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Chapter 851 Noel Walton

"Brother Barnes, what do you mean by that?"

Daisy Wood looked puzzled.

"You'll know in a few more days,"

Wyatt Barnes said with a mysterious smile. Although it was his first time using that method to assist someone with the Washing Marrow, he could confirm its effectiveness.

Because that was a unique method he had acquired by chance during the second life of the Martial Emperor, and it only worked on people under eighteen whose meridians had not yet fully formed.

Moreover, it required the cooperation of Origin Force and mental strength from above the 'Cave Void Realm' for it to be successfully executed.

If Wyatt hadn't met Daisy, he wouldn't even have known about this trick from the memories of the Martial Emperor. Now, it had found its use with Daisy.

Of course, the specific effects of the Washing Marrow would take a few more days for Daisy to perceive.

"Brother Barnes, stop beating about the bush and tell me,"

Daisy said, shaking Wyatt's arm coquettishly.

Now, not only did Wyatt treat her as his own sister, but she also regarded Wyatt as her brother, a brother she could fully trust.

"You little girl, even if I told you now, you might not believe me. You'll naturally find out in a few days,"

Wyatt smiled and shook his head.

"Alright, then I'll wait a few more days."

Daisy let go of Wyatt's arm and obediently nodded, then added, "Brother Barnes, you might not need to hide in a few days... But if that Noel Walton comes with his elders from the Five Elements Sect, you must hide and not come out!"

"You little girl, don't worry about my affairs... Go and cultivate! In a few days, I'll need to check your progress,"

Wyatt said with a smile, encouraging Daisy to go into her room to cultivate.

"Okay."

Daisy playfully stuck out her tongue and then ran back to her room to cultivate, but she forgot to close the door behind her.

"This little girl,"

Wyatt said with a look of affection as he closed the door for Daisy, and then he muttered to himself, "Perhaps, I could consider taking Daisy to the 'Five Elements Sect'."

From the way Wyatt spoke, it seemed as if taking Daisy to the Five Elements Sect would be a very simple task.

Those unaware might even think that the Five Elements Sect was run by his family.

"I should also cultivate... I feel I'm just a bit away from breaking through to the 'Cave Void Realm Level Five'! Once I break through, my strength will rise once more."

With a thought, Wyatt immediately returned to his room, took out the 'Fragment of the Wind Realm' and held it in his hand, comprehending the 'realm of wind' as he cultivated.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign, Sword Dragon Transformation!

Time quietly passed, and three days flew by in the blink of an eye.

Walton Family Estate.

Today, the Walton estate was bustling, brightly lit and decorated as if there was a celebration.

Early in the morning, a long red carpet was laid out from the gates of the Walton residence all the way to the entrance of the great hall. On both sides of the red carpet, maids stood at regular intervals.

Before long, Adan Walton, the head of the Walton family, led his youngest son Esteban Walton, along with a group of Walton family elders, out of the grand gates of the estate, standing at the entrance as if waiting for something.

"Dad, it's Senior Colby and big brother!"

Suddenly, the sharp-eyed Esteban's eyes lit up with excitement as he looked ahead.

He rushed towards the two people approaching from a distance, a kindly looking burly old man and a young man about thirty-five years of age.

"Senior Colby!"

Esteban took a few steps forward and respectfully stood on the other side of the old man, shoulder to shoulder, his demeanor very humble, completely unlike his usual sharp self.

"Are you Noel's brother, Esteban?"

The old man's cloudy eyes sparkled as he asked kindly.

"Senior Colby, it's me."

Esteban was evidently pleased that the old man remembered him.

"I remember when I first visited your Walton family, you were only seven or eight years old, right? In the blink of an eye, that small boy has grown into an adult."

The old man said with a chuckle.

"Noel, I remember the first time I visited your family; it was when you became my disciple... That was eighteen years ago, right?"

The old man looked at the young man beside him, Noel Walton, Esteban's older brother, and asked.

Noel had a tall figure and bright eyes. Smiling in response to the old man's words, he nodded, "Yes, Master, it's been eighteen years... Back then, I was seventeen, and Esteban was seven."

"Time ages us all... In the blink of an eye, eighteen years have passed. Unfortunately, over these eighteen years, our 'Niklaus Woodson' has continued to be oppressed by the other three peaks, unable to catch a breath."

The old man sighed, "Now, I only hope to see Niklaus Woodson rise again in my lifetime... If that happens, I will have no regrets."

"It's my incompetence,"

Noel hurriedly said.

"You can't be blamed for this... Niklaus Woodson has been on a downward trajectory ever since the Peak Master was seriously injured and went into seclusion twenty years ago. I detest that the other three peaks have been so ruthless, luring away all our outstanding disciples during the Peak Master's seclusion, leaving Niklaus Woodson's younger generation with no one to rely upon!"

As he spoke, the old man's face turned red with emotion.

"Master, please calm down; I believe that Niklaus Woodson will stand tall once again! Master, I will cultivate even more diligently in the future and will not disgrace Niklaus Woodson,"

Noel said earnestly.

"Alright, let's not talk about these unhappy matters since you've come home for a rare visit."

The old man looked ahead at the crowd waiting there and the red carpet on the ground, sighing, "Didn't I tell you to ask your father not to go overboard? You should know that your Master doesn't care about these things. As long as your family is well and you can cultivate peacefully in the Sect, your Master will be content."

"Master, since you've come so rarely, please don't mind these details,"

Noel said with a smile, "Moreover, my father does this out of respect for you."

"Yes, Senior Colby, you nurtured Brother Barnes to become talented, and it is only proper for our Walton Family to welcome you with the highest courtesy,"

Esteban Walton also said.

"Good, good."

The old man's face was filled with smiles. Flanked by the brothers Noel Walton and Esteban Walton, he arrived at the entrance of the Walton Family estate.

"Elder Colby!"

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Suddenly, with 'Adan Walton', the head of the Walton Family at the forefront, the senior ranks of the Walton Family bowed and paid their respects to the old man in a humble manner.

"We're all family here; no need for formalities."

The old man squinted his eyes and grinned with a smile.

Family!

The senior ranks of the Walton Family immediately beamed with joy, being considered family by an Elder of the Five Elements Sect was not a treatment just anyone could receive.

"Elder Colby, please come inside. We have already prepared a welcome banquet for you."

Adan Walton personally and respectfully led the old man into the Walton Family estate.

"Young Master!"

"Young Master, it's been many years, has your cultivation improved again?"

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A group of Walton Family elders enthusiastically greeted Noel Walton.

They felt genuine respect from the bottom of their hearts for this current number one of the Walton Family's younger generation and a disciple of the Five Elements Sect.

"Greetings to all the elders,"

Noel Walton responded with a smile, not at all neglecting these elders who had struggled for the family for the better part of their lives despite being a disciple of the Five Elements Sect.

"Please, Young Master,"

The Walton Family elders stood at the entrance of the Walton Family estate and opened a path, allowing Noel Walton to enter first.

"My elders, you are all my seniors, please go in first... If you don't enter, then I won't enter this family gate today either."

Noel Walton seemed accustomed to such scenes, directly pulling out his trump card.

Immediately, a group of Walton Family elders walked into the Walton Family estate with wry smiles, but their brows reflected satisfaction, pleased with the attitude of this Walton Family Young Master.

Noel Walton and Esteban Walton walked side by side behind the group of Walton Family elders, entering the estate.

"Brother."

Suddenly, Esteban Walton looked at Noel Walton, his expression changing dramatically, his eyes flashing with a fierce light, "You must avenge me! If you don't avenge me, I would rather not live!"

"Hmm?"

Noel Walton frowned, his expression darkening, "What exactly happened? Be clear."

"Brother, a few days ago, I saw a foreign young man forcefully abducting a local girl in the street. I couldn't stand by and wanted to save the girl... But who knew he was so strong, he sent me flying with a single palm strike, and I was knocked unconscious."

Esteban Walton spoke with a mournful expression.

"In 'Drifting Cloud Town', there is someone our Walton Family can't deal with?"

Noel Walton's expression grew dark as he asked.

"Brother, that man said he was a disciple of the Five Elements Sect's Niklaus Woodson, so dad and the elders didn't dare to touch him... After all, you're also at the Five Elements Sect's Niklaus Woodson, and the elders are worried about how it would affect you, so they didn't do anything to him."

Esteban Walton said this with bitterness, "That's not the worst of it... I would never have imagined he would actually take my fiancée, who had already been betrothed to me! Brother, I hate him, I truly despise him!!"

Towards the end, Esteban Walton's eyes were filled with a terrifying cold light, ready to devour someone.

"He said he is one of our Five Elements Sect's Niklaus Woodson disciples? He said it himself?"

Noel Walton stopped in his tracks and asked in a deep voice.

"Yes!"

Esteban Walton nodded, then his voice trembling, said, "He said he's an exalted disciple of the Five Elements Sect, taking my fiancée was a sign of respect to me, a blessing... Brother, he's too insulting!"

"Did he tell you his name?"

Noel Walton asked coldly, his eyes filled with extreme chill.

"He said his name is Wyatt Barnes!"

Esteban Walton said hatefully.

"Wyatt Barnes? Are you sure that's his name?"

Noel Walton asked with a frown.

"Yes."

Esteban Walton nodded, "Every word he said, every insult to me, I remember clearly, it's impossible that I made a mistake!"

"Esteban, you and dad might have been deceived by him! In our Niklaus Woodson, there is no disciple named 'Wyatt Barnes'!"

Noel Walton's voice grew colder.

"What?!"

Esteban Walton's face turned pale, "Could he be an imposter pretending to be a disciple of the Five Elements Sect? Brother, you must avenge me, you must seek justice for me!!"

"Do you know where he is now?"

Noel Walton's eyes sparkled with a cold light as he asked.

He would not easily let go of anyone who dared to impersonate a Five Elements Sect disciple, especially a disciple of Niklaus Woodson, to swindle and deceive others!

Chapter 852: Esteban Walton's Plan

"I know!"

Esteban Walton nodded vehemently, his voice sharp with anger, "He forcefully took my fiancée with whom I had a betrothal, compelled her family to come to our Walton Family to dissolve the engagement, and has been living in my fiancée's home ever since!"

In the depths of Esteban Walton's gaze, a faint cold glint flickered.

Unfortunately, Noel Walton didn't notice this.

"What?!"

Hearing Esteban Walton's words, Noel Walton's expression grew even darker.

In his eyes, had it not been for that impostor claiming to be a disciple of the Five Elements Sect's Niklaus Woodson humiliating a man and bullying a woman, he might have been able to celebrate his brother's wedding upon his return.

Now, not only had the wedding celebration failed to take place, but his brother's fiancée was snatched away as well!

Ever since they were children, he had cherished his younger brother the most, always giving him the best food and toys first... Now, hearing of such humiliation befalling his brother, how could he stand by?

"Big brother, my fiancée is the Wood Family's treasure, 'Daisy Wood', and that guy is currently at the Wood Family... You must avenge me!"

Esteban Walton, with a grieved expression, added fuel to the fire and then grabbed Noel Walton by the arm, hurrying out with urgency.

"Little Walton, I know you're very angry, I'm angry too... How about this, I'll go say hi to our Master and Father, and then I'll go with you to the Wood Family. After all, it's not easy for our Master to visit the Walton Family, and I shouldn't just leave him as soon as I return."

Noel Walton paused in his steps and turned to Esteban Walton.

However, how could Esteban Walton possibly let him see their father? Once Noel saw their father, wouldn't all the lies Esteban had just told fall apart?

"Brother! I've been patient for far too long and don't want to wait any longer... If you don't want to help me get revenge, then I'll go on my own!"

A cunning glint shot through Esteban Walton's eyes, and with a low roar, he let go of Noel Walton's arm and, like a gust of wind, rushed out of the Walton Family's main gate.

