving, Wyatt Barnes can freely choose.

However, besides choosing for himself, Wyatt Barnes didn't forget Little Gold, "Little Gold, see those ten boxes? Inside those boxes..."

Wyatt Barnes told Little Gold the 'secret' of those ten boxes word by word.

"Two...two 'Thunder Realm Fragments'?"

Little Gold's eyes lit up, saying with a childlike voice: "My inherited memory has records about 'Realm Fragments'...those are very powerful things."

"Little Gold, you choose one 'Thunder Realm Fragment', and then enter the steps... I believe, with your strength, you will surely pass the third layer's test smoothly, and get a lot of rewards!"

Wyatt Barnes encouraged Little Gold.

"Squeak, squeak~~"

Suddenly, Little Gold called out in excitement, saying in a babyish voice: "Brother Wyatt, I won't let you down."

"Those two are 'Thunder Realm Fragments', you choose one."

Wyatt Barnes pointed to the box where the two 'Thunder Realm Fragments' were located, and said to Little Gold.

"Squeak!"

Little Gold gave a cry, turned into a flash of lightning, and shot straight to the box on the right that contained the 'Thunder Realm Fragment'.

As Little Gold opened the box, a purple fragment appeared in its hand.

This time, Wyatt Barnes didn't dare to probe it with spiritual force again.

He could only follow the memory of the Emperor of Reincarnation, to see if there was any other way to figure out what level of realm fragment this was.

"A Sixth Layer Realm Fragment!"

Before Wyatt Barnes could react, Karina Hanson, who was standing by, had already exclaimed in surprise.

Realm fragments can only truly condense into form when they reach a high level realm, that is, the 'Void State Realm'.

So, when Julia said that the purple fragment in Little Gold's hand was a Sixth Layer Realm Fragment, it undoubtedly meant it was a 'High-Level Sixth Layer Realm Fragment'...

"High-Level Sixth Layer Thunder Realm Fragment?"

Wyatt Barnes's facial expression changed slightly, he didn't expect Little Gold's luck to be so good, it actually chose the highest-level Realm Fragment among the ten Realm Fragments.

Hearing Karina Hanson's voice, Little Gold cheerfully squeaked twice before rushing towards those steps.

"Brother Wyatt, Sister Julia, I'm going!"

Before the image of Little Gold completely disappeared on the staircase, his childish voice traveled from far away to Wyatt Barnes and Karina Hanson's ears.

"This little guy..."

Wyatt shrugged and smiled.

And Karina chuckled, "Little Gold is quite lucky... But I wonder how Little Black and Little White will fare."

Karina raised her hand, letting two small pythons out.

"Little Black, Little White... You both heard what Wyatt said to Little Gold earlier, didn't you?"



Karina looked at the two eager small pythons and asked with a smile.

"Hiss~"

The two small pythons flickered their tongues and nodded their heads simultaneously.

At that moment, their gaze was fixed on the remaining nine unopened boxes, clearly attracted by the 'Realm Fragments' within them.

"Little Black, you comprehend the 'Wind Realm,' and Little White, you understand the 'Fire Realm'... those two boxes contain 'Wind Realm Fragments,' and those two boxes contain 'Fire Realm Fragments'."

Karina pointed out for the two small pythons.

"Hiss~"

Upon hearing her words, the two small pythons quickly nodded their heads.

"Brother Wyatt, I'm going."

"Brother Wyatt, Little Black and I will go ahead."

Before Little Black and Little White transformed into a flash of black and white lightning, they used their Origin Force to say goodbye to Wyatt.

Wyatt couldn't help but smile.

Shortly after, Little Black took out a green piece from a box.

"Third Layer High-Order Realm Fragment!"

Now, Wyatt, who understood from the memory of the Martial Emperor how to discern the level of the 'Realm Fragments' by their appearance, recognized the rank of the Realm Fragment in Little Black's mouth at a glance.

At this moment, Karina let out a low sound.

Little Black, upon hearing this, drooped its head, appearing dejected.

It had always regarded Little Gold as its competitor.

Now, while its rival had obtained a 'Sixth Layer High-Order Realm Fragment,' all it had was a 'Third Layer High-Order Realm Fragment,' making it quite displeased.

"Little Black, a 'Third Layer High-Order Realm Fragment' is pretty good... Head to the third floor."

Wyatt comforted while laughing.

It is said that human greed is insatiable.

This saying seems to be apt in this situation too.

"Hiss~"

Little Black lightly nodded its head, cast a glance at Karina, and reluctantly went into the staircase, vanishing from Wyatt and Karina's sight.

And at this moment, Little White took out its 'Fire Realm Fragment' too.

"Fourth Layer High-Order Realm Fragment!"

Karina let out another low sound.

Even before Karina spoke, Wyatt had already discerned the rank of the 'Fire Realm Fragment' hanging from Little White's mouth, so he was not surprised.

Upon hearing this, Little White's eyes flashed, seemingly a bit excited.

Perhaps it was thrilled that its choice bested that of Little Black.

Immediately after, Little White also entered the staircase.

In a short while, the three little ones all chose a path and entered the third floor.

They also took three of the spots for entering the third layer of the Martial Emperor's Treasure Vault.

There are still seven spots left.

"Karina, which 'Realm Fragment' do you plan to choose?"

Wyatt looked at Karina and asked out of curiosity.

Wyatt had witnessed many times Karina's profound understanding of the 'Ice Realm'.

Although there were five types of 'Realm Fragments' in front of them, there was unfortunately no 'Ice Realm'.

"I plan to choose the 'Earth Realm Fragment'."

Karina smiled and replied.

Wyatt nodded, "The Earth Realm Fragment is a good choice... In the Natural Realms, the Earth Realm, if used in conjunction with the 'Power of the Earth,' far surpasses the other realms."

Wyatt thought Karina's choice was very reasonable.

Whoosh!

Just then, a figure swept in like the wind, appearing in front of Wyatt and Karina.

"It's that old man again."

Wyatt frowned on seeing the old man.

The old man was the one who had come with Echo Reid, in other words, Elder Cruz.

Now, having picked up the 'Sound Stone' on the pedestal, Elder Cruz quickly understood the scene in front of him, as well as the rules of the third layer of the Emperor's Treasure Vault.

"Huh? Three 'Realm Fragments' are missing... According to what's said on the Sound Stone, there's one less each of 'Thunder Realm Fragment', 'Wind Realm Fragment', and 'Fire Realm Fragment'."

Elder Cruz raised an eyebrow, and with Origin Force flowing beneath his feet, he flew out, ready to select a 'Realm Fragment' corresponding to the realm he comprehended.

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However, at this moment.

"Stop!"

A cold voice suddenly echoed, causing Elder Cruz's body to stiffen, stopping in his tracks.

Elder Cruz turned his gaze and saw the purple-clad youth standing nearby, looking at him with an exceptionally calm face.

It was the purple-clad youth who had called out to stop him just now.

Elder Cruz's face darkened.

A brat in the third level of the Enter Void Realm dared to be so brazen in his presence?

But, thinking about the terrifying strength of the girl next to the youth, he repressed the anger in his heart and asked, "What do you want?"

Wyatt Barnes cast a casual glance at Elder Cruz, "As the old saying goes, there's a order to things... up till now, Julia and I arrived here before you. Now, when neither of us has made a choice, you want to make one?"

Elder Cruz sucked in a deep breath on hearing this, "Then you choose first."

Given the yellow-clad girl's terror.

No matter how much he wanted to kill the purple-clad youth, or how much he resented his pretension, he had no solution.

The situation was stronger than the individual.

"Julia."

Wyatt Barnes looked at Karina Hanson.

"Brother Wyatt, you go first... so this old immortal doesn't try anything."

When Karina Hanson was talking to Wyatt Barnes, her face was blooming with a smile, but when she inadvertently looked at Elder Cruz, the smile vanished, replaced by a layer of frost.

Making Elder Cruz shudder involuntarily.

"Very well."

Wyatt Barnes nodded, then his figure shifted, entering directly into the inscription array where the last 'Wind Profound Mystery Fragment' was located.

There were only two Wind Profound Mystery Fragments.

One of them was taken by Little Black.

It was a 'third level high-ranking realm fragment'.

"I wonder what level this 'Wind Profound Mystery Fragment' left for me will be."

Wyatt Barnes was somewhat expectant.

Standing in front of a small stone pedestal at the side of the step, Wyatt Barnes slowly stretched out his hand and reached towards the box on the pedestal.

When he opened the box, a blue fragment lay quietly within.