"Little Walton!"

Noel Walton's face changed, and worried for the safety of his brother, he hurriedly chased after him. With his speed, it didn't take long to catch up to Esteban Walton after leaving the Walton Family's main gate.

"I'll come with you! And I want to see for myself the man who dares to impersonate a disciple of our Five Elements Sect's Niklaus Woodson and bully men and women outside!"

Because of Esteban Walton's tearful and heartfelt tale just now, Noel Walton's heart already throbbed with a fiery rage, eager to expose the man's true identity at the Wood Family.

Not only that, but he also planned to cripple that man's cultivation and bring him back to the Five Elements Sect, back to their Niklaus Woodson!

In his view, since the man dared to impersonate a disciple of Niklaus Woodson and committed such an outrageous act, he must personally, as the Law Enforcement Elder of Niklaus Woodson, execute him!

Only in this way, could he completely exonerate Niklaus Woodson.

"Brother, right now, everyone in the Wood Family is subdued by Wyatt Barnes's martial force, following his orders... So, when we go there later, those people from the Wood Family will definitely try to send us away! They're being forced to do this, so please don't blame them."

Esteban Walton said solemnly to Noel Walton, but deep in his eyes twinkled a glimmer of triumph.

"What?!"

Noel Walton was slightly startled, "The Wood Family is suppressed by his martial force? Didn't you say that Wyatt Barnes was just a young man? As far as I know, the old headmaster of the Wood Family was at the third level of the Cave Void Realm—couldn't even he deal with Wyatt Barnes?"

Esteban Walton's expression subtly changed, but he quickly recovered and sighed, "Brother, you don't know... that old headmaster of the Wood Family passed away three years ago."

"I see."

Noel Walton nodded, and then couldn't help but sigh, "I remember, four years ago when I returned, I had even visited the old headmaster of the Wood Family... At that time, he didn't seem to have any problems, so how did he pass away so quickly? It's really a pity."

"It is said that he encountered a powerful enemy outside, was seriously injured, and succumbed to a hidden illness later."

Esteban Walton secretly wiped away a cold sweat and continued speaking.

"Brother, when you returned four years ago, you had already broken through to the 'Cave Void Realm'... What is your cultivation level now?"

Esteban Walton asked, as if suddenly remembering something.

"I broke through to the fourth level of the Cave Void Realm last month."

Noel Walton said.

"Mmm."

Esteban Walton nodded, but in his heart, he thought to himself, "Brother is only at the fourth level of the Cave Void Realm, he surely can't be a match for Wyatt Barnes... But, I never expected brother to be able to do anything to Wyatt Barnes anyway! After all, Wyatt Barnes is the one who defeated the Grand Elder."

Esteban Walton's plan was simple: to provoke Wyatt Barnes into injuring his brother, thereby enraging his brother's Master, the formidable presence at the Transforming Void Realm level and elder of the Five Elements Sect's Niklaus Woodson, 'Briggs Colby'.

In his opinion, with Senior Colby's fondness for his brother, once Noel Walton was severely injured by Wyatt Barnes, Senior Colby certainly wouldn't let it go easily.

"Once Senior Colby gets angry, he will surely kill Wyatt Barnes! That will settle the hatred in my heart! Wyatt Barnes, not only did you ruin my betrothal to Daisy Wood, but now you also intend to interfere in my affairs—I will ensure you have no place to be buried!"

At this moment, Esteban Walton was quite pleased with his plan.

In his eyes, his plan was perfect, impregnable.

Shortly thereafter, Noel Walton and Esteban Walton arrived at the main gate of the Wood Family estate. The two Wood Family disciples guarding the gate changed their expression upon seeing Esteban Walton.

"Brother, let's go in!"

Esteban Walton, ignoring the two Wood Family disciples completely, marched straight inside.

"Second Young Master Walton!"

The two Wood Family disciples stopped Esteban Walton, their faces a flurry of emotions.

They were puzzled, wasn't the betrothal between their Young Miss and this pampered scion of the Walton Family already dissolved? Why was this pampered young master coming to their Wood Family, and with such an aggressive demeanor, clearly with no good intentions?

Wasn't he afraid of Young Master Barnes teaching him a lesson?

As the two Wood Family disciples were filled with various thoughts, Esteban Walton made his move.

Boom! Boom!

With two pushes of his palms, one for each, Wyatt Barnes sent two Wood Family disciples flying, causing them to slam into the gate's pillars and faint.

"Esteban?"

The scene unfolded suddenly, and it wasn't until after Esteban Walton succeeded that Noel Walton came to his senses and frowned, "What are you doing?"

"Brother, don't worry. I've only knocked them out. Right now, everyone from the Wood Family is being threatened by that Wyatt Barnes, if I don't knock them out, they definitely won't dare to let us in."

Esteban Walton explained.

Noel Walton nodded, although he always felt something was off, he didn't think much of it.

Of course, this was because he had never doubted his brother, let alone thought that his brother would deceive him.

Noel Walton and Esteban Walton, the Walton brothers, broke their way into the Wood Family and arrived outside the main hall of the Wood Family.

Some Wood Family disciples who came forward to inquire were injured one by one by Esteban Walton, causing even more powerful Wood Family disciples to become angry, and a group of them took action.

At that moment, Esteban Walton couldn't hold on anymore.

Boom!

Noel Walton stepped forward, his robe moving without wind, and a mighty force surged from his body, directly sending a group of Wood Family disciples flying.

The group of Wood Family disciples fell to the ground, moaned, but remarkably didn't let out a single scream.

Perhaps, in their eyes, screaming in front of that prodigal Walton son would be the utmost humiliation, which they couldn't bear to accept.

"Quick, go find the headmaster!"

"I'll go find the Grand Elder!"

"I'll go find the Second Elder!"

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Suddenly, aside from a portion of the Wood Family disciples who eyed Noel and Esteban Walton with hostility, some of the Wood Family disciples quickly left to inform the headmaster and elders.

Before long, Headmaster Wood, 'Noah Wood,' and a group of Wood Family elders gathered and came over majestically.

"Headmaster!"

"Grand Elder!"

"Second Elder!"

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The Wood Family disciples who had surrounded Noel and Esteban Walton made way and respectfully welcomed Noah Wood and the others in.

Upon hearing that Esteban Walton had caused a disturbance, Noah Wood's expression was extremely dark, but as he walked into the crowd and saw Noel Walton beside Esteban Walton, his expression softened a bit.

"I was wondering how Second Young Master Walton dared to intrude on the Wood residence, so it turns out that Young Master Walton has returned."

Noah Wood's cold gaze swept over Esteban Walton, then settled on Noel Walton, clearly mixed with a bit of wariness.

Young Master Walton, Noel Walton, didn't scare him.

But the 'Five Elements Sect' behind Noel Walton was something he had to fear.

Moreover, he had heard that Noel Walton was not only a disciple of the Five Elements Sect but had also taken one of the sect's elders as his master, which made him all the more wary.

Keep in mind that in the Five Elements Sect, even the weakest elder exists above the Transforming Void Realm.

Such beings could annihilate the Wood Family with the power of one person alone.

"Headmaster Wood."

Noel Walton nodded at Noah Wood. He and his brother had come today not to accuse the Wood Family but to look for the person who dared to impersonate a disciple of the Five Elements Sect, Niklaus Woodson, and bully men and women.

Therefore, facing Noah Wood, Noel Walton was very polite.

"Young Master Walton, may I ask the reason for you and your brother's visit?"

Noah Wood asked indifferently, "Our Wood Family doesn't seem to have any relationship with your Walton Family anymore, does it?"

"Headmaster Wood, your daughter was engaged to my brother Esteban, and I was happy for my brother... But you came to our Walton Family to break off the engagement, no matter the reason, seems to be a bit much, doesn't it?"

Noel Walton said.

"Break off the engagement?"

Upon hearing Noel Walton's words, Noah Wood had a sudden realization, "So that's the matter Young Master Walton has come for... However, hasn't your father informed you that this issue has already been completely resolved?"

As he said this, Noah Wood looked at Esteban Walton, feeling something was amiss with today's events.

In 'Drifting Cloud Town', Noel Walton's reputation had always been good; he was not the type of person who bullied others with his power and disregarded reason, yet today he had come to make accusations with Esteban, which was quite peculiar.

"Hmph!"

Before Noel could speak, Esteban angrily said, "Noah Wood, you brought that Wyatt Barnes to our Walton Family to break off the engagement, causing my family to lose face, and forcibly separated me from Daisy... Do you not feel the slightest bit of guilt?"

Towards the end, Esteban's face was emotional, tears streaming down his face, unabashedly falling.

Noah Wood was dumbfounded.

A group of Wood Family elders was dumbfounded.

All the Wood Family disciples were dumbfounded too.

This Second Young Master Walton, what exactly is he causing a scene for?

Chapter 853: Young Master Barnes

Noel Walton watched his brother suffer so deeply, and his usually calm face instantly turned grim. He said to Noah Wood in a heavy tone, "Headmaster Wood, considering that you were once nearly my brother's father-in-law, I will not make things difficult for you..."

"But, you must hand over Wyatt Barnes! Today, I, Noel Walton, seek justice not only for my brother and the Walton Family but also for Niklaus Woodson of the Five Elements Sect!"

Noel Walton's words rang out forcefully, like rolling thunder.

Toward the end, a chilling rage surfaced on his face.

He rarely lost his temper, but seeing his brother in such agony today, and thinking of someone daring to impersonate a disciple of Niklaus Woodson from the Five Elements Sect, he was utterly infuriated!

Seek justice for the Five Elements Sect?

Upon hearing Noel Walton's words, Noah Wood's pupils shrank, and the other Wood Family elders and members all had looks of astonishment on their faces.

How did Wyatt Barnes become involved with the Five Elements Sect?

And it seemed as though he had committed some outrageous act that enraged both heaven and man against the sect?

"Young Master Walton, could there be a misunderstanding... How could Brother Barnes be involved with your Five Elements Sect?"

Noah Wood asked with a frown, feeling that something was amiss but unable to put his finger on it at the moment.

"Hmph! Headmaster Wood, it seems he has truly scared the wits out of you."

Just then, Esteban Walton spoke out sternly and sharply, "Didn't he tell you that he is a disciple of Niklaus Woodson from the Five Elements Sect? Today, my brother is here to discipline him on behalf of Niklaus Woodson of the Five Elements Sect!"

A disciple of Niklaus Woodson from the Five Elements Sect?

Noah Wood was stunned; he had no idea that Wyatt Barnes was a disciple of the sect. He immediately turned to a Wood Family member nearby and instructed, "You, go and ask Young Master Barnes to come here."

"Yes."

The Wood Family member respectfully agreed and left.

Seeing Noah Wood send for Wyatt Barnes, Noel Walton didn't say anything more for the time being and closed his eyes, waiting quietly.

Esteban Walton, standing beside Noel Walton, wore a look of smug satisfaction.

"Wyatt Barnes, I want to see how you'll fall on hard times!"

Esteban Walton's lips curled into a cold smirk, his heart filled with malice.

In the Wood Family's tranquil courtyard, Wyatt Barnes sat quietly at a stone table drinking tea, continuously holding a green shard in his other hand.

"I've finally comprehended the 'Third Level Middle Grade Wind Realm'."

Wyatt Barnes glanced at the 'Wind Realm Shard' in his hand, revealing a satisfied smile on his face. At the same time, he picked up his teacup and took a sip, letting the fragrance of the tea blossom in his mouth.

"Brother Barnes!"

At some point, the sound of a door opening was heard, and a graceful figure walked out from a room on the right side of the courtyard—it was Daisy Wood, who had been in seclusion for several days.