And Wyatt Barnes's nervous expression, at this moment, disappeared completely, replaced by surprise.

"A fifth level high-ranking Wind Profound Mystery Fragment!"

The Wind Profound Mystery Fragment he had chosen, although not as good as the Thunder Profound Mystery Fragment chosen by Little Gold, was still much stronger than the Wind Profound Mystery Fragment chosen by Little Black.

Wyatt Barnes took a deep breath, excitedly storing the Wind Profound Mystery Fragment.

From a distance, seeing the realm fragment in Wyatt Barnes's hand, Karina Hanson's eyes lit up, and she hurried to congratulate him, "Congratulations, Brother Wyatt!"

Wyatt Barnes responded with a smile and then put the realm fragment into his Storage Ring.

"Julia, I'm heading down first."

After calling out to Julia, Wyatt Barnes continued down the steps.

Towards the third and final layer of the Martial Emperor's treasure vault.

He wasn't worried about Karina Hanson's safety.

Let alone the fact that the third layer would set different tests according to each person's cultivation, Karina Hanson's strength alone was not something anyone could match.

As Wyatt Barnes walked down, a gray fog appeared before his eyes.

Before he could pass through the fog completely, Wyatt Barnes could feel a wave of scorching heat coming at him.

"Could it be another Inscription Array that condenses flame?"

Wyatt Barnes guessed to himself.

It wasn't until Wyatt Barnes completely walked out of the fog that he realized his guess was wrong.

Before his eyes now, although it was likewise a spacious cave, the cave was filled with streaming lava.

This place seemed like the inside of a volcano, giving people a feeling of oppression.

Of course, with Wyatt Barnes's current cultivation, he didn't fear the lava.

His gaze fell on the three feet long green-edged swords sticking out in various places around the lava...

These green-edged swords were of different shapes and sizes, scattered throughout the cave.

From a distance, this place looked like a 'Sword Tomb'.

A Sword Tomb, a place where swords are buried.

"These swords..."

Wyatt Barnes immediately sent out his spiritual power to probe the swords before him.

And his calm expression slowly revealed a look of astonishment.

"All are three-star spirit swords or above...among them, there are not a few two-star spirit swords."

Wyatt Barnes's mind was in turmoil.

The three feet green-edged swords scattered everywhere in front of him shocked him.

Although he was now considered a 'three-star Artifact Refiner', capable of refining three-star spirit swords.

But, it was not easy to find the materials to refine a three-star spirit sword.

Even the materials for a three-star spirit medicine tripod, which had relatively simple materials, he hadn't collected in full yet.

Unknowingly, Wyatt Barnes continued to move further in.

After a few steps, Wyatt Barnes's alert spiritual power, sensed small, soothing fluctuations coming from under his feet.

He was not unfamiliar with this fluctuation.



"Inscription Array!"

Wyatt Barnes's face turned solemn.

He knew that he had activated an Inscription Array.

Now, what he needed to do was to face all the 'tests' brought on by the inscription array.

However, he had waited for a while, and Wyatt Barnes hadn't noticed anything amiss.

"What's going on? I can be certain that the pulse just now was undeniably from the inscription array."

Wyatt Barnes was a little baffled.

Could it be that the inscription array had decayed over the lengthy passage of time?

Just when Wyatt Barnes was somewhat doubtful.

"Fortunate junior! This place, is the third layer of my 'Nobleman's Tomb'... It can be ascertained that your cultivation is at 'Enter Void Realm Third level', the upcoming test will be tailored to this cultivation level."

An abrupt voice, as if sweeping over from all directions, reached Wyatt Barnes' ears.

"It's him!"

Wyatt Barnes's pupils shrunk.

He could tell.

This voice and the one he heard from the 'Sound Jade Slips' in the first and second layer of the Sword Tomb were identical.

It was the same person.

"Martial Emperor!"

Wyatt Barnes realized, this was the voice that the Martial Emperor had left behind.

"This inscription array, should be composed of 'Sound Inscriptions', along with various other 'Inscriptions', capable of detecting others' cultivation."

Very quickly, Wyatt Barnes guessed the function of the inscription array he had activated earlier.

It simply examined his cultivation base and reminded him through the sound inscriptions.

"Although this inscription array is quite ordinary, it's not something anyone can set up... at the very least, they would need the spiritual power of the 'Martial Emperor Realm'."

With memories of the Reincarnation Martial Emperor, Wyatt Barnes was quite knowledgeable about various 'inscription arrays'.

The Martial Emperor's voice did not cease, but continued to transmit:

"My 'Nobleman's Tomb' third level, consists of six tests...among them three test wisdom, without any dangers; the other three, test strength, one misstep, and you may lose your life."

"Reaching the 'Nobleman's Tomb' third layer, there will be no way out! Unless the three strength tests are passed, the route to the exit won't appear."

The voice continued to transmit, causing Wyatt Barnes to feel immense pressure.

No exit will appear?

So, that would mean, if he couldn't pass those three strength tests, he would be stuck here forever?

"The six tests, odd numbers test 'wisdom', even numbers test 'strength'... the first to pass all the tests successfully will obtain my heritage!"

The voice transmitted once more, causing Wyatt Barnes' eyes to glitter involuntarily.

Heritage?

At this moment, Wyatt Barnes only felt his breathing becoming more urgent.

He never expected this 'Sword Emperor's Treasury' to actually be established by the Martial Emperor for his own heritage.

He originally thought it was just a small game by the Martial Emperor, without any valuable treasures inside.

But it seems now that he was mistaken, gravely mistaken!

"Wait..."

Suddenly, Wyatt Barnes remembered something, "That Martial Emperor kept saying that this is his 'Nobleman's Tomb'... Nobleman's Tomb, isn't it the place where the belongings of the deceased are kept? Could it be that the 'Nobleman's Tomb' was left by the Martial Emperor before he died?"

Thinking of this, Wyatt Barnes' heartbeat became more rapid, his chest heaving like a bellows, unable to calm down for a long time.

Something left behind by a Martial Emperor before his death.

Would it be simple?

"Perhaps, all that the Martial Emperor left behind in his life, is here... However, although there are many rewards on the third level, they are divided into ten parts! To obtain the best reward, one must be the first to pass the six major tests set by that Martial Emperor."

Thinking of this, Wyatt Barnes managed to regain composure.

He knew, that everything henceforth, depended on his own efforts!

Now, he was alone.

"However, according to the remarks left by that Martial Emperor, the third layer's tests are set with respect to my cultivation... I guess, apart from those three wisdom tests, I can handle the other three strength tests."

Wyatt Barnes thought to himself.

"Now, let's start with the first test."

Wyatt Barnes knew, every minute and second now was precious, he must pass all the tests in the shortest time.

Only then could he obtain the 'Heritage' of that Martial Emperor.

Would what the Martial Emperor left behind, the 'Heritage', be simple?

Wyatt Barnes didn't think so.

"Perhaps, that Martial Emperor died here... If that's the case, within his skull, there might be 'Mystery Fragments'!"

With this thought, Wyatt Barnes, who had just regained composure, was stirred once more.

Mystery Fragments!

Within them, contained the Martial Emperor's understanding of 'Mysteries'.

And Mysteries, were existences superior to 'realms'.

Even the lowest level 'First Level Mystery', its contained power was twice that of the 'Ninth level high stage realm'.

The ninth-level high-stage realm could compare to the strength of a thousand ancient horned dragons.

While First-level Mystery, could compare to two thousand ancient horned dragons.

The Ninth-level Mystery, even comparable to the strength of ten thousand ancient horned dragons...

At that time, the phantom of the ten thousand ancient horned dragons formed by the force of heaven and earth will transform into some kind of new celestial phenomenon.

"However, even if I get the 'Mystery Fragments', I can't use them for the time being. Mystery fragments, superior to 'Realm Fragments', can only be comprehended by those who have realized the ninth level high-stage realm and mysteries."

Wyatt Barnes let out a sigh of relief.

Let's put it this way.

If there were 'Wind Profound Mystery Fragments' in the remains of that Martial Emperor.

Then Wyatt Barnes would have to elevate his comprehension of the wind realm to the 'Ninth level high stage realm' before he could start comprehending the 'Wind Profound Mystery' from them.

Chapter 616: Grade One Spirit Sword

For the current Wyatt Barnes, even if he received the fragments of Wind Profound Mystery, he could only temporarily set them aside for future use.

"However, even if I can't use it for now, it's not bad to have it as a backup."

Wyatt thought to himself.