At this moment, Daisy's face beamed with joy as she excitedly said, "Brother Wood, the Pill Medicine you gave me is amazing. In just a few days, it has allowed me to regain my Original Infant Realm Seventh-Order cultivation!"

Daisy, who had ruined her inner energy a few days ago, had switched to practicing the martial arts technique taught to her by Wyatt Barnes.

During this time, she had taken several Pill Medicines given to her by Wyatt Barnes.

Those Pill Medicines were designed to absorb and store the inner energy Daisy had dissipated. After she retrained in the new technique, the Pill Medicine would then return the stored inner energy to Daisy.

In just a few days, Daisy had reclaimed all the inner energy from the Pill Medicines, and she was even on the verge of breaking through to the Original Infant Realm Level Eight!

"Daisy, those Pill Medicines are indeed miraculous, but they alone wouldn't enable you to recover your cultivation in such a short time... Haven't you noticed over these past few days that the speed at which you absorbed the inner energy from those Pill Medicines has increased?"

Wyatt Barnes shook his head, and then asked with a smile.

"Yes, it has increased. But isn't that because the inner energy in the Pill Medicine was originally my own?"

Daisy asked curiously.

She didn't understand the nature of those Pill Medicines, only that they could absorb the inner energy she had dispersed, and through cultivation, 'retrieve' it.

"You silly girl... Now that you've absorbed all the inner energy from those Pill Medicines, try to absorb the inner energy of heaven and earth stored in the original stone and see."

Wyatt Barnes chuckled wryly. He had thought that upon leaving seclusion, she would be excited by the talent she now possessed, but it seemed she had noticed nothing.

Daisy nodded, sat down at the stone table, took out an inferior original stone, and started cultivating on the spot.

After a dozen breaths, Daisy opened her eyes, her pretty face filled with shock.

"Wy... Brother Barnes... How come I feel like I'm absorbing the inner energy of heaven and earth from the original stone at a rate that's more than ten times faster than before? Although it's not as fast as when I absorbed the inner energy that was originally my own from those Pill Medicines, it's not much slower either."

Daisy asked, somewhat dazed.

"Silly girl."

Wyatt Barnes shook his head. "Haven't you forgotten what I said to you a few days ago? Do you really think that when I told you I performed the Washing Marrow, I was just speaking metaphorically?"

From his observation, Daisy's talent, although not like his own after consuming the millennia-old Giovanni Stone Milk and enhancing his talent to the limit, wasn't far off.

"Washing Marrow!"

On hearing his words, Daisy suddenly recalled what Wyatt Barnes had told her a few days ago. At that time, he had said her talent was different from before, but she hadn't believed it.

Now, the truth was right before her eyes, undeniable.

"Brother Barnes, did you... Did you truly enhance my talent?"

Daisy looked at Wyatt Barnes, her face filled with excitement.

Wyatt Barnes chuckled, "You silly girl, even now, do you still doubt your Brother Barnes? Do I look that much like a charlatan to you?"

"Brother Barnes, I didn't mean it like that..."

Daisy Wood's pretty face flushed red when she heard Wyatt Barnes's words, and she hurriedly explained, "I was just... just too surprised! Although I knew that here on the Cloud Skies Continent there are some heavenly treasures that can enhance a martial artist's talent, I've never heard of someone able to enhance another person's talent."

"Now you know how amazing your Brother Barnes is, right?"

Wyatt Barnes said with a smile.

"Yes, Brother Barnes is the most amazing."

Daisy Wood nodded like a pecking chicken, then her face turned red again as she stared straight at Wyatt Barnes.

"What's wrong? Do I have something on my face?"

Feeling uncomfortable under Daisy's gaze, Wyatt Barnes couldn't help but ask.

Smack!

Just as Wyatt Barnes was about to raise his hand to touch his face, Daisy Wood leaned in and, like a surprise attack, kissed him on the face.

By the time Wyatt Barnes was standing there dumbstruck, Daisy Wood had already run back to her room with a flushed face, and with a 'bang', she closed the door. Her voice travelled from afar, "Brother Barnes, thank you! I will practice hard."

After that, there was no more noise, clearly she was eager to practice with her newfound exceptional talent.

"This girl."

Wyatt Barnes, the victim of Daisy's sneak attack, shook his head and smiled.

"If there's a chance in the future, I'll bring Daisy to see my parents... and ask them to take her as an adopted daughter, then she'll really be my sister."

A gentle smile appeared on Wyatt Barnes's face as this thought crossed his mind.

"Young Master Barnes!"

Just then, a respectful and urgent voice came from outside the courtyard.

"Hm?"

Wyatt Barnes frowned; he could sense the urgency in the voice of the person outside and didn't dare to delay, so he walked straight out of the small courtyard.

He found a Wood Family disciple standing there anxiously.

"What's the matter?"

Wyatt Barnes asked curiously, not knowing why this Wood Family disciple was in such a hurry, as if racing to reincarnation.

"Young Master Barnes, you should hurry over... Young Master Walton and Second Young Master Walton have come, apparently about the headmaster and your trip to the Walton Family to call off the engagement."

The Wood Family disciple said hastily.

"Young Master Walton? Noel Walton?"

Wyatt Barnes recalled the Young Master Walton that Daisy had mentioned, the one who joined the Five Elements Sect, and couldn't help but ask.

"Yes."

The Wood Family disciple nodded.

"Where are they? Lead the way."

Wyatt Barnes said, his expression calm from beginning to end, as if he was not worried at all about what Noel Walton could do to him.

The Wood Family disciple led the way, and Wyatt Barnes followed behind.

"Isn't Young Master Walton supposed to be a reasonable man?"

Wyatt Barnes furrowed his brow, remembering Daisy's comments about Noel Walton, who was upright and starkly different from his brother, Esteban Walton.

However, if Noel Walton truly were reasonable, he shouldn't have come looking for trouble at the Wood Family with Esteban Walton.

"Regardless, let's go over and have a look... I was just thinking about how to make contact with the people from the Five Elements Sect, and Noel Walton came knocking on my door."

Wyatt Barnes followed the Wood Family disciple, weaving through the Wood Family estate, and soon arrived outside the Wood Family's main hall.

Only then did Wyatt Barnes notice the crowd gathered ahead.

"Young Master Barnes is here!"

The Wood Family disciple leading the way ahead shouted.

Instantly, the circle of Wood Family disciples respectably made way.

"Young Master Barnes!"

"Young Master Barnes!"

...

One after another, the Wood Family disciples respectfully greeted Wyatt Barnes, who was walking over slowly. Over this period, the deeds of this young man in purple clothing had almost become legendary throughout Drifting Cloud Town.

Alone, he had defeated the Walton Family head and the all-powerful elder, helping the Wood Family cancel the ridiculous marriage agreement with the Walton Family.

Thanks to this, the Wood Family disciples, going out and about in the past few days, could see the awe in the eyes of onlookers as they looked at them, greatly satisfying their vanity.

They knew that all this respect was brought to them by the young man in purple before them. Without him, nobody would have shown them such respect.

"Mhm."

Facing the enthusiastic Wood Family disciples, Wyatt Barnes nodded and smiled in response to each greeting.

Suddenly, the Wood Family disciples' faces lit up with radiant smiles, exclaiming, "Not only is Young Master Barnes strong, but he's also so approachable. He truly is rare."

Seeing how respected Wyatt Barnes was among the Wood Family disciples, Esteban Walton's face turned utterly dark. He sneered at Noah Wood not too far away, "Headmaster Wood, I think it's about time you handed over your position as headmaster to this Wyatt Barnes! In the

future, the Wood Family should be the 'Barnes Family', and all of the Wood Family should change their last name to 'Barnes'."

Esteban Walton's words made Noah Wood's face look extremely unpleasant.

Chapter 854: One Palm Strike Sends Him Flying

Changing the Wood Family's surname was undoubtedly a naked insult to them!

For a moment, not only Noah Wood, but all the Wood Family's elders and disciples were glaring at Esteban Walton in anger, yet due to their apprehension of Noel Walton, none dared to take any action.

"Esteban, don't go too far! Remember, our purpose for coming to the Wood Family today is not to accuse them of any wrongdoing..."

Finally, Noel Walton, who had been standing quietly to the side with his eyes closed, opened his eyes, his sharp gaze landing on the purple-clad young man for the first time.

"Are you Wyatt Barnes?"

Noel Walton asked, looking at Wyatt Barnes with a grave voice.

"Indeed."

Wyatt Barnes nodded indifferently while sizing up the young man before him, Noel Walton.

Noel Walton appeared to be around thirty-five, with an air of integrity between his brows, clearly a more upright person, the complete opposite of his brother.

"Do you know what the consequences of impersonating a disciple of the Five Elements Sect and bullying both men and women outside are?"

Noel Walton's gaze was electric as he stared at Wyatt Barnes, asking sternly.

Impersonating a disciple of the Five Elements Sect?

When he heard Noel Walton's words, Wyatt Barnes couldn't help but be taken aback for a moment.

Below their master, Noah Wood, the group of people from the Wood Family also couldn't help but freeze when they heard Noel Walton's words.

Wyatt Barnes, impersonating a disciple of the Five Elements Sect?

In their view, with the accomplishments Wyatt Barnes had achieved at such a young age, there was no need for him to impersonate a disciple of the Five Elements Sect.

If Wyatt Barnes wanted, he could easily join the Five Elements Sect without any difficulty!

Only around twenty-five and defeating a Sixth-Order Cave Void Realm martial artist with enigmatic methods... does such an outstanding young man need to impersonate a disciple of the Five Elements Sect?

"Young Master Walton, could there be some misunderstanding here?"

Noah Wood asked.

Wyatt Barnes returned to his senses, his brows arching slightly. He glanced unintentionally at Esteban Walton beside Noel Walton, only to see a hint of panic in Esteban's eyes.

At that moment, he had a vague guess of what was happening.

"Wyatt Barnes!"

Just then, before Wyatt Barnes could speak, Esteban Walton had already shouted out angrily, glowering at Wyatt Barnes, "You scum! Not only did you impersonate Niklaus Woodson, a disciple of the Five Elements Sect, to bully others and dominate women, but you also forcibly took my fiancée and pressured the Wood Family to annul our engagement... I won't let you go, I'll fight you to the death!"

As his shouting reached its climax, Esteban Walton launched himself toward Wyatt Barnes, ready to fight him for his life.

Seeing Esteban Walton pounce towards Wyatt Barnes, the group from the Wood Family was stunned; they hadn't expected this wastrel from the Walton Family to dare make a move against Wyatt Barnes.

Logically, he should have been aware of Wyatt Barnes's strength.

Wyatt Barnes laughed, his smile sunny and bright.

He naturally guessed Esteban Walton's thoughts, and without pointing them out, instead he let out a cold chuckle and exclaimed, "A jumping clown!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Wyatt Barnes raised his hand, and with a slap, he struck out toward Esteban Walton.

This slap from Wyatt Barnes wasn't delivered with too much force.

"Don't hurt my brother!"

Just as Wyatt Barnes's palm was about to land on Esteban Walton's body, Noel Walton shouted sharply, took a step forward, and struck out with a palm of his own to meet Wyatt Barnes's.

Whoosh!

Noel Walton made his move, and a vast Origin Force transformed into a huge, rolling flame in the palm of his hand, sweeping across the sky and causing a series of piercing explosions as it collided with Wyatt Barnes's palm.

Above the void, a sudden change occurred in the heavens and the earth, first revealing the phantom images of sixty ancient Horned Dragons, followed by forty more.

A total of one hundred ancient Horned Dragon phantoms roared forth, their momentum rainbow-like.

Cave Void Realm Fourth-Order!

Third-level mid-tier Fire realm!

This was the strength of Young Master Walton, Niklaus Woodson, a disciple of the Five Elements Sect, Noel Walton.

Interesting!

A cold smile crept over Wyatt Barnes's lips, and the Origin Force in his hand exploded violently before turning into fierce gales, forming a continuously spinning vortex in the center of his palm.

Bang!

Finally, Wyatt Barnes and Noel Walton's palms met, making a tremendous sound.

Immediately after, a fierce fire surged from Noel Walton's palm, unleashing its fury towards Wyatt Barnes as if intending to reduce Wyatt Barnes to ashes.

The whirling gales, coming from Wyatt Barnes's hand in reverse rotation, collided with the engulfing flames and completely suppressed them.

Crack!

A crisp bone-cracking sound was heard, followed by a deep groan that reached everyone's ears.

Then, everyone saw Wyatt Barnes overpower Noel Walton with a single palm, breaking one of Noel Walton's arms, and then, like a dragon sweeping the winds, his palm descended upon Noel Walton's body.

Bang!

Another loud noise followed as Noel Walton was sent flying like an arrow released from its bowstring; after flying more than ten meters, he hit the wall of the Wood Family's great hall and then tumbled down, falling unconscious.

Almost at the same time.

Whirl!

Whirl!

Centered around the void behind and in front of Wyatt Barnes, two waves of compressed air exploded outward in all directions, causing the clothes of the Wood family members to flutter with a whistling sound.

Some of the Wood family disciples with lower cultivation were even pushed back several steps by the blast.

Above the void above Wyatt's head, the illusory images of one hundred and ten ancient Horned Dragons gradually dissipated, allowing the void above to return to calm.

"This is the first time I've taken action since the breakthrough," Wyatt said, clenching his fists slightly and revealing a faint smile on his face.

Cave Void Realm Fifth-Order!

Third-Order Intermediate Wind realm!

This was Wyatt's current strength.

During his time with the Wood family, not only had he made a breakthrough in his cultivation, but his 'Wind realm' had also advanced again, adding the force of twenty ancient Horned Dragons in one stroke!

"However... why didn't my spiritual strength increase this time?"

Wyatt had been puzzled by this ever since he broke through to the Cave Void Realm Fifth-Order two days prior, not understanding what had happened.

According to common sense, his spiritual strength was enhanced through the 'spiritual fruits' and 'Soul Beads' that could raise his spiritual level, which was two orders higher than his cultivation.

His spiritual strength level had always maintained a two-orders-higher pace than his cultivation.

But after this breakthrough to the Cave Void Realm Fifth-Order, Wyatt was shocked to find that his spiritual strength still lingered at the Cave Void Realm Sixth-Order and had not risen to the Seventh-Order.

Logically, this was impossible.

"There's only one possibility... it's the aftereffects left by the Demon Sealing Monument's anomaly last time!"

Now, Wyatt could only explain it in this way.

Back then, when he was surrounded by the six elders of Grimm Wolf Fortress and his hand touched the Demon Sealing Monument, the power that surged out from inside it did not only invade his arm but also entered his soul.

After that, he lost consciousness.

In a daze, a scene like a 'dream' appeared, which he had now confirmed was not a dream but a reality.

The power of the Demon Sealing Monument temporarily controlled his body and slaughtered all life around him!

That time, even Taoi Romero almost got killed by him under the Demon Sealing Monument's control; luckily, he managed to retain a sliver of consciousness, allowing Taoi to narrowly escape.

"If it's really as I suspected... the aftereffects of the Demon Sealing Monument last time are too severe, aren't they?" Wyatt thought to himself in frustration and bitterness.

He had always relied on the Soul Technique 'Thousand Illusions,' facilitated by his spiritual power that was two orders higher than his cultivation, as the most potent means at his disposal.

Moreover, with the Soul Technique 'Thousand Illusions,' he defeated many opponents he would have struggled to beat with his strength alone.

Now that his cultivation had reached the Cave Void Realm Fifth-Order, his spiritual strength had not increased alongside it and remained at the previous Cave Void Realm Sixth-Order level.

This left him somewhat troubled and disappointed.

"Sigh!"

Wyatt took a deep breath, and regaining his focus, he realized that since the incident had already occurred, it was doomed to be unchangeable.

"I hope that when I break through to the Cave Void Realm Sixth-Order, my spiritual strength will increase again... otherwise, defeating higher-level enemies would be almost impossible," he sighed to himself.

What he worried about most now was the possibility of his spiritual strength becoming equal to his cultivation level; if that happened, his Soul Technique 'Thousand Illusions' would become utterly useless.

"Halt!"

Upon regaining his focus, Wyatt saw Esteban Walton carrying the unconscious Noel Walton, attempting to sneak away, and he couldn't help but shout sharply.

Suddenly, just as Esteban rose into the air, he trembled and glared at Wyatt with venomous eyes, "Wyatt Barnes, you dared to severely injure my brother, you are dead... Senior Colby will never let you off!"

Senior Colby?

Wyatt raised his eyebrows and immediately leaped forward, landing not far from Esteban Walton and asked casually, "Who is this Senior Colby you speak of? Someone from the Five Elements Sect?"

"Exactly!"

Esteban Walton stared at Wyatt malevolently, "Senior Colby is not only a member of the Five Elements Sect, but he is also my brother's master, as well as an elder of the Niklaus Woodson of the Five Elements Sect!"

An elder of the Five Elements Sect?

As these words from Esteban Walton emerged, Wyatt was unfazed,

But Noah Wood, the head of the Wood family, had his face change drastically and hastily let Origin Force-infused voice enter Wyatt's ears, "Brother Barnes, you better leave the Wood family quickly and find a place to hide... An elder of the Five Elements Sect is at least at the Transforming Void Realm, far beyond what you can handle right now."

"An elder of the Five Elements Sect?"

Wyatt appeared to have not heard Noah Wood's words, his expression curious as he looked at Esteban Walton, "And where is this elder of the Five Elements Sect now?"

"Of course, he's at our Walton Family."

Esteban Walton snorted coldly and then mockingly said, "You wouldn't be thinking of going to our Walton Family to apologize to Senior Colby, would you? If so, then let me tell you now... it's pointless!"

"My brother is Senior Colby's most beloved disciple, considered as his own son. You've crippled one of my brother's arms and severely injured him... Senior Colby will definitely not let you off!"

By the end, the smile on Esteban Walton's face was even broader.

"Who else from the Five Elements Sect came with your brother?"

Wyatt's expression remained calm as he asked.

"Even if it's just Senior Colby alone, he's more than enough to kill you ten times over! Wyatt Barnes, you better wash your neck and wait nicely! Of course, you can also run. Hahahaha..."

Towards the end, Esteban Walton laughed unrestrainedly, his laughter filled with pleasure.

Chapter 855: Pathetic

"No wonder the people of 'Drifting Cloud Town' say you are worse than a beast, their words couldn't be more accurate."

Wyatt Barnes watched Shen An with a laugh, a coldness forming at the corner of his mouth.

"Wyatt Barnes, if I were you, I'd be rushing to save my own life right now, instead of wasting time here... but even if you managed to escape 'Drifting Cloud Town', it's doubtful you'd escape the palm of Senior Colby!"

After restraining his wanton laughter, Shen An looked at Wyatt Barnes as if looking at a dead man.

"Do you really think... a venerable Five Elements Sect elder would be so brainless?"

Wyatt Barnes suddenly laughed, a laugh that sent shivers down Shen An's spine, prompting him to demand coldly, "What do you mean by that?!"

"What do I mean?"

Wyatt Barnes looked deeply at Shen An, "What I mean, don't you understand better than anyone? Maybe I injured your brother, but why did I injure your brother? Do you think the elder of the Five Elements Sect won't find out it was you who betrayed your own brother?"

"You're talking nonsense!"

Having been hit where it hurt by Wyatt Barnes, Shen An's face drastically changed color as he roared angrily, as if attempting to cover up his own guilt with his loud voice.

"Talking nonsense?"

The smile on Wyatt Barnes's face became even more radiant before he added, "Well then... I'll accompany you to the Walton Family! Let's see if the elder of the Five Elements Sect hates you, the instigator, more or me, the one who laid hands on your brother."

"You... You dare to go to our Walton Family?"

Shen An's pupils constricted as he cried out in shock, "Aren't you afraid of dying?"

"Die? Even if death were on the line, shouldn't you be dying before me? I'm quite curious, what kind of expression will the elder of the Five Elements Sect have upon discovering his most cherished disciple was harmed by his own younger brother?"

The smile on Wyatt Barnes's face remained unchanged.

"You... You're a madman! You're a madman!"

Shen An's face was incredibly somber; indeed he was genuinely worried that Wyatt Barnes would actually accompany him back to the Walton Family.

He originally thought his plan was foolproof. Once he brought his grievously injured elder brother back to the Walton Family, and if Wyatt Barnes had fled, his brother's master, the Five Elements Sect's Elder 'Briggs Colby', would have gone to great lengths to hunt Wyatt down.

In that case, Wyatt Barnes might not even have a chance to speak before he was killed by Briggs Colby.

But now, the development of the situation had not followed the 'plan' in his heart. Perhaps the person standing in front of him was too calm, alarmingly so, frightening him.

"Headmaster Wood, go and call Daisy over... We're going to make a trip to the Walton Family together! Didn't this Second Young Master Walton say that I took his fiancée by force? We'll confront him in front of the elder of the Five Elements Sect. I simply refuse to believe that all members of the Walton Family will collaborate with him."

By the end of his speech, a trace of mockery formed at the corner of Wyatt Barnes's mouth.

As the head of the Wood Family, Noah Wood was certainly not a fool. He vaguely guessed something from what Wyatt Barnes had said earlier.

"Alright! I'll go fetch Daisy right away."

Upon saying this, Noah Wood turned into a lightning bolt, heading towards the courtyard where Daisy Wood resided.

Above the void, Shen An's expression was unsightly as he looked at Wyatt Barnes and sternly said, "Wyatt Barnes, what exactly do you want to do? What are you trying to achieve?"

"What do I want to do? What am I trying to achieve?"

Wyatt Barnes looked at Shen An as though he were looking at an idiot, replying coldly with a laugh, "Second Young Master Walton, shouldn't that be what I'm asking you? I'd like to ask you, what are you trying to achieve? What do you want to do?"

"Considering the face of your father, all the things you did in the past, I let them go... But what have you done now? Deceiving your own elder brother, using him against me, do you really think I, Wyatt Barnes, am an idiot like you, who would fall for the trap you've set up?"

Towards the end, Wyatt Barnes slowly spat out two words, "Idiot!"

Idiot!

The voice of Wyatt Barnes resonated like the sound of a great bell, causing Shen An's face to change and turn deathly pale.

Every word spoken by Wyatt Barnes was like a giant hammer forcibly striking his chest, making his breathing increasingly rapid.

"Wyatt Barnes."

Finally, Shen An took a deep breath and slowly said, "As for today's matter, as long as you ensure the Wood Family keeps silent, I won't hold it against you... As for my brother, I will say he was severely injured by some mysterious strong person."

With such words, Shen An was clearly caving in, also acknowledging the failure of his plan.

"Oh?"

Wyatt Barnes was greatly surprised upon hearing Shen An's words and curiously asked, "But your brother was clearly injured by me... he knows it was me, and sooner or later, won't the elder of the Five Elements Sect find out anyway?"

"My brother loves me the most. As long as I apologize to him, he will surely side with me and absolutely not betray you," Shen An said sternly.

Shen An's words made Wyatt Barnes's gaze involuntarily fall on the severely injured and unconscious Noel Walton, with a touch of pity shining in his eyes.

In his opinion, it was a sad fate for Noel Walton to have such a brother!

His brother was fully using the love he had for him as a tool to be exploited, which was pitiful.

"I truly feel sorry for your brother."

Wyatt Barnes shook his head, speaking from the heart.