"Fragments of Profound Mystery...even in his second reincarnation as the Martial Emperor, his grand treasure meant for his third life only contained three fragments."

Typically, only a Martial Emperor can cultivate these fragments of Profound Mystery.

And Scholars Martial Emperors on the Cloud Skies Continent are scarce, assuredly not exceeding a hundred.

Considering there are fewer than a hundred Martial Emperors in a vast place like the Cloud Skies Continent, the preciousness of these 'fragments of Profound Mystery' is self-evident.

Moreover, a Martial Emperor, with a mere thought, can self-destruct these 'fragments of Profound Mystery'.

So, even if someone manages to kill a Martial Emperor, they would, most likely, not be able to acquire their 'fragments of Profound Mystery'.

At present, the fragments of Profound Mystery in the Cloud Skies Continent mostly come from the legacy of deceased, elderly Martial Emperors.

Rarely are any obtained from killing Martial Emperors.

The preciousness of these fragments of Profound Mystery is therefore, self-evident.

"What's the first wisdom test?"

When Wyatt noticed that the voice of the Martial Emperor had fallen silent, he couldn't help but feel puzzled.

"Let's keep moving forward."

After waiting for a while without any changes, Wyatt continued on his way.

Soon, a familiar fluctuation spread under Wyatt's feet, indicating that another Inscription array had been activated.

"Here it comes!"

Wyatt's heart tightened, and he couldn't help but become alert.

At this moment, the voice of the Martial Emperor rang out once again, this time, however, it was cold and devoid of any emotions, "The first wisdom test...find the only 'Grade One spirit sword' in the Sword Tomb and draw it out!"

"If you choose wrongly and fail the test... Regardless of success or failure, the sword you draw will be your reward from the first test! The remaining swords will be forever buried underground, never to be seen again."

The voice of the Martial Emperor ceased at this juncture.

A Grade One spirit sword?

Wyatt's pupils contracted as he began looking around.

He knew that the 'Sword Tomb' mentioned by the Martial Emperor referred to this cave filled with magma and swords scattered all over the place.

However, there's actually a 'Grade One spirit sword' among these swords?

A Grade One spirit sword...

Even if the Artifact Refiner who forged the 'Grade One spirit sword' was average, the fact that they created a Grade One artifact means that its augmentation power would be at least '87%'.

What does '87%' augmentation imply?

Even the Fourth Grade spirit sword created by Wyatt himself only has a '60%' augmentation.

"Yet, finding the sole 'Grade One spirit sword' among so many, is quite a challenge! There are at least a hundred swords here, with 'Third Grade spirit swords' making up nearly ninety percent and 'Second Grade spirit swords' only ten percent..."

"Unless it's a high-grade Artifact Refiner with particularly keen insights...otherwise, it's hard to discern any differences among these spirit swords."

Wyatt's gaze casually swept over the array of spirit swords.

Despite using his spiritual power to investigate, coupled with the inherited wisdom from the reincarnated Martial Emperor, he still couldn't spot any 'Grade One spirit sword' for the time being.

Not to mention others.

"If others encountered this challenge, they would probably get a 'Third Grade spirit sword' at best... Yet, even a 'Third Grade spirit sword' is considered a treasure for warriors who haven't stepped outside the territory."

Wyatt thought to himself.

"If you can't find the Grade One spirit sword, you could get a 'Second Grade spirit sword' or a 'Third Grade spirit sword', but the test would still be considered a failure..."

Wyatt took a deep breath, took a step forward, and began to carefully observe his surroundings.



After looking for a long time, Wyatt made a confirmation.

There are a total of one hundred and three spirit swords here.

Ninety of them are Third Grade spirit swords, and the remaining thirteen are Second Grade spirit swords...

"What the hell? Isn't there supposed to be a 'Grade One spirit sword'?"

Wyatt was dumbfounded.

This isn't the right way to prank someone, is it?

Shaking his head, Wyatt surveyed the one hundred and three spirit swords in front of him carefully once again.

In the end, he still came up empty-handed.

"I can confirm that there is definitely no 'Grade One spirit sword' among these one hundred and three spirit swords!"

Wyatt was absolutely certain.

You've gotta be kidding me!

Although he is currently only a Third Grade Artifact Refiner, he has the memory of the Reincarnation Martial Emperor. Hence, his judgment and the Reincarnation Martial Emperor's are virtually the same.

At the peak of the Reincarnation Martial Emperor's powers, he was an 'Emperor Grade Artifact Refiner' who stood above a Grade One Artifact Refiner and an almost Emperor Grade Artifact Refiner.

'Grade One artifacts', placed in front of the Reincarnation Martial Emperor, wouldn't even warrant a second glance.

Perhaps, in the eyes of the Reincarnation Martial Emperor, there wouldn't be much difference between a Grade One artifact and garbage.

"Could that Martial Emperor be playing a trick on me?"

Wyatt frowned.

Upon further consideration, Wyatt dismissed this thought.

This Martial Emperor, who had set up such a test, surely did not make a blind setup.

"Perhaps, that grade one spirit sword, is hidden somewhere else."

Thinking of this made Wyatt Barnes shift his focus away from the 103 spirit swords stuck in the ground, he started looking around the cave.

This cave, compared to the first and second floors of the Sword Emperor's treasury, wasn't that big.

A few steps in any direction would reveal everything in the cave to Wyatt's gaze.

In this lava-filled cave, apart from the 103 spirit swords stuck in the ground, there was also a pile of scrap metal scattered around.

These pieces of scrap were mostly sword embryos.

"Could it be that the creator of this 'Sword Emperor's treasury', that Martial Emperor, was also an Artifact Refiner?"

Wyatt speculated in his mind.

"Apart from the 103 spirit swords stuck in the ground, the rest is all scrap metal... Now, it can be confirmed that among the 103 spirit swords, there isn't a single 'grade one spirit sword'!"

"Could that grade one spirit sword be hidden among this pile of scrap metal?"

With this thought, Wyatt's conviction became stronger.

"Let's search."

Immediately after, Wyatt meticulously started searching among the scrap metal.

In the end, he discovered a clue.

Shush!

With a wave of his hand, Wyatt brushed the pile of scrap metal aside.

At the same time, an unadorned and ugly sword embryo came into Wyatt's view.

It was a formed sword embryo, which was unsightly, being dark and unrefined, and it had not yet been 'beautified' in the final steps of artifact refining.

Nevertheless, the sword embryo had a hilt, and a blade; it could be used as a sword, but was rather unattractive.

Now, this ugly sword embryo was partially embedded in the wall of the cave.

"If I didn't have the memory of the 'Emperor Grade Artifact Refiner' from the Reincarnation Martial Emperor, I might have failed this wisdom test. Who would have thought that this ugly sword embryo hidden in the scrap metal would be a 'grade one spirit sword'?"

Looking at the ugly sword embryo before him, a bitter smile appeared on Wyatt's face.

After ascertaining the ugly sword embryo was a 'grade one spirit sword', Wyatt wasted no time, he reached out and grabbed the sword's hilt, ready to pull it out.

Just as Wyatt's hand touched the hilt of the sword.

Whoosh!

A bright light suddenly flashed before Wyatt's eyes, causing him to instinctively close his eyes.

When he opened his eyes again, he found that within this lava-filled cave, the other 103 spirit swords and the surrounding scrap metal had vanished into thin air.

The only thing left in the entire cave was the ugly sword embryo in his hand.

"Congratulations, you have passed the first wisdom test and obtained a 'Grade One Spirit Sword'."

Simultaneously, Wyatt heard a voice emanating from the ugly sword embryo in his hand.

"The Martial Emperor's 'Sound-Storing Inscription' really is ubiquitous."

Wyatt shook his head and chuckled, he then casually pulled out the sword embryo.

Sound-Storing Inscription, similar to a Sound-Storing Jade Piece, both can be used as message carriers.

The latter needs Origin Force to activate.

While the former simply needs to be touched for it to activate automatically.

"This grade one spirit sword is indeed a bit ugly."

Looking at the ugly sword embryo in his hand, Wyatt shook his head and smiled bitterly.

"I wonder what the amplification power of such an ugly grade one spirit sword is..."

A thought crossed Wyatt's mind, and he let his Origin Force surge, pushing it into the ugly sword embryo, prepared to test its amplification power.

Whoosh!

Almost immediately, above Wyatt's head, the power of heaven and earth fluctuated, and eventually conjured the phantom images of 'ancient horned dragons' and 'ancient mammoths'.