"None of this is your concern... Anyway, in the future, you go your way, I'll cross my bridge, and we'll have nothing to do with each other!"

Having said this, Shen An tried to leave with the passed-out Noel Walton.

Whoosh!

Wyatt Barnes swiftly moved, blocking Shen An once again.

Shen An's face darkened, and he angrily said, "Wyatt Barnes, do you really think escalating this matter will be beneficial for you? Let me tell you, even if my brother's master learns the whole truth, with my brother covering for me, he won't kill me! You on the other hand, are in much more danger than I am."

"Is that so? Then I shall accompany you."

Wyatt Barnes laughed, a fearless laugh.

"Madman! You're a fucking madman!"

Esteban Walton roared with an impassive face.

He had said what he said, but in reality, he was just as uncertain; who knew whether his brother's master would kill him in a fit of rage before his brother woke up?

"What exactly do you want, to let today's matter rest?"

Esteban Walton took a deep breath and asked in a deep voice.

Wyatt Barnes did not pay attention to him, but instead looked towards the two figures approaching from afar. Noah Wood, the head of the Wood Family, was flying toward them with Daisy Wood, rapidly approaching above the grand hall of the Wood Family.

"Brother Barnes."

Daisy did not look at Esteban Walton but turned towards Wyatt Barnes. With a worried face, she asked, "I heard from my father that you injured Noel Walton and are going to the Walton Family?"

"Yes."

Wyatt Barnes nodded with a smile, "You should come with me. There may be some matters that require your intervention."

After speaking, Wyatt Barnes looked at Esteban Walton, and with a raise of his hand, he controlled him, took him and the unconscious Noel Walton, and flew towards the Walton Family's direction.

Behind them, Noah Wood followed with Daisy who had not yet entered the Peep Naught Realm and thus could not fly on her own.

The rest of the Wood Family elders and disciples all sighed in admiration.

"It's still Young Master Barnes who has a way!"

"That spoiled brat from the Walton Family has been completely at Young Master Barnes' mercy from start to finish!"

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One after another, the Wood Family disciples looked up admiringly at the receding figure of Wyatt Barnes, not regaining their senses until he had disappeared from view.

"Brother Barnes..."

Worry tinged Daisy's brow as she feared for Wyatt Barnes' safety.

"Daisy, don't worry... Since Brother Barnes has made such a decision, I believe he must have calculated it well and will be fine," Noah Wood consoled her, even though he himself also felt unease. However, out of trust for Wyatt Barnes, he couldn't help but speak up.

Remember, the last time he and Wyatt Barnes went to the Walton Family to call off the engagement, he felt even worse than now when he saw that Wyatt Barnes was not as strong as the Walton Family's elder. But subsequently, Wyatt Barnes played the elder for a fool with his unfathomable methods, instantly lifting Noah Wood's spirits from hell to heaven.

"Okay."

Daisy nodded upon hearing Noah Wood's words of comfort.

"Wyatt Barnes, let me go! Let me go!"

Esteban Walton, controlled by Wyatt Barnes and being taken towards the Walton Family estate, howled all the way, his face twisted with ferocity.

Wyatt Barnes, however, couldn't be bothered with him.

"Wyatt Barnes, if you let me go, not only will I completely disassociate you from this matter, but I also swear I will never do evil again... Really! Believe me! Believe me!"

Having found that being tough did not work, Esteban Walton chose to take a softer approach.

Unfortunately, Wyatt Barnes was impervious to either approach.

Moments later, Wyatt Barnes once again arrived above the Walton Family estate.

The reason he wanted to make a big deal out of the situation was twofold, first to teach Esteban Walton a lesson, and second, to join the 'Five Elements Sect' through the sect's elder and then head to the 'Secret Trove' left by a Martial Emperor, to meet up with Winnie and the others.

For that reason, when he gravely injured Noel Walton, he did not go for the kill.

Noel Walton's injuries looked severe, but with the right healing Pill Medicine and some recuperation, he would fully recover in at most half a month.

The Walton Family's grand hall.

Elder Briggs Colby of the Five Elements Sect had just finished a meal accompanied by the Walton Family's top echelons and was sitting at the head of the grand hall.

Family Head Adan Walton and a group of Walton Family elders were seated below him.

"Noel really... It's so rare for him to come back, yet he missed the welcome banquet we prepared for Elder Colby."

Adan Walton looked at Briggs Colby with an apologetic face, "Elder Colby, I'm truly sorry. It must be my youngest son dragging Noel out. When he returns, I will surely discipline him well!"

"It's no bother."

Briggs Colby shook his head and chuckled, "Noel has not been back for four years; let him roam around Drifting Cloud Town for now... after all, we are leaving tomorrow."

"So soon?"

Adan Walton exclaimed in surprise, "Elder Colby, I wanted to host you properly. Why don't you stay a few more days?"

"Family Head Walton, the reason I took Noel out was that we truly have urgent business. Due to certain reasons, our Five Elements Sect urgently needs to recruit a batch of Cave Void Realm martial artists under forty years of age, and up to now, our Woodson Peak has only recruited two, far from our target," Briggs Colby lamented, sighing, "Our time is very tight."

"Cave Void Realm martial artists under forty years old?"

Those words from Briggs Colby made Adan Walton's eyes light up, "Elder Colby, now that you mention it, I think of someone... perhaps, I can help recommend him to join the Five Elements Sect."

Chapter 856: Return to the Walton Family

"Oh?"

Upon hearing Adan Walton's words, Briggs Colby's eyes brightened, and he asked with some surprise, "Could it be that the Walton Family has such a talented young man?"

"Elder Colby jests. In our Walton Family, aside from Noel, there are no other outstanding young talents,"

Adan Walton shook his head and bitter-smiled, "He is a young man I met some days ago. Though young, his strength is extraordinary... Don't laugh, Elder Colby, but in our Walton Family, no one can match that young man."

"What?!"

Upon hearing this, Briggs Colby was greatly shocked. "Family Head Walton, I've heard from Noel Walton that your Walton Family's supreme elder had already broken through to the 'Cave Void Realm Fifth Layer' four years ago... Could it be that even he is no match for that 'young man' you mentioned?"

"Elder Colby might not know this, but our Walton Family's supreme elder had already broken through to the 'Cave Void Realm Sixth Layer' a while ago."

Adan Walton sighed, his gaze becoming complicated.

Recently, that youth in purple robes had shocked him profoundly.

"Cave Void Realm Sixth Layer?"

Briggs Colby's pupils constricted as he moved, "Family Head Walton, could it be that the young man you mentioned even defeated the supreme elder of your Walton Family, a being of the Cave Void Realm Sixth Layer?"

"Yes."

Adan Walton nodded.

"Where is he now?"

Briggs Colby's eyes lit up, he asked eagerly, suddenly feeling that the young man could be a turning point for Niklaus Woodson of the Five Elements Sect.

Niklaus Woodson was currently on a downward spiral, desperately in need of excellent new blood to join.

"He has been staying at the Wood Family in Drifting Cloud Town recently. Elder Colby, if you are interested, I... "

Adan Walton had not finished speaking when a sudden voice interrupted him.

"Family Head Walton, Wyatt Barnes has come uninvited, please do not take offense!"

A calm and loud voice came from outside the Walton family's main hall, growing nearer.

"It's him!"

Adan Walton's eyes brightened, and he hurriedly looked toward the entrance of the main hall. He hadn't expected that just after mentioning Wyatt Barnes, Wyatt would arrive.

However, his expression soon changed.

He saw Wyatt Barnes, but he also saw two other people, a young man with a face full of terror, and another young man grievously unconscious.

He knew these two very well; they were his sons.

"Noel!"

A sudden, hoarse and elderly voice rang out. The elder who had been sitting at the head of the hall had vanished, reappearing next to the unconscious young man, who was none other than the eldest son Walton, 'Noel Walton'.

After determining that Noel's injuries were not serious, the elder breathed a sigh of relief, fed Noel some Pill Medicine for healing, fixed his arm bone, and then stood up to look at the youth in purple robes near him.

The youth in purple robes was naturally 'Wyatt Barnes'.

"Family Head Walton, Noah Wood and his daughter Daisy Wood have come to visit,"

Another voice emerged, as Headmaster Wood 'Noah Wood' arrived with his daughter 'Daisy Wood'.

"Was it you who injured Noel?"

The elderly man, who was the Elder of the Five Elements Sect, Niklaus Woodson, stared at Wyatt Barnes with slightly murky eyes, his voice slightly deep.

"Yes."

Wyatt Barnes nodded and then scrutinized the old man before him.

The moment he entered the Walton family main hall, he had seen the elderly man sitting at the head of the hall, easily guessing his identity.

Elder of the Five Elements Sect.

Master of Noel Walton.

"Why?"

The elderly man was evidently a calm person. Even though he saw his most beloved disciple seriously injured, he did not let anger cloud his judgment, instead seeking to understand the sequence of events first.

Seeing how reasonable the elder was, a hint of admiration and respect appeared in Wyatt Barnes' eyes.

Actually, before coming here, he had thought more than once.

If Noel Walton's master, the Elder of the Five Elements Sect, was a man who unreasonably protected his own people and attacked him without asking for reasons upon meeting.

Then, he would have used a talisman to kill him instantly.

His visit to the Walton family was backed by full confidence that whatever happened, he could leave composedly.

Now, it seemed he could not only save a talisman but also had the opportunity to achieve his main purpose of coming here, to join the Five Elements Sect and meet with several long-lost friends through the sect.

"You must be the master of Young Master Walton, the Elder Colby of the Five Elements Sect, right?"

Wyatt Barnes narrowed his eyes, smiling as he asked.

"Correct."

Briggs Colby nodded, then glanced at Noel Walton lying on the ground, and said in a deep voice, "Yet I wonder how my useless disciple managed to offend you, compelling you to strike so ruthlessly."

"Ruthlessly?"

Wyatt Barnes chuckled, "Elder Colby, let's be clear... do you really think I was ruthless to your disciple?"

Upon hearing this, Briggs Colby couldn't help but be taken aback.

It must be said, though he verbally accused the youth in purple robes of being ruthless, he did not actually think so in his heart.

He had carefully examined his disciple's injuries just now; they were all external injuries, needing only some Pill Medicine for healing and bone setting, and after some rest, he would recover fully without any lasting effects.

"Regardless, you have injured my disciple... I have always known my disciple to be of good character, certainly not one to provoke trouble! Should you not offer me an explanation?"

Briggs Colby asked in a deep voice.

In truth, he was filled with shock at the age of the young man in purple before him.

This youth, who appeared to be no more than twenty-five, had actually defeated his direct disciple, Noel Walton, a martial artist of the fourth level of the Cave Void Realm.

When he examined Noel's injuries, he discovered that Noel had been severely wounded in a head-on fight, and the person who injured him had intentionally held back.

Otherwise, Noel's injuries would not have been so simple.

He could hardly imagine that such a young man could possess such terrifying strength.

Unconsciously, a sense of admiration for talent began to rise deep within his heart.

"If I could bring him back to the Five Elements Sect, why worry about Niklaus Woodson not thriving? However, before bringing him back, I must test his character. Otherwise, even if he is brought back, he might be poached by the other three peaks."

A thought crossed Briggs Colby's mind.

Over the years, their Niklaus Woodson was not without disciples of outstanding talent, but they had been poached by the other three peaks for various reasons.

If this purple-clothed youth were also of the 'fence-sitting' type, no matter how outstanding his talent, he would not bring him back to the Five Elements Sect.

Because it would be like making a bridal gown for the other peaks.

"An explanation?"

Upon hearing Briggs Colby's words, Wyatt Barnes shook his head, then pointed at Esteban Walton, "Elder Colby, if you truly seek an explanation, I think he should be the one to provide it."

"Hmm?"

Briggs Colby furrowed his brows and looked at Esteban Walton, "Is what he said true?"