There were a total of seven 'ancient horned dragon' phantoms.

And there were 5,200 'ancient mammoth' phantoms.

"Now, I'm at the 'Third Layer of Enter Void Realm'. Without using a spirit weapon or realm understanding, my strength is equivalent to the power of four ancient horned dragons... Which means, the amplified power is the 'power of three ancient horned dragons' plus the 'power of 5,200 ancient mammoths'."

Wyatt pondered slightly and finally confirmed it.

"This grade one spirit sword can amplify '88%' of power! Considering it is a grade one spirit weapon, this is pretty good."

Wyatt looked at the sword embryo, nodded, and then immediately smiled bitterly, "However, this sword is indeed too ugly... I would be embarrassed to take it out in front of others."

Even up until now, Wyatt had been unable to accept the looks of this grade one spirit sword.

Collecting his thoughts, Wyatt tightly gripped the grade one spirit sword in his hand.

According to the message left by that Martial Emperor just now.

The second test was the 'strength test'!

Although Wyatt didn't know what exactly this 'strength test' was, he knew it would undoubtedly test his strength.

Now, grasping the grade one spirit sword, Wyatt felt a significant boost in confidence.

"Right now, I, solely with my Origin Force and the grade one spirit sword, can display the power of seven 'ancient horned dragons' and over five thousand 'ancient mammoths'... If I further use the 'Second Layer Wind Profound Mystery', 'Initial Thunder Profound Mystery', and the initial understanding of the 'Profound Mystery of Earth', I will add the power of two 'ancient horned dragons' and over two thousand 'ancient mammoths'!"

"Totaled together, it would be the power of nine 'ancient horned dragons', plus over seven thousand 'ancient mammoths'! Approaching the power of ten 'ancient horned dragons'..."

Wyatt, at the Third Layer of Enter Void Realm, had the power approaching that of ten 'ancient horned dragons'.

#### Chapter 617: Secret Compartment

With the Grade One spirit sword in his hand, boasting the strength of nearly ten ancient Horned Dragons, Wyatt Barnes was full of confidence.

"No matter what the second 'Test of Strength' is ... I'll sweep it away!"

Wyatt took a deep breath and stepped forward.

Based on his experience with the first 'Test of Wisdom,' he guessed that he would have to initiate the second 'Test of Strength' himself.

As expected, Wyatt Barnes was right.

The moment he took a few steps forward, he felt a familiar fluctuation beneath his feet - it was the fluctuation of the 'Inscription Formation'.

"The second test is the 'Test of Strength'..."

At this point, the Martial Emperor's message echoed in Wyatt's ears, reverberating like thunder.

"Take three steps forward to activate the 'Origin Shadow Inscription Formation'. Once activated, there will be one hundred 'Origin Shadow Puppets' at the Sixth Rank of the Void Realm...From the moment the Inscription Formation is activated, you have a quarter of an hour to kill all the Origin Shadow Puppets to pass the test."

The Martial Emperor stated the rules of the second 'Test of Strength'.

"One hundred 'Origin Shadow Puppets' at the Sixth Rank of Void Realm?"

Wyatt took a deep breath, his eyes sparkling.

Usually, with his current strength, sweeping away a hundred 'Origin Shadow Puppets' at the Sixth Rank of Void Realm without spiritual artifacts and realm dependence, would not be difficult.

After all, even if the Sixth Rank Void Realm Origin Shadow Puppets make their full efforts, they possess only the strength of eight ancient Horned Dragons.

Yet now, he was required to kill all these Origin Shadow Puppets within a quarter of an hour.

A quarter of an hour was neither too long nor too short.

"With my current strength, I can crush the Sixth Rank Void Realm Origin Shadow Puppets... I should be able to kill all of them within a quarter of an hour if I use my full speed and power."

An idea flashed across Wyatt's mind, his eyes reflecting strong confidence, he swiftly stepped forward.

One step.

Two steps.

Three steps.

Begin!

In an instant, beneath Wyatt's feet, the fluctuation of the profound Inscription Formation could be felt.

Following that, human-shaped shadows appeared out of thin air around him; these shadows were the 'Origin Shadow Puppets'.

The number of Origin Shadow Puppets continued to surge, stopping only when it reached a hundred.

One hundred Origin Shadow Puppets floated around Wyatt, filling the entire cave.

"Kill!"

Wyatt's eyes grew cold; the Origin Force pulsated on the Grade One spirit sword he was holding. The 'Triple Wind Realm', the 'micro thunder', and the 'earth momentum', all were set in motion.

Despite facing a hundred congealed Origin Shadow Puppets, Wyatt didn't dare to slack off.

His time was limited.

Whoosh!

Wyatt drew his sword, resembling a bolt of black lightning, directly sweeping towards the seven Origin Shadow Puppets that were converging from a distance.

However, these seven Origin Shadow Puppets seemed to predict the future.



The moment Wyatt drew his sword, they scattered in all directions.

Whoosh!

As a result, Wyatt's sword only destroyed one Origin Shadow Puppet.

The other seven Origin Shadow Puppets escaped elsewhere.

Facing the continuously attacking Origin Shadow Puppets, Wyatt's face taut, he pressed on to fight.

Sword Drawing Technique!

The spirit sword in Wyatt's hand sometimes turned into lightning, sometimes condensed into a 'Wind-Thunder Sword' aura, sweeping out and sweeping towards the Origin Shadow Puppets.

It must be said that the Origin Shadow Puppets were really tricky.

To be precise, the Origin Shadow Puppets that appeared around Wyatt now were tricky.

Every swing of Wyatt's sword only destroyed one Origin Shadow Puppet.

The other Origin Shadow Puppets always managed to dodge just in time.

"No good! I can't go on like this! If I only kill one Origin Shadow Puppet with each swing of my sword ... how many swings will it take to kill a hundred of them?"

Considering he only had a quarter of an hour, Wyatt got anxious.

"Hmph! I want to see how you could still dodge this."

As the light of thunder flickered, a bright idea crossed Wyatt's mind. With a sonic boom, his purple robe fluttered without a wind, making a rustling sound.

Wind Gathering Clouds!

Suddenly, Wyatt seemed to transform into a gust of wind, sweeping towards the corner of the cave.

He floated in the air, back against two walls, silently watching a group of Origin Shadow Puppets.

Meanwhile, the group of Origin Shadow Puppets rushed towards Wyatt again.

However, because Wyatt was back against two walls, their space was practically cut in half, forcing the Origin Shadow Puppets to crowd together.

Watching the group of Origin Shadow Puppets advancing, with his back firmly against the corner, Wyatt swung his spirit sword out.

The strength of nearly ten ancient Horned Dragons was unleashed.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

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As Wyatt raised his arm, waves of sword light swept out, forming a sword net, which covered a group of Origin Shadow Puppets.

Just like a net spread between heaven and earth, they were firmly trapped inside.

The group of Origin Shadow Puppets, seeing Wyatt's sword light falling, dispersed to escape.

Unfortunately, because Wyatt was backed against a corner, the range they could escape was very small.

In a blink of an eye, more than a dozen Origin Shadow Puppets were destroyed under Wyatt's sword.

"Enjoyable!"

With a swing of his sword, Wyatt felt his vexation swiftly dissipate, leaving him invigorated.

As Wyatt retracted his hand, the remaining Origin Shadow Puppets rushed towards him once again.

Although they understood how to dodge in critical moments, they lacked human emotions and did not understand fear, so they instinctively kept attacking Wyatt.

But the outcome was predictable.

Despite the multitude of shadow puppets, they were no match for the rampage of Wyatt Barnes, isolated in the corner.

In less than a quarter of an hour, a hundred shadow puppets were annihilated!

Just then.

Woosh!

In the cave, a strange wind suddenly stirred up, followed by a pervasion of dust.

"Where did this wind come from?"

Wyatt Barnes curiously looked over.

It was then he noticed, in another corner of the cave, where the dust was emerging from, an exquisite box had appeared.

"Is that the reward for the second test?"

Wyatt Barnes' eyes sparkled, he leaped and landed beside the box.

Immediately after, he impatiently opened the box.

Inside the box, a crystal clear bead was quietly residing.

"A Soul Bead?"

With just one glance, Wyatt Barnes recognized this bead. It was the 'Soul Bead' which he had obtained once before.

Back then, his mental power underwent a transformation after fusing with the 'Soul Bead'.

It had elevated to two stages higher than his cultivation level.

Currently, his cultivation was at the 'Enter Void Realm Triple Layer', but because he had previously fused with a Soul Bead, his mental power had advanced to the 'Enter Void Realm Fifth Layer'.