"No! No!"

Esteban Walton hurriedly shook his head, panic-stricken as he pointed at Wyatt Barnes, "Elder Colby, it was him! He hurt my brother! Quick, kill him, kill him!"

"You miscreant!"

Finally, Adan Walton came forward, glaring at Esteban Walton and demanded, "Tell the truth, what absurd thing have you done again?!"

He had a vague guess about some things.

He knew his eldest son; he believed he would never provoke Wyatt Barnes without cause, since they bore no grudges between them.

As for Wyatt Barnes, though their interaction had been brief, he could tell that Wyatt was an upright person.

Therefore, in his view, it was his younger son who had likely stirred up this incident.

Challenged by Adan Walton, Esteban Walton trembled, his face turning pale, as he pointed at Wyatt Barnes and roared, "Dad! It was him! He hurt big brother... You must kill him! Kill him now!"

Now, Esteban Walton was hysterically shrieking, seemingly covering up the panic inside him.

"It seems you are unwilling to tell the truth?"

Wyatt Barnes glanced at Esteban Walton indifferently, then turned to Noah Wood, "Headmaster Wood, please enlighten Elder Colby and Family Head Walton about how Second Young Master Walton was behaving earlier at the Wood Family estate."

"What? You scoundrel, you actually took your brother to storm the Wood Family estate?!"

Upon hearing Wyatt's words, Adan Walton's face drastically changed, and with a slap, he struck Esteban Walton, leaving him dazed.

Noah Wood took a deep breath, without hiding anything, he recounted how Esteban Walton had led Noel Walton into the Wood Family estate and injured many of their family members.

"Additionally, I suspect that Young Master Walton might have been deceived by Second Young Master Walton..."

No sooner had Noah Wood begun to speak than Esteban Walton interrupted, "Noah Wood, don't slander me!"

"Dad, Elder Colby, I didn't deceive my brother, I didn't! It was them, they hurt my brother! Quick, quick! Kill them, kill them!"

Esteban Walton looked towards Adan Walton and Briggs Colby, yelling hysterically.

"Beast, shut up!"

Adan Walton's face darkened as he barked again, causing Esteban Walton's face to turn even paler with fear shaking his body violently.

"Hm."

Suddenly, a voice came as Noel Walton, who had been unconscious, opened his eyes and mumbled groggily, "Where am I?"

"Since Young Master Walton has awakened, Headmaster Wood, there is no need to further elaborate," Wyatt Barnes said with a smile, then glanced at Esteban Walton, "What say you, Second Young Master Walton?"

Esteban Walton's face slightly darkened, he took a deep breath and hurriedly looked towards Noel Walton.

"You're not thinking of using Origin Force to make your brother lie for you, are you?"

Seeing Esteban Walton's actions, Wyatt Barnes took a step forward, grabbed Esteban Walton, and spun him around several times like a top, completely distracting him, preventing him from potentially using Origin Force to manipulate.

"Noel!"

"Noel Walton!"

Adan Walton and Briggs Colby did not stop Wyatt Barnes; they stepped forward, one on each side, and helped Noel Walton to his feet, their faces filled with worry.

"Dad, Master."

Noel Walton came to his senses and asked in confusion, "How did I end up here? I... It was you! What are you trying to do to Esteban?!"

Seeing Wyatt Barnes playing with Esteban Walton, Noel Walton's face changed drastically. He started to attack Wyatt Barnes in anger, attempting to rescue Esteban.

Unfortunately, not yet fully recovered, he had barely taken a step forward when he nearly collapsed, thankfully caught by Adan Walton and Briggs Colby.

"Noel Walton, what exactly happened? Tell me the whole story, without omitting a single word," Briggs Colby demanded in a stern voice.

Faced with the candid young man in purple, he was momentarily unsure whether it was his disciple's fault or the young man's.

Chapter 857: Approve, Approve!

"No..."

Esteban Walton heard Briggs Colby asking Noel Walton a question, and since he was facing away from Noel and unable to communicate through Origin Force vocalization, he immediately became anxious. He opened his mouth, trying to stop Noel.

Smack!

Wyatt Barnes, who was ready for it, raised his hand and sent a slap flying across Esteban's face, leaving him dizzy, "Shut up! Say one more word, and I'll turn your face into a pig's head!"

"You!!"

Watching Wyatt treat his brother this way, Noel's face changed drastically and his eyes turned bloodshot, but he was completely incapable of exerting any force at that moment and could only watch helplessly.

"Father, Master, stop him quickly!"

Noel pleaded for help from Adan Walton and Briggs Colby, but soon realized that neither his father nor his master had any intention of coming to Esteban's rescue.

For a moment, he faintly sensed something odd about the atmosphere.

"Father, what's happening?"

Noel looked bewilderedly toward Adan Walton.

"Noel, answer your master's question,"

Adan Walton said with a grave expression.

Only then did Noel notice Briggs Colby looking at him sternly, and he dared not delay, recounting everything Esteban had told him when he had just entered the Walton household.

"That Wyatt Barnes, not only did he impersonate a disciple of the Five Elements Sect's Niklaus Woodson to bully men and women outside, but he also forcibly took over my brother's fiancée, pressured the Wood Family to annul their marriage with us, making our Walton Family lose face!"

Noel looked toward Wyatt Barnes, his teeth clenched with anger, "That's why I wanted to teach him a lesson myself, and it has nothing to do with Esteban! Besides, Master, don't you think he deserves to be taught a lesson?"

"Impersonating our Niklaus Woodson disciple?"

Briggs Colby, after hearing Noel Walton's words, his face darkened as he looked coldly towards Wyatt Barnes, "What's your explanation?"

"Explanation?"

Wyatt Barnes laughed, glanced at Briggs Colby, and said, "Elder Colby, to tell the truth, before I helped the Wood Family annul the marriage agreement with the Walton Family, I didn't even know about the existence of the Five Elements Sect, let alone any 'Niklaus Woodson.'"

"As for my reason for seeking the marriage annulment with the Waltons, Family Head Walton knows very well... If Family Head Walton can't give a clear account, I've brought the person concerned here too."

With that, Wyatt Barnes looked toward Daisy Wood standing behind Noah Wood, "Daisy, come here."

Daisy obediently stood beside Wyatt Barnes, her eyes shyly looking towards Briggs Colby.

To her, an elder of the Five Elements Sect was a distant figure to be looked up to, and facing him directly made her heart fill with trepidation.

"There's no need for Miss Wood to speak for herself in this matter."

Adan Walton took a deep breath and then proceeded to explain to Briggs Colby the farce of the marriage agreement between the Wood Family and the Walton Family, while also disclosing all the wrongdoings his younger son had committed over the past few years.

"Thus, it's my wayward son who is unworthy of Miss Wood! Elder Brother Ling Tian sought to annul the marriage with our Walton Family for a just cause, with an open heart, only to repay Miss Wood for the life-saving grace she had extended, seeking nothing beyond that."

As he said this, Adan Walton looked angrily at Esteban Walton, who had his back to them, and said sharply, "But I never expected that my wayward son would twist the truth in front of Noel... The real culprit of bullying men and women is him, yet in his narrative, it became Elder Brother Ling Tian!"

"Regarding the impersonation of a disciple from the Five Elements Sect's Niklaus Woodson and such, it is certainly a slander he crafted against Elder Brother Ling Tian, meant to infuriate Noel, to make Noel stand up for him!"

Adan Walton's anger surged towards the end, causing his robes to flutter around him without any wind, rustling loudly.

"What?!"

Noel, upon hearing his father's words, turned pale and stared incredulously at Esteban's back, murmuring, "It was Esteban... When did Esteban change in this way? How could Esteban turn out like this?!"

"No! Impossible! Impossible!!"

Noel couldn't accept the fact that his brother was a profligate and frequently bullied men and women, and the shock rendered him breathless, leading to his heart getting flooded with rage, causing him to faint once more.

"Third Elder, please take the Young Master down to rest."

Adan Walton sighed and then turned to look toward Rhys Walton, who had been standing silently to one side, signaling to him.

"Yes."

Rhys Walton respectfully acknowledged and then supported the unconscious Noel Walton away.

"It seems I misunderstood you,"

Briggs Colby looked at Wyatt Barnes, forcing a smile that appeared amiable, "Your name is Wyatt Barnes?"

"Yes."

Wyatt Barnes nodded.

"Very well, very well."

Briggs Colby sized up Wyatt Barnes, wearing a pleased smile on his face.

"Elder Colby, he's the young man I mentioned to you before,"

Adan Walton, sensing Briggs Colby's interest in Wyatt Barnes, spoke up with a smile, "On that day, he sought to repay Miss Wood for saving his life by single-handedly entering our Walton estate, first defeating me, then our Senior Elder, and succeeding in annulling the ludicrous marriage agreement between the Wood and Walton families."

"To go to such lengths to repay the debt of a life saved, it's rare indeed."

Briggs Colby's gaze upon Wyatt Barnes became even more approving—he could tell from this incident alone that Wyatt Barnes's character was completely without issue.

His previous concerns were entirely unnecessary.

Moreso, Wyatt Barnes's martial Dao talent was simply terrifying!

A young man who appeared only to be about twenty-five years old was capable of defeating the Senior Elder of the Walton Family who was in the sixth level of the Cave Void Realm.

Even in their Five Elements Sect, they did not possess such an outstanding disciple!

"Perhaps, he is our 'Niklaus Woodson's' opportunity!"

As Elder Colby's gaze fell upon Wyatt Barnes, it became somewhat excited, as if he could see the rise of their Niklaus Woodson, as if he could see the dropped jaws of people from the other three peaks.

"Family Head Walton, if you praise me any further, I might just blush."

Wyatt Barnes shook his head with a smile and then raised his hand to drop Esteban Walton on the ground. A sharp gleam flickered in his eyes, "Family Head Walton, about this matter... how do you plan to resolve it?"

Once Wyatt had spoken, Elder Colby's gaze also shifted toward Adan Walton, becoming somewhat more piercing.

Clearly, the Third Elder of the Five Elements Sect also disapproved of Esteban Walton's despicable actions, especially since Esteban had trapped his own brother, who was also his disciple, making him even angrier.

However, as they say, 'Even an upright official struggles to settle a family dispute.' He knew in his heart that he was ultimately an outsider in the Walton Family and it was not appropriate for him to interfere in these affairs.

"Brother Barnes, rest assured, I will give you and Elder Colby a satisfactory explanation!"

Adan Walton took a deep breath, as if he had made some kind of decision.

"Dad, I know I was wrong! I know I was wrong! Please spare me this time, spare me this time!"

Esteban Walton, noticing the cold and fierce glance from Adan Walton, seemed to realize what was about to happen. He couldn't help but shiver, his voice trembling as he pleaded for mercy.

Unfortunately, the pleading of Esteban Walton did not diminish the severity in Adan Walton's eyes; it seemed he had also given up on his youngest son.

Then, to Wyatt Barnes' astonishment, Adan Walton approached Esteban Walton and raised his hand, knocking the despondent and limp Esteban unconscious on the ground.

Crack!

Crack!

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Four consecutive sounds of bones breaking reverberated, chilling to the bone. It was Adan Walton, who in a matter of seconds had crushed all four limbs of his son Esteban Walton's skeleton.

Given how ruthlessly he had acted, even if there were 'Grade One Return-Life Pills,' it was doubtful Esteban Walton's crippled limbs would ever recover.

"From today onwards, this wicked son will spend his lifetime in the Walton Family. The Walton Family will ensure he lives peacefully in his bed for the rest of his life, never again causing trouble outside."

Adan Walton's cold voice conveyed his resolve.

They say 'Even a tiger doesn't eat its cubs,' but now Adan Walton was in a difficult position and had no choice but to make a firm decision.