Still two levels higher than his cultivation!

"I wonder whether my mental power could take another step forward if I fuse with this Soul Bead."

With no hesitation, Wyatt Barnes eagerly picked up the Soul Bead.

Just as he was about to infuse his mental power into it.

A voice sounded from within the Soul Bead:

"Congratulations on passing the second test, the next, the third test, is the 'Test of Wisdom'...walk five steps forward and three steps to the right to trigger the third test."

Another message left by the Martial Emperor.

And the 'Inscription of Condensed Sound' was within the Soul Bead.

"Engraving the 'Inscription of Condensed Sound' inside the Soul Bead...it seems the Martial Emperor's achievements in the inscription field are not shallow either."

Wyatt Barnes thought to himself.

Snapping out of his thoughts, Wyatt Barnes infused his mental power into the Soul Bead, directly absorbing the pure mental power contained within.

After a moment, Wyatt Barnes could feel his mental power undergoing a transformation.

However, the transformation was minor.

In the end, his mental power was unable to break through to the 'Enter Void Realm Sixth Layer'.

Soul Beads work best when one's mental power is weaker; the weaker it is, the better the effect.

"Maybe with two or three more Soul Beads, my mental energy could transform further...what a pity."

Wyatt Barnes sighed.

Upon second thoughts, Wyatt Barnes felt relieved, "Getting a Soul Bead is already a sign of my luck...I was too greedy."

Wyatt Barnes stood up and moved to the location where the Martial Emperor's message indicated the third test would begin.

As expected, the inscription array arrived as scheduled.

"The third test is the 'Test of Wisdom'...within the cave, locate a hidden compartment, and obtain the object within it."

The Martial Emperor's voice, flatly resonated, "You have a quarter of an hour...if the hidden compartment is not found within the time limit, the test will be failed! If you locate the hidden compartment and receive the object within, that object will serve as your reward for passing the third test."

As the Martial Emperor's voice faded, Wyatt Barnes hurriedly dashed to the corner of the cave nearest to him and began to scrutinize it closely.

At the same time, his mental power stretched out, leaving no stone unturned.

Anything his naked eye couldn't discern, he detected with his mental power.

Wyatt Barnes had great confidence in his mental power.

"A quarter of an hour...it's ample time for my mental energy to investigate every corner of this cave."

With this thought, Wyatt Barnes breathed a sigh of relief.

If he wasn't an inscription master, without mental energy, and was relying on his eyesight alone to locate the 'hidden compartment' mentioned by the Martial Emperor or using other methods to find the 'hidden compartment'.

It would be very difficult for him to pass this test within a quarter of an hour.

"This test feels like it was tailor-made for 'inscription masters'."

At this moment, Wyatt Barnes even had such an illusion.

Starting from one corner of the cave, Wyatt Barnes meticulously began searching for the 'hidden compartment' referred to by the Martial Emperor, inspecting up and down, with his mental power penetrating every nook and cranny.

Time gradually slipped away.

But Wyatt Barnes, seeming tireless, continued examining every corner of the cave with utmost care.

Finally, when half of the quarter-hour had elapsed, Wyatt Barnes' mental power detected something unusual about a certain spot.

"Here..."

Wyatt Barnes' floating figure moved, landing in front of a cave wall, where he crouched down to examine the smooth wall before him.

If one only looked with naked eyes, it was impossible to notice anything wrong with this cave wall.

Whack!

Wyatt Barnes lifted his hand and struck out, infusing his Origin Force into the wall.

Boom!

A loud noise resonated, the cave wall trembled and split open, but still showed nothing.

If it were someone else, they might leave at this point to search elsewhere.

After all, from the crack in the cave wall alone, there were no signs to be seen.

But Wyatt Barnes did not leave.

"It's really well hidden!"

Wyatt Barnes shook his head and smiled, his Origin Force concentrated and formed a short sword, thrust into the crack in the wall, widening the gap.

Then, Wyatt Barnes forcefully yanked.

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Boom!

Suddenly, the stones on the wall of the cave were pulled down by Wyatt Barnes.

At the same time, an inconspicuous 'secret compartment' appeared before his eyes.

"Finally found it."

Wyatt Barnes corner of his mouth held a smile, with a lift of his hand, he pulled out the secret compartment.

Within the secret compartment, lying quietly, was a 'Storage Ring'.

"An unclaimed storage ring."

Wyatt Barnes' eyes brightened, he promptly picked up the storage ring, "It seems, that the reward for the third trial... is in this storage ring."

But almost at the moment Wyatt Barnes picked up the storage ring.

"Congratulations on passing the third trial... the fourth trial, walk five steps to the right, then another seven steps to the right to start it."



Atop the storage ring, came a clear voice.

It was the voice of the 'Inscription of Condensing Sound' left by the Martial Emperor who stored this Sword Emperor's treasury.

"First, I'll claim this storage ring and see what good things are inside."

Wyatt Barnes pricked his finger, a drop of blood infused into the storage ring.

In an instant, the storage ring became his.

The space inside the storage ring appeared in his mind with just a thought, "What a large space! This storage ring is undoubtedly a Grade One spiritual artifact."

Storage rings also have grades.

The storage ring of the seventh-grade spiritual artifact is the lowest-grade storage ring.

The higher the grade of the storage ring, the larger the storage space inside.

Just like the storage ring in Wyatt Barnes' hand, it is a Grade One spiritual artifact, the space inside, is even larger than the cave he is currently in.

It's just, the space is empty.

Soon, Wyatt Barnes was attracted by a pile of ivory white stones in the corner. These stones were lying quietly there, a part of them, was even emanating a faint white glow.

Especially one among them, a faint white glow could be seen swirling around it.

"Original stone!"

With just one look, Wyatt Barnes recognized the stones.

Original stone, the wealth carrier of 'territory outside martial artists'.

In the 'outside territory', many transactions between martial artists also take place, apart from private transactions, those storehouses, restaurants, basically do not accept gold or silver 'outside territory'.

Only 'original stones' are accepted.

Original stone is the common currency 'outside territory' and also a medium for martial artists to practice, which can help them quickly improve their cultivation level.

"When I first entered the Sword Emperor's treasury, I was hoping to get some 'original stones', and now, original stones really appeared."

Looking at a pile of original stones in front of him, Wyatt Barnes could not help but exclaim.

However, Wyatt Barnes' face soon fell again.

"What the hell! There's only one top-grade original stone? One hundred mid-grade original stones and ten thousand low-grade original stones... Are these the treasures left by the Martial Emperor? This is too stingy!"

Having counted the number of original stones, Wyatt Barnes couldn't help but curse.

Such wealth, is considered affluent in the hands of an average Void Realm warrior.

But in the hands of a Martial Emperor, it is nothing.

As a person who has merged with the life memories of the reincarnated Martial Emperor, Wyatt Barnes has a high vision in this respect naturally.

"Forget it, having something is better than nothing ..."

Wyatt Barnes let out a sigh of relief, his mood recovering.

After all.

This pile of original stones was an unexpected gain. Having something is better than nothing.

"These 'mid-grade original stones' and 'low-grade original stones', if converted into 'top-grade original stone', are just two... But, three top-grade original stones are enough for my cultivation for a period of time."

Wyatt Barnes secretly thought.

Original stones also have hierarchy.

The world's inner energy contained in a top-grade original stone can compare with a hundred mid-grade original stones, and can even compare with ten thousand low-grade original stones.

"With my current cultivation level, even if I use the low-grade original stone for practice... One low-grade original stone would be enough for about an hour of practice."

With a thought, Wyatt Barnes wore the storage ring and stood up, prepared to take on the fourth challenge.

The third challenge just now was a 'Wisdom Challenge'.

The fourth challenge now is undoubtedly a 'Strength Challenge'.

"I wonder what kind of strength challenge it is...."

As Wyatt Barnes stepped out, an ugly sword embryo appeared in his hand. This was the reward he won from the first wisdom challenge. It was a Grade One spirit sword.

The Grade One spirit sword in hand gave Wyatt Barnes a strong sense of security.

"Walk five steps to the right, then seven steps to the right again..."

Following the Martial Emperor's message, Wyatt Barnes took steps towards starting the fourth strength challenge.

He slowly walked step by step.

With his foot falling on the final step, beneath his feet, another wave of Inscription array pulsed.

A clear as crystal voice was transmitted into Wyatt Barnes' ears.

"The fourth power challenge is a 'Strength Challenge'...Defeat the Void Realm Grade Four 'Earth Puppet' which can demonstrate the low-level realm of earth four times! The reward is the 'Fragment of Earth Realm' on the Earth Puppet."

The message left by the Martial Emperor abruptly ended here.

"Earth Puppet? Four times of low-level realm of earth? Void Realm Grade Four?"

Wyatt Barnes's pupils contracted, he couldn't help but search through the memories of the Martial Emperor, aiming to find out what an 'Earth Puppet' is.

Soon, he got his answer.

An Earth Puppet is a kind of 'Origin Shadow Puppet' formed by an Inscription Array, it's an enhanced version of the Origin Shadow Puppet.

An Earth Puppet is coagulated through an Origin Shadow Puppet combined with the power of the earth, with a solid body, hard as rock, similar to a Stone Man.

"Generally speaking, an Earth Puppet wouldn't understand how to display a 'realm'...However, that Martial Emperor actually implanted an Earth Realm fragment into the Earth Puppet, allowing it to exhibit a certain level of 'Earth Realm'."

Thinking of this, Wyatt Barnes inhaled sharply.

Boom, boom, boom!

At this moment, Wyatt Barnes only felt the ground beneath him shaking violently.

Looking up, he saw that far away on the ground, the earth was trembling, a wave of earthy-yellow earth power surged, spreading in the empty air.

At the same time, a human figure appeared out of nowhere above these earth powers.

It was indeed an 'Origin Shadow Puppet'.

Then, the earth power poured into the Origin Shadow Puppet, causing its body to solidify continuously, as if it had transformed into a real person.

Of course, it couldn't possibly be a normal person.

The Origin Shadow Puppet now has transformed into an Earth Puppet with an earth-yellow body, the earth energy on its body condensed into a rugged rock, forming a strong defense.

Crack!

Just then, on the ground, a chaotic fragmentation occurred.

Spider-web-like cracks spread in all directions.

Then...

Whizz!

A stream of earthy-yellow light instantly merged into the body of the Earth Puppet.

In an instant, the pair of originally dull eyes of the Earth Puppet, suddenly shone with strands of earth-yellow brilliance, making people who saw it feel chill to their bones.

"A low-Order Earth Realm of the Fourth Stage, plus the fourth stage of entering the Void Realm...even without any spiritual weapon, it can exert power equivalent to ten ancient Horned Dragons! Beyond my full power."

Wyatt Barnes felt the pressure.

"Moreover, this is a cave, connected to the earth. He can use 'the power of the earth'...the cave is too small for me to avoid the earth."

Wyatt Barnes forced a smile.

A low-Order Earth Realm of the Fourth Stage, equivalent to the power of four ancient Horned Dragons.

With such an Earth Realm, channeling the power of the earth, it could mobilize at least the power of another two ancient Horned Dragons...

That is, if the Earth Puppet used all its power, it might have the power of twelve ancient Horned Dragons!

For a moment, Wyatt Barnes only felt wheezing for breath.

The hand holding the Grade One Spirit Sword was soaked with sweat unbeknownst to him.

"That Martial Emperor really had it in for people... I just entered the third stage of the Void Realm, and he had me face off against such a monster!"

Wyatt Barnes couldn't help but curse the Martial Emperor who left the Sword Emperor's treasure several times in his heart.

One could imagine...

If that Martial Emperor could hear Wyatt Barnes's muttered curses, he might get so angry that he'd kick Wyatt Barnes out of the Sword Emperor's treasure and never allow Wyatt Barnes to touch his 'relics'.

Swish!

The Earth Puppet moved, treading on the earth, and in a blink, it was right in front of Wyatt Barnes.

The Earth Puppet threw a punch with a rise in origin force, accompanied by the piercing sound of air explosion, targeting Wyatt Barnes's head.

There was a deep earth-yellow energy permeating the origin force.

Earth Realm!

In an instant, above the void over the Earth Puppet's head, ten ancient Horned Dragon shadows appeared, swooping down with an unstoppable momentum.

It seemed as if they would not stop until Wyatt Barnes was completely suppressed.

Whirlwind!

Wyatt Barnes dared not slack off, his body transformed into a hurricane and narrowly dodged the Earth Puppet's punch.

After Wyatt Barnes dodged, the Earth Puppet's punch was still strong when it hit the cave wall.

Bang!

Suddenly, spider-web-like cracks appeared on the cave wall, the whole cave shook violently, like a severe earthquake would occur.

As for Wyatt Barnes, he stood still in mid-air, unaffected.

Sword Drawing Technique!

Noticing the back of the Earth Puppet falling beneath him, Wyatt Barnes's eyes turned cold, the origin force condensed on the Grade One Spirit Sword in his hand, and he suddenly made a move.

Whizz!

The sword came out like lightning, by the time the Earth Puppet had turned around, Wyatt Barnes's spirit sword had already touched its body.

Clang!

The crisp sound was heard and left Wyatt Barnes, who had initially thought his strike would have shattered the Earth Puppet, completely dumbfounded.

With the memories of the Martial Emperor drifting through his mind, Wyatt Barnes's face flushed, and he couldn't help but let out a curse, "Damn! Is this some kind of a fucking game?"

According to the Martial Emperor's memory,

The Earth Puppet, because it is formed by combining the power of the earth with an Origin Shadow Puppet, possesses a powerful defense along with its strong strength.

If the attack does not exceed its own strength, it doesn't hurt it at all.

"So, I need to have power beyond ten ancient Horned Dragons to destroy it? And this is just when it doesn't mobilize 'the power of the Earth'. If it were to use the Power of Earth, wouldn't I need to have the power of more than twelve Horned Dragons to destroy it?"

At this thought, Wyatt Barnes felt helpless.



## Chapter 619: Seventh-Order High-Level Earth Realm Fragment

Wyatt Barnes' sword strike failed, and he could only temporarily dodge the earth puppet's attack.

However, the earth puppet was decidedly faster than Wyatt. When it charged at Wyatt, it was like an eagle swooping down on a chicken.

In a blink, the earth puppet was in front of Wyatt again.

Another punch was thrown, with the force equivalent to ten ancient horned dragons. Its momentum was awe-inspiring.

This time, Wyatt Barnes did not have time to dodge. In the hurried moment, his Grade One spirit sword in hand trembled as it met the fist of the earth puppet head-on.

Boom!

The earth puppet's punch landed, shaking Wyatt's sword-holding hand, and his palm cracked. Blood was gushing out.

He nearly lost his hold on the 'Grade One spirit sword'.

The earth puppet's fist was eventually pushed aside by the force on the Grade One spirit sword, narrowly missing Wyatt as it slammed down with ferocity.

A solid punch mark rushed out, demolishing everything in its path as it pounded into the ground.

Suddenly, there was another earth-shaking quake.

"This can't go on... he'll eventually kill me!"

Wyatt took a deep breath, used Origin Force to stop the bleeding, took a 'Great Returning Pill', and slowly regained his energy. He retreated to the other end of the cave.

"I can only try if the soul technique can have any effect on it..."

With a flicker of thought, Wyatt's eyes shimmered with a faint glow.

Thousand Illusions!

In a moment, Wyatt constructed an illusionary space that enveloped the earth puppet.

However, it was completely ignored by the earth puppet.

"It seems that even though the earth puppet has a physical body, it's essentially a shadow puppet without a soul, so it's not affected by soul techniques."

Wyatt sighed silently.

At this moment, he realized that his soul technique 'Thousand Illusions', was practically useless against the earth puppet.

Meanwhile, the earth puppet continued to charge at Wyatt, starting the hunting process of an eagle preying on a chicken.

Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! Zoom!

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The earth puppet was faster and stronger than Wyatt. The fight between them was like an adult chasing after a child.

"Hmm. Why hasn't it used the 'Power of Earth' through the realm of earth yet?"

For this matter, Wyatt was befuddled.

He believed that if the earth puppet had unleashed the Power of Earth, he would have been defeated in a split second.

After evading numerous times and sustaining multiple injuries, Wyatt, who was at the receiving end of the blows, came to a conclusion:

For some reason, the earth puppet couldn't invoke the Power of Earth...

"What the hell is going on?"

While frantically fleeing from the earth puppet's pursuit, Wyatt couldn't help feeling a bit curious.

His thoughts shifted, and he began to comb through the memories of the Martial Emperor.

Soon enough, he had the answer.

"The earth puppet, even forcefully integrating the 'Fragment of the Earth Realm', couldn't manipulate the 'Power of the Earth' in the same way as humans or demon beasts that comprehend the earth realm."