Otherwise, who knows what trouble his youngest son could cause in the future.

The Walton Family elders sighed, but none of them found Esteban Walton pitiable; in their view, this might even be the best outcome for him.

"Brother Barnes, let's go back."

As soon as the sound of bones breaking was heard, Daisy Wood's pretty face turned deathly pale, and she couldn't help but close her eyes, not daring to look.

"Alright."

Wyatt Barnes nodded with a smile, then took Daisy Wood's hand and bid farewell to Adan Walton and Elder Colby, "Family Head Walton, Elder Colby, since matters here have concluded, I will take my leave..."

After speaking, Wyatt Barnes, with Daisy Wood in tow, and Noah Wood started flying away from the Walton Family's main hall.

"Brother Barnes!"

Seeing Wyatt Barnes about to leave, Adan Walton became anxious. He had just bragged to Elder Colby that he would introduce Wyatt Barnes to him.

"Do you need something, Family Head Walton?"

Wyatt Barnes paused midair, asking with a puzzled look.

"It's not that I need something, but rather Elder Colby. I wonder if you might be interested..."

Adan Walton looked at Wyatt Barnes, intending to ask if Wyatt was interested in joining the Five Elements Sect, but before he could finish his question, Wyatt cut him off, "Are you asking if I am interested in joining the Five Elements Sect, Family Head Walton?"

"Exactly!"

Adan Walton nodded, surprised that Wyatt Barnes had guessed his thoughts.

"I am."

Wyatt Barnes didn't beat around the bush, nodding his head, then turned to the excited Elder Colby with a slight smile, "Of course, that's if Elder Colby finds me suitable."

"Suitable, absolutely suitable!"

Elder Colby hurriedly nodded, his face blooming with a smile, where was there any trace of the high bearing expected of a Transforming Void Realm powerhouse?

"Brother Barnes, you... you're going to the Five Elements Sect?"

Daisy Wood's pretty face slightly changed, her lips quivering and her eyes brimming with tears, full of reluctance.

"Daisy, if you're willing, come with me to the Five Elements Sect... I think Elder Colby wouldn't object to that, right?"

Wyatt Barnes gazed deeply at Elder Colby as he spoke.

"Of course not!"

Elder Colby hastily replied, having recognized Wyatt Barnes' character and being filled with interest in this young man possessing monstrous talent. He was eager to bring him back to the Five Elements Sect, to bring him back to Niklaus Woodson.

Even though Wyatt's request might seem excessive to some, it was simply not the same for someone with Wyatt's exceptional martial prowess; naturally, different rules applied.

"I... I can join the Five Elements Sect?"

Upon hearing Wyatt Barnes' words, Daisy Wood, was momentarily stunned. When she heard Elder Colby's response, her face was frozen, filled with disbelief.

"Elder Colby, can my daughter truly join the Five Elements Sect?"

Noah Wood likewise was astonished upon hearing Elder Colby's reply, swallowing hard, he asked incredulously.

Chapter 858: Before Leaving

"Of course,"

Briggs Colby nodded with a confident smile, "I still have that much authority."

"Thank you, Elder Colby, thank you so much!"

Upon confirmation, Noah Wood immediately showed a face full of excitement.

Although he was the head of the Wood Family in Drifting Cloud Town, he always maintained a reverent attitude when facing the colossal entity known as the Five Elements Sect.

The Wood Family had a history of several hundred years but had never produced a disciple with the talent to be admitted into a vast power like the Five Elements Sect, which had always been a regret for them.

Now, knowing that his daughter could join the Five Elements Sect, although there was a tie of favoritism involved, he could not help but feel inexplicably thrilled.

"In that case, could I ask Elder Colby to allow us a few days to prepare before we set off?"

Wyatt Barnes turned to Briggs Colby, intending to ask for his opinion.

"No problem at all, no problem!"

Briggs Colby, overwhelmed with joy that Wyatt had agreed to join the Five Elements Sect, was naturally all too eager to accommodate such an exceptional talent.

"Elder Colby, didn't you... didn't you say you were leaving early tomorrow morning?"

Adan Walton, who had ordered an elder to take his youngest son Esteban down, happened to hear these words from Briggs Colby and couldn't help but feel surprised.

Previously, when Briggs Colby had said he would leave the next day, he had tried to persuade him to stay.

But Briggs had seemed very determined, leaving Adan feeling quite helpless.

Now...

"Ahem,"

Caught by Adan's words, Briggs Colby gave an embarrassed smile, "Special circumstances, special circumstances... Family Head Walton, since that's the case, may I impose upon your hospitality for a few more days?"

"It would be our honor,"

Adan Walton quickly responded.

He naturally realized that Elder Colby's decision to stay a few more days was due to Wyatt Barnes, which clearly showed how much he valued Wyatt.

"Thank you, Elder Colby,"

Wyatt Barnes thanked Briggs Colby, then after greeting Adan Walton, he took Daisy Wood with him, who was still immersed in her excitement, and quickly left the Walton Family's grand hall.

"Wyatt, take your time preparing... As long as you are ready within half a month to leave with me, that's fine,"

As Wyatt exited the Walton Family grand hall, Briggs Colby, still inside, raised his voice to add one more thing.

This left Adan Walton, among other high-ranking members of the Walton Family, speechless.

Surely, different people received different treatments!

Wyatt and the others quickly returned to the Wood Family estate; understandably, Noah Wood could not refrain from thanking Wyatt profusely for the recent events.

"Brother Barnes, I really can't thank you enough. Without you, Daisy would never have been able to set foot in the Five Elements Sect in her life,"

Noah Wood said.

"Headmaster Wood, you are overestimating my contribution,"

Wyatt Barnes shook his head and then glanced at Daisy Wood beside him, saying, "Daisy has admirable talent. When I asked Elder Colby to take her into the Five Elements Sect, I also didn't want to see a hidden gem go to waste."

Daisy Wood, standing to the side, had a slightly flushed face, her beautiful eyes flickering with uncontrollable excitement.

Even now, she still felt like she was dreaming.

Being accepted into the Five Elements Sect!

Undoubtedly, it was a dream she had deemed unreachable since her childhood.

Yet now, this dream had become a reality.

"Brother Barnes, I know my daughter's talent well. With her abilities, the Five Elements Sect would definitely not take notice... This is all thanks to you,"

Upon hearing Wyatt's words, Noah Wood shook his head.

Wyatt Barnes offered a wry smile; did Headmaster Wood still think his daughter's talent was as before?

One must know, his decision to let Daisy be accepted into the Five Elements Sect had been deeply contemplated.

He was joining the Five Elements Sect mainly to reunite with old friends through the sect, not to actually commit to a career within it.

Under such circumstances, Wyatt felt a sense of guilt, guilt towards the Five Elements Sect.

His insistence on Daisy joining the sect was more about compensating the sect.

Perhaps, in the eyes of others today, Daisy was only able to join the Five Elements Sect because of him, Wyatt Barnes.

But he was very clear in his heart.

In the future, Daisy would let everyone know that it was not her latching onto the Five Elements Sect, but the Five Elements Sect that had sought her out.

Of course, Wyatt kept all this to himself for now, because he knew that speaking out wouldn't convince many; it was better to let the facts speak for themselves.

Daisy, given time, would slowly reveal her extraordinary talents and shine brilliantly!

"This is also something I owe to the Five Elements Sect,"

Wyatt Barnes thought silently to himself.

In the following days, Wyatt lived as he had before, either cultivating, comprehending the "realm," or sitting comfortably in the courtyard, enjoying his tea.

He had requested a few days to prepare, not for himself—he was alone in this place with no relatives, free to leave at any time.

The time he asked for was for Daisy.

He knew that Daisy had never been far from home her entire life; she certainly needed time to make preparations.

In the days that followed, the news that Daisy Wood was going to join the Five Elements Sect spread throughout the Wood Family. The whole family was adorned with lanterns and streamers, brimming with joy as if it was the New Year.

Every member of the Wood Family, when out and about in the following days, never failed to mention in conversation, "Our Miss Wood is going to join the Five Elements Sect."

And outsiders were all kinds of flattering.

Daisy Wood's initiation into the Five Elements Sect signified something that everyone understood quite clearly.

From that moment on, the Wood Family would be entirely different from before, having a 'Five Elements Sect' as its backing, just like the Walton Family.

Perhaps the Five Elements Sect wouldn't come to their rescue in full force, but in human interactions, favors are inevitable.

Should the Wood Family face any troubles, Miss Wood 'Daisy Wood' returning to help would undoubtedly bring along some elders and disciples from the Five Elements Sect.

"Drifting Cloud Town is about to change!"

"For the Wood Family, when one person achieves success, the whole family benefits!"

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The streets and alleys of Drifting Cloud Town were bubbling with excitement due to the news of the Wood Family's precious daughter joining the 'Five Elements Sect'.

Five days later.

At the entrance of the Wood Family's mansion, Wyatt Barnes stood quietly, still as a mountain, like a statue.

His gaze rested on a group of people not far away.

A pretty young girl was saying farewell to a group led by the Wood Family head 'Noah Wood' and other high-ranking members of the Wood Family.

All the Wood family members present at the mansion came out to see her off.

Half an hour later, the young girl turned and came to Wyatt's side.

"Brother Barnes, I'll have to trouble you to take care of Daisy in the future."

Noah Wood looked at Wyatt with a grave sense of trust.

His daughter was his precious treasure, and this was the first time she was leaving home for a long distance, filling his heart with reluctance to part.

"Headmaster Wood, don't worry, I will," Wyatt replied solemnly, nodding his head before taking Daisy Wood's hand with a light laugh, "Daisy, let's go."

"Okay."

Daisy was lifted into the air by Wyatt, heading towards the Walton Family's direction, but she couldn't help but look back three steps at a time, waving goodbye to the people of the Wood Family.

Only when the figures of the Wood Family disappeared from her sight did she turn around with a sense of loss and whisper, "Brother Barnes, when will I be able to come back to see my father?"

"Silly girl," Wyatt said with an affectionate laugh, "whenever you want to, just come back... I'll mention it to Elder Colby."

Wyatt believed that Elder Briggs Colby would certainly not refuse such a small request.

"Brother... Brother Barnes, don't mention this to Elder Colby just yet, or he'll think I'm taking advantage of your influence to get what I want," Daisy playfully stuck out her tongue. "I'd rather earn the respect of Elder Colby and other disciples of the Five Elements Sect on my own merit."

Wyatt laughed and nodded in agreement, "That's the spirit! Let's do it your way then."

Soon, Wyatt and Daisy arrived at the Walton Family estate, naturally receiving a warm welcome from the Walton Family head 'Adan Walton'.

In the Walton Family's great hall, Wyatt met with Briggs Colby once again.

Briggs Colby looked radiant today, as if he had shaved a few years off his age.

Wyatt couldn't help but be surprised and asked, "Elder Colby, have you had a breakthrough these past few days?"

"Wyatt Barnes, you do have a sharp eye," Briggs Colby nodded with a smile, "I've been practicing very smoothly these days, and I finally broke through the bottleneck that I haven't been able to overcome for many years!"

Years ago, Briggs Colby's cultivation had hit a bottleneck leading to the 'Transforming Void Realm Seventh-Order' and had been unable to break through, as if trapped in a demonic barrier.

These past few days, his fortunes seemed to have changed after meeting Wyatt, who agreed to join him in returning to the Five Elements Sect and joining 'Niklaus Woodson'. This had put him in an exceptionally good mood.

Unexpectedly, his cultivation had advanced, breaking through the bottleneck.

"Speaking of which, I have you to thank for this," Briggs Colby said with a smile.

"Thank me?" Wyatt was taken aback.

"Yes, it's because you promised my master that you'd return to the Five Elements Sect with us. It put him in such a good mood that he was able to break through," the voice from outside continued as someone entered.

Wyatt looked up to see that the person who had walked in was none other than the Walton Family's Young Master 'Noel Walton'.

A few days had passed, and Noel Walton had recovered as if nothing had happened.

"Young Master Walton," Wyatt greeted with a nod, bearing no grudge against Noel Walton after understanding the full story behind the recent incident.

In the whole affair, Noel Walton also had been kept in the dark, merely being a pawn used by his brother Esteban Walton.

His actions were blameless.

"Wyatt Barnes, I owe you an apology for the offense caused a few days ago; I hope you can forgive me," Noel Walton earnestly apologized as he entered, bowing slightly.

"Young Master Walton, you're too polite; I've already forgotten about that incident," Wyatt smiled openly and his admiration for Noel Walton grew. Truly, he lived up to the reputation as a man who elicited thumbs-up whenever mentioned in Drifting Cloud Town.

"Now that we're to be fellow sect members, there's no need to call me Young Master; just 'Noel Walton' will suffice," Noel Walton said with a smile, then turning to Daisy, "This must be Miss Wood from the Wood Family. I'm sorry for having imposed on your family a few days ago..."

"As for my brother, I never imagined that he would commit so many detestable acts over the years!" Noel Walton's eyes flickered with a hint of sorrow as he spoke.

Chapter 859: Fierce Bandit

"Let's not talk about the past,"

Briggs Colby shook his head, then said, "Now that everyone is here, we should leave."

"Elder Colby, why don't you have lunch before leaving?"

Adan Walton urged.

"There's no need... Family Head Walton, thank you for your hospitality these past few days."

Briggs Colby nodded to Adan Walton, then called out to Wyatt Barnes and the two others to follow him as he walked outside.

"Family Head Walton, I take my leave."

Wyatt Barnes took Daisy Wood with him, bid farewell to Adan Walton, and followed them.

Noel Walton also hurriedly followed them.

The group of four rose into the air within the Walton Family estate and headed west.

Along the way, Wyatt Barnes couldn't help but ask curiously, "Elder Colby, are we heading back to the 'Five Elements Sect' or somewhere else?"

"I'll take you to 'Andington' first; our Niklaus Woodson has a stronghold there... The two people we recruited recently are also there,"

Briggs Colby said.

"Hmm."

Wyatt Barnes nodded.

"Elder Colby, can you tell me more about the Five Elements Sect?"

Wyatt Barnes asked again.

Briggs Colby nodded, then began to explain, "Our Five Elements Sect is divided into the Gold, Wood, Water, Fire, and Earth Peaks. Except for 'Gold Peak,' which is the main peak where the Sect Leader's lineage resides, the other four peaks hold equal status and are managed by four Peak Masters."

"The four peaks are always in competition. In the last twenty years, however, our Niklaus Woodson has fallen behind,"

Briggs Colby said, sighing heavily.

Soon, through Briggs Colby and Noel Walton, Wyatt Barnes gained a fair understanding of the situation in the 'Niklaus Woodson' of the Five Elements Sect, which used to be the most glorious peak after Gold Peak.

However, more than twenty years ago, the leader of Niklaus Woodson was seriously injured outside, and since he went into seclusion after returning, Niklaus Woodson began to decline.

First, the talented disciples of Niklaus Woodson were lured away by the other three peaks through threats and temptations, then the three peaks deliberately joined forces to suppress Niklaus Woodson, making it the least of the peaks for a time.

Though the older generation of strong practitioners still remained in Niklaus Woodson, the younger generation was lacking in strength compared to the other three peaks.

"A power, even if it is a small one branching off from the same sect, will mark the beginning of its decline once the younger generation fails to carry on,"

Briggs Colby sighed.

"Why don't you just recruit more talented disciples? With more time spent, you can still find disciples with good potential,"

Wyatt Barnes said.

"Of course, we know that and have indeed done so... but those talented disciples scarcely warm their seats in our Niklaus Woodson before they are lured away by the other three peaks through threats and temptations,"

Briggs Colby said with a wry smile.

"And Gold Peak, the Sect Leader's lineage, does nothing about this?"

Wyatt Barnes frowned as he asked.

"That's something you don't know... In our Five Elements Sect, there has always been a tradition: the five peaks coexist and compete with each other. Aside from barring disciples from casually maiming or killing each other, and elders from laying hands on the younger generation, there aren't many other restrictions,"

"Gold Peak has always been the unchallenged number one peak within our Five Elements Sect, with a position that's difficult to shake... The other four peaks have always been involved in open and covert fighting. Twenty years ago, our Niklaus Woodson became the target of suppression by the other three peaks, and that pressure has left us out of breath for over twenty years,"

Briggs Colby said, sighing.

Wyatt Barnes suddenly realized and could understand the plight of Niklaus Woodson.

"It's no surprise given it's a power outside the territory, being a Third-Rate Power with such fierce competition... Perhaps, it's precisely because of this that the Five Elements Sect has continued to develop until today,"

Wyatt Barnes thought to himself.

If a sect were too peaceful and comfortable, it might be strong for a time, but after a few decades or a century, it's doomed to decline.

Not because of anything else, but because the younger disciples in the sect lack passion and motivation.

"No wonder Elder Colby looked at me as if a hunter had spotted his prey... He must be hoping to use me to help Niklaus Woodson rise again,"

Wyatt Barnes smirked wryly at the thought, which might seem a bit self-important, but it was clear Briggs Colby had this in mind.

The competition among the peaks of the Five Elements Sect mainly involved the younger generation.

The older generation of strong practitioners rarely took action and could not easily intervene.

The younger generation, though currently far less powerful than the older generation, are the future mainstays of the sect and the foundation for its continuous strength,

"Once I get to that 'Niklaus Woodson' of the Five Elements Sect, life may not be easy,"

Wyatt Barnes thought to himself.

Of course, he was not afraid, but rather looked forward to it.

Soon, a morning passed, and Wyatt Barnes and his group left 'Drifting Cloud Town,' arriving above a complex and continuous mountain range.

"Hmm?"

Suddenly, Wyatt Barnes, traveling alongside Briggs Colby and Noel Walton, furrowed his brows, as if sensing something.

"Be careful!"

Briggs Colby shouted in a low voice, issuing a warning.

Immediately, Noel Walton, as if facing a great enemy, conjured a seven-foot-long spear in his hand. The spear tip shimmered with light, using a weapon identical to his father's.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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A series of swift figures suddenly surrounded Wyatt Barnes and his group from all sides, encircling them.

These were a group of middle-aged men dressed in simple clothes, their expressions cold, and their gazes at Wyatt Barnes and his party were as if they were looking at prey.

"Bandits?"

Wyatt Barnes's eyebrows raised, and he immediately guessed the identities of these men.

Before leaving the 'outside territory', he had learned from the memories of the Reincarnation Martial Emperor that in some remote areas outside the territory, bandits often lurked.

The sole purpose of these bandits was to use their formidable martial prowess to kill passing warriors and seize their wealth.

Put simply, they were a group of desperadoes engaged in 'risk-free trade,' living off bloodshed and hanging their lives by a thread for immense wealth.

Wyatt Barnes had stayed in 'Drifting Cloud Town' without leaving alone because he was worried about encountering these 'bandits'.

Bandits weaker than him were no issue; he would simply kill them outright.

If they were significantly stronger than him, he would only become a lamb to the slaughter, with no chance whatsoever of survival.

"Brother Barnes."

Seeing so many people surrounding them, Daisy Wood's face turned pale; having grown up with a silver spoon, when had she ever encountered such a scene?

"Daisy, get on Brother Barnes's back."

Immediately, Wyatt Barnes noticed Daisy Wood start to tremble with fright, and promptly called her to climb onto his back.

Daisy Wood clung to Wyatt Barnes's neck, her emotions somewhat stabilizing as she leaned on his back.

Taking a deep breath, Wyatt Barnes extended his mental power and immediately surveyed every bandit surrounding them.

Nine people in total.

One Seventh-Order Cave Void Realm.

Three Sixth-Order Cave Void Realm.

The rest were all Fourth or Fifth-Order Cave Void Realm.

"Such a strong group of bandits!"

Wyatt Barnes inwardly took a sharp breath, not expecting to meet his first group of bandits with such terrifying strength just after arriving in the outside territory.

However, Wyatt Barnes was not aware.

This was not the first group of bandits he had encountered since arriving in the 'outside territory.'

Previously, after being "Devil Transformed" by the Demon Sealing Monument and completely losing consciousness while separated from Taoi Romero and en route to 'Drifting Cloud Town', he had already faced several groups of bandits with strength no less than this group.

Even some were from the Transforming Void Realm.

However, those bandits, without exception, were all instantly killed by him after his "Devil Transformation."

"Kill!"

The leader of the Seventh-Order Cave Void Realm bandits, without a word, gave the order directly.

In an instant, the other eight bandits pounced toward Wyatt Barnes and his group.

In the void above, the vast ancient Horned Dragon shadow appeared, sweeping toward them and blocking out much of the sunlight from the horizon.

"Those three are Fourth-Order Cave Void Realm."

He spoke up, with no intention of attacking, but pointed toward three of the charging bandits and told Noel Walton.

Then, he looked at Wyatt Barnes and asked, "Apart from the leader, the other five strongest are only 'Sixth-Order Cave Void Realm'... How many can you handle?"

Clearly, the old man wanted to test Wyatt Barnes's strength.

Up to this point, the old man had not yet seen Wyatt Barnes in action and only knew that he had defeated Family Head Walton and the supreme elder of the Walton family.

The supreme elder of the Walton family was a Sixth-Order Cave Void Realm warrior.

"Elder, apart from the leader... leave the others to me,"

Wyatt Barnes confidently smiled. As his words fell, his eyes began to flicker with a ghostly light, and deep in his mind, vast mental power pierced into the 'Soul Imprint.'

Illusion!

An illusory space sprang out of nowhere, crafted by Wyatt Barnes, covering an area of several tens of meters.

The nine bandits appeared clearly within the range of Wyatt Barnes's mental power.

Except for the leader of the Seventh-Order Cave Void Realm bandits, he could influence the others with a 'Soul Technique', trapping them in the 'illusory space'.

As Wyatt Barnes employed the Soul Technique 'Illusion', Briggs Colby and Noel Walton were both startled by his words.

Briggs Colby couldn't help but frown, feeling Wyatt Barnes was being too arrogant.

"Sigh... Have I really misjudged him?"

Briggs Colby sighed inwardly, his Origin Force stirring inside him, ready to attack the group of bandits coming at them at any moment.

Clearly, he didn't believe Wyatt Barnes's 'big talk.'

However, he was quickly stunned.

Noel Walton was stunned too.

Daisy Wood, who was tightly clinging to Wyatt Barnes's neck and lying on his back, had initially shut her eyes tightly due to fear from the group of bandits.

But when her curiosity made her open her eyes to look outside, she witnessed a scene she would never forget.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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The eight charging bandits suddenly came to a halt in mid-air, their eyes showing confusion as if they had suddenly lost their target.

Following that, they abruptly turned violent and attacked their former comrades, finally releasing their pent-up power in full force.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

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Terrible power tore through the sky, creating a series of harsh blasts, as the three Sixth-Order Cave Void Realm bandits jointly killed their other five peers.

"What are you doing?!"

The bandit leader, who wasn't affected by Wyatt Barnes's Soul Technique, watched this unfold, his face changing drastically after a moment of stupefaction, as he roared furiously.

However, as he roared, the three Sixth-Order Cave Void Realm bandits turned to look at him simultaneously, their faces showing murderous intent.

Chapter 860: Demon-reflecting Mirror

"What, you think of laying a hand on me?"

The leading bandit of the Seventh-Order Cave Void Realm, with a gloomy face, stared at the three subordinates in front of him.

These three subordinates