"Human warriors or demon beasts can only gain the recognition of the earth and consequently manipulate the Power of Earth when they intimately connect with the earth via the earth realm!"

"However, the earth puppet lacks intelligence. Its dull and cold body doesn't know how to communicate with the 'earth' through the earth realm... so naturally, it can't manipulate the Power of Earth!"

Wyatt breathed a sigh of relief.

"So, that's how it is."

Although the current earth puppet was still not someone Wyatt Barnes could contend with,

some of his worries dissipated.

At the very least, he was now completely sure that the earth puppet's best shot could only compare to the strength of ten ancient horned dragons...

Compared to him, it was only a few thousand ancient massive elephants stronger.

Zoom!

Another piercing sound of rushing wind reached Wyatt. His nerves instantly became taut.

He knew that the earth puppet had closed in on him again.

Whirlwind slash!

He hurriedly swung his sword, and his entire person transformed into a gust of wind, sweeping off into the distance.

Clang!

The earth puppet's fist, like a bullet shot out, once again forcibly flung the Grade One spirit sword in Wyatt's hand. With no drop in momentum, it let out a 'bam' as it blasted a wall of the cave, causing the cave wall to crumble, leaving a horrifying crevice.

"That actually hurt."

Wyatt felt an intense pain from the palm of his hand. He couldn't help but grimace, his eyebrows furrowed.

Zoom!

However, at that moment, under Wyatt's watchful eyes, the earth puppet turned and charged towards him.

"Although it has a cumbersome body, this earth puppet is surprisingly fast."

Wyatt's gaze inadvertently fell on the earth puppet's feet.

Now, as the earth puppet lunged out and pounced towards Wyatt, its feet scraped against the earth, sparking bolts of electric sparks.

These flashes, magnified in Wyatt's eyes, caused him to become somewhat stunned.

"Thunder... Lightning..."

Wyatt murmured to himself, seemingly having some sort of enlightenment.

It felt like a moment had passed, and yet also like an era had gone by.

"I see... I had gone down the wrong path in the past! Thunder is a part of nature's power, indeed, but it is also formed in a certain way... that way is friction."

Wyatt came to his senses.

At that moment, the earth puppet had already reached Wyatt. Its fist was rapidly enlarging in Wyatt's eyes,

As if it would send Wyatt flying in an instant.

"Bring it on!"

Wyatt Barnes roared out, not intending to dodge at all.

Sword Drawing Technique!

Between the flashes of thunderous lightning, Wyatt Barnes' Grade One spirit sword shot out. As if following a shadow, it intersected with the earth puppet's oncoming fist.

Almost in an instant, the Origin Force within Wyatt Barnes and the Second Layer Wind realm infused into the spirit sword.

And that wasn't all.

Threads of lightning thunderbolts started to rise.

Whoosh!

Above the void above Wyatt Barnes' head, to the side of the phantom image of the nine ancient Horned Dragons and thousands of ancient giant elephants, yet another phantom image of an ancient Horned Dragon appeared out of thin air.

The realm of Lightning!

The First level of Low-Order Lightning realm.

Swish!

As the piercing sword wail erupted, Wyatt Barnes' Grade One spirit sword, upon making contact with the earth puppet's fist again, was not knocked away.

Instead, it was like cutting through tofu, slicing the earth puppet's fist right off.

Meanwhile, Wyatt Barnes' body swerved slightly.

The sounds of wind and lightning echoed.

It effortlessly dodged the earth puppet's detached fist, propelled only by inertia.

Bang!

The detached fist of the earth puppet slammed heavily into the wall behind it, embedding directly into it.

Around the fist, cracks spread out, forming something resembling a spider's web.

Wyatt Barnes, in contrast, was unaffected.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

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Between raising his hand, the sword light in Wyatt Barnes' hand seemed like torrential Rainey, falling one by one on the earth puppet's body.

The body of the earth puppet, which Wyatt Barnes originally couldn't scratch, had, at this moment, become as fragile as tofu. It was effortlessly shattered by Wyatt Barnes into hundreds of pieces.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

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The remnants of the earth puppet fell to the ground, turning into chunks of solid yellowish-brown stone.

Simultaneously, a piece of yellowish-brown fragment appeared in Wyatt Barnes' line of sight, falling with the chunks of yellowish-brown stone.

"This is..."

Seeing this yellowish-brown fragment, Wyatt Barnes felt a tremble in his heart, his eyes suddenly lit up, "A Seventh-Order High-Order Earth realm fragment!"

This realm fragment was even better than the Sixth-Order High-Order Lightning realm fragment that Little Gold had received before.

Wyatt Barnes swiftly seized the Earth realm fragment, his emotions stirring up.

Just then, the voice of the Martial Emperor echoed from the Earth realm fragment, transmitting into Wyatt Barnes' ears, "Congratulations on passing the fourth trial! The fifth trial can be started by walking ahead nine steps and then turning left for three steps."

Clearly, within the Earth realm fragment was the 'Sound Inscription' left behind by the Martial Emperor.

Coming back to his senses, Wyatt Barnes closely examined the realm fragment in his hand for a while.

Only after he confirmed that he wasn't dreaming did he treat it like a treasure and store it in his Storage Ring.

"This time, I was able to comprehend the 'realm of Lightning' in such a hurry, all thanks to this earth puppet..."

Looking at the earth puppet shattered into hundreds of pieces at his feet, Wyatt Barnes sighed.

He could imagine.

If he hadn't comprehended the realm of Lightning in time, it wouldn't have been impossible for him to destroy the earth puppet and obtain the 'Earth realm fragment'.

"There are two trials left..."

Regaining his senses, Wyatt Barnes continued on to the fifth trial.

The fifth trial was an 'intelligence test'.



Soon, Wyatt Barnes arrived at the location mentioned by the Martial Emperor, activating the Inscription array...

Just then, the world before Wyatt Barnes' eyes changed dramatically.

He wasn't in the cave anymore.

Instead, he was in a magnificent golden palace.

"Illusionary space?"

The thought popped into Wyatt Barnes' head.

Once that thought surfaced, it took root, convincing Wyatt Barnes all the more.

Wyatt Barnes was not unfamiliar with Illusionary space.

The Soul Technique 'Thousand Illusions' he mastered could construct an illusionary space, trapping people within it, impossible to free themselves.

"I didn't expect that I would be trapped in an illusionary space too."

Wyatt Barnes shook his head and smiled.

Just at this moment, the voice of the Martial Emperor timely echoed again, "The fifth trial is an 'intelligence test'... and your task is to leave the palace you are in and return to the cave! Time limit: fifteen minutes."

"As long as you can return to the cave within the specified time, the sixth trial will immediately commence... As long as you can defeat the final 'Sword puppet', you will receive my lifelong legacy."

Hearing the Martial Emperor's words.

Wyatt Barnes was stunned.

"Receiving the legacy? Does that mean the others...failed the previous trials?"

Wyatt Barnes thought to himself.

Even though he was unsure of what exactly was happening, Wyatt Barnes quickly collected himself, looking at the illusionary space before him with the utmost concentration.

"Even though I can construct illusionary spaces, how do you break an illusionary space?"

Wyatt Barnes was a bit at a loss.

"Whatever... just give it a shot."

Subsequently, Wyatt Barnes employed various means.

The Second Layer Wind realm, First level Lightning realm, and even the Earth force, came into play one after another.

However, the illusionary space remained as stable as a mountain, unchanged by any attempt.

In the end, even Wyatt Barnes started to get impatient.

Chapter 620: The Real and Fake Wyatt Barnes

A Thousand Illusions!

A mysterious light flickered deep within Wyatt Barnes's eyes, hurriedly deploying his Soul Technique...

Now, he was simply taking his chances in desperation.

With regards to whether his Soul Technique 'A Thousand Illusions' could break open this illusionary dimension, he harboured no certainty.

In an instant, Wyatt constructed an illusionary dimension, enveloping himself.

The next moment.

The scene before Wyatt's eyes shifted, and a boundless meadow appeared, blanketed with fresh, crispy grass.

A breeze bearing a scent of grass swept toward him, creating a serene ambience.

Suddenly.

Wyatt felt the ground beneath his feet rumble, akin to the tremors of an earthquake.

Immediately following, under his watchful gaze, the illusionary dimension constructed using the Soul Technique 'A Thousand Illusions' shattered into pieces.

Along with it, the resplendent golden palace shattered into pieces.

The palace was the 'Wisdom Test' left by the Martial Emperor, the fifth one to be precise.

"Congratulations on passing the fifth test... Defeat the 'Mirror Puppet', pass the sixth, also the final challenge, and you will gain my inheritance and leave this place," echoed the voice of the Martial Emperor from all directions, clearly reaching Wyatt's ears.

"That's it, I've passed?"

Wyatt was taken aback.

Even now, he found it hard to believe.

Earlier, when he used the Soul Technique 'A Thousand Illusions', he wasn't certain he could break the Martial Emperor's illusionary dimension.

This unexpected result was somewhat unforeseen.

"Mirror Puppet!"

Swiftly, Wyatt regained his composure, he took a deep breath, a hint of wariness emerging in his eyes.

Thus far, he had endured two power challenges.

The first power test was a massacre against a hundred Ghostly Shadow puppets, which he single-handedly destroyed.

The second power test was the Earth Puppet, a creature with formidable attack and defense capabilities. If he hadn't realized the 'Ice Realm' in time, there was no way he could have passed the test.

Judging from previous experiences, the power tests progressively became harder.

And now, he was about to face the third power test, the final test.

"This Mirror Puppet is stronger than the 'Earth Puppet,' no doubt about it... but I do not know how formidable it will be."

Wyatt took a deep breath, mentally preparing himself.

Just then, Wyatt felt a chilling aura looming in front of him...

When he lifted his gaze, he was entirely dumbstruck.

Heavens!

What was he seeing?

A young man in purple clothing had materialized in front of Wyatt.

What appalled Wyatt was that this purple-clad youth was carved from the same mold as him, no difference irrespective of the minutest detail.

Be it appearance or height, there was no distinction.

What proved to be crucial was that the youth held a crude Sword Embryo in his hands...

This Sword Embryo was identical to Wyatt's own 'Grade One Spirit Sword.'

"What's happening?"

Wyatt was certain that there were no 'mirrors' of any kind in front of him.

Moreover, his Grade One Spirit Sword was safely kept in his Storage Ring.

"His eyes..."

A shocked Wyatt, slightly lifting his head, set eyes on the pupils of the youth in purple who shared his appearance.

The eyes of the youth were void and lifeless. He appeared dazed, as though he possessed no soul.

"Is this... Mirror Inscription Array?"

An image of Martial Emperor's memory flashed across Wyatt's mind and he quickly found an answer.

A Mirror Inscription Array was an unfathomably intricate Inscription Array.

Typically, only Inscription masters at the Martial Emperor Realm and above could deploy it.

Being a formidable array, it can be dubbed as a 'human-slaying device.'

Anyone who stepped into the 'Mirror Inscription Array' would encounter a 'Mirror Puppet' identical to themselves, possessing all their capabilities.

"Apart from lacking a soul, incapable of utilising Soul Techniques, and being immune to Soul Techniques... this Mirror Puppet is a near perfect clone of me! Be it my abilities or innate combat intuition."

Wyatt couldn't help gasping at the sight of the Mirror Puppet, "What's most terrifying is, this Mirror Puppet will transform in response to my actions..."

"For example, when I faced the Earth Puppet earlier, I comprehended the 'Ice Realm' in a rush and managed to destroy it!"

"However, if during my fight against my own 'Mirror Puppet', I comprehend a higher Realm, the puppet's Realm would also transform correspondingly... This is an opponent precisely mirroring my own strength."

"What's most terrifying is that he lacks a soul, has no thoughts, and does not feel fear... In his world, there is only slaughter!"

Wyatt's face was filled with apprehension.

Such an existence would at best fight him to a stalemate. Overpowering it would nearly be impossible.

"If I could choose... I would rather face ten Earth Puppets than confront my own 'Mirror Puppet.'"

Wyatt laughed bitterly.

Just then, Wyatt felt an intense aura rushing aggressively towards him from the front.

His Mirror Puppet had moved, initiating an attack against him.

Whoosh!

The mirror puppet moved, executing his most familiar high-level ground technique, Wind Rolls the Remaining Clouds, and quickly appeared in front of him.

Sword Drawing Technique!

The same Sword Drawing Technique, when performed by the mirror puppet, appeared seamlessly executed.

It's like a flash of sword light, following along with his shadow.

Not only that, the sword light also contained Wyatt Barnes' familiar 'Second Layer Wind Realm', 'First Layer Thunder Realm', and the 'early understanding of the power of the earth'.

The icy coldness that hit his face made Wyatt Barnes shudder uncontrollably.

Wind Rolls the Remaining Clouds!

Wyatt Barnes hastily retreated, the rapid sword light almost brushed past his cheek.

A faint white scratch appeared on his face.

The nerve-racking scene immediately sobered Wyatt Barnes.

Phew!

From nowhere, an ugly looking sword embryo appeared in Wyatt Barnes' hands; it was the 'Grade One spirit sword' that he obtained in the first trial.

At this moment, Wyatt Barnes and the mirror puppet looked exactly alike, like identical twins from top to toe...

The only difference being, the eyes of the mirror puppet were hollow and devoid of light.

Because the mirror puppet had no soul.

Sho!

The mirror puppet moved once again. Its spirit sword shot out a 'Wind Thunder Sword Glimmer' made up of the wind realm and the thunder realm and flew towards Wyatt Barnes like an arrow from a strong bow.

It looked as if it wanted to pierce Wyatt Barnes' body.

"Hmph!"

Wyatt Barnes snorted coldly, striding out boldly.

In an instant, the spirit sword in his hand pierced straight out, releasing an identical 'Wind Thunder Sword Glimmer'. It howled and collided with the sword light shot out by the mirror puppet.

Boom!

The sword lights collided and disappeared. A chilling whirlwind swept out, causing the purple robes on Wyatt Barnes and the mirror puppet to flutter loudly.

The Wind Thunder Sword Glimmer was a method Wyatt Barnes had derived from the 'Wind Thunder Finger'.

He used it optimally, and its power was impressive!



Unfortunately, at this point, Wyatt Barnes and the mirror puppet went head to head; they were evenly matched.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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In a moment, within the cave, two extremely fast shadows crossed each other time and again, leaving long sword glimmers.

Wyatt Barnes and the mirror puppet were engaged in a full-blown battle.

The original force, realm, and combat experience between the two were all equal...

All their methods were identical.

Time passed stealthily.

An hour passed, and neither Wyatt Barnes nor the mirror puppet was able to win, maintaining a deadlock.

Gradually, Wyatt Barnes couldn't help but feel anxious.

"If this continues, then when will it end?"

Wyatt Barnes was irritated.

This resulted in his attacks being affected by his mood, and he fell slightly behind in the following exchanges.

"Damn it!"

Upon falling behind, Wyatt Barnes was met with the mirror puppet's storm-like attack. The opponent seemed eager to defeat him in one go, or even kill him.

"This bastard, has no soul, so it will not get anxious like me... What's more fearsome is, it possesses fighting instincts almost similar to mine. Once it finds even a little weakness in me, it won't let go!"

Facing the mirror puppet's storm-like attacks, Wyatt Barnes kept losing ground, and he couldn't help but retreat, totally defeated.

The mirror puppet was like an emotionless, cold-blooded machine, giving its all for its goal, without fear.

"Am I, the original, going to lose to a mirror puppet?"

Wyatt Barnes' face turned extremely grim.

Only those in a similar situation as Wyatt Barnes can understand his current state of mind.

Similar to others fighting their mirror puppets in the 'third level of the Sword Emperor's treasury'...

The spacious cave was covered in a thick layer of solid ice.

And on top of this solid ice, two identical beautiful figures were constantly intercrossing...

Suddenly, the two separated, standing in the air, confronting each other.

Ding! Ding! Ding! Ding! Ding!

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The crisp sound was continuously heard from the objects in their hands.

Upon closer inspection, it was a dainty 'bell'.

The sound of the bell seemed to have the ability to hook one's soul, catching them off guard.

The two girls facing each other, who looked very similar and appeared to be fifteen or sixteen years old, were very pretty.

One could imagine that when they grew up, they would surely become stunning beauties that could bring down empires.

However, one of the girls was slightly odd.

She did not have the lively eyes of the other girl; all she had were eyes that were hollow and devoid of light. They looked just like they had no soul within.

"It's driving me crazy!"

The girl with lively eyes complained, "This girl not only has the same strength as me, but also the same weapon. I would understand if that was the end of it, but her Ice Realm is exactly the same as mine!"

"This is the last trial... and there are only six trials in total. I've already failed one, do I really have to fail a second one?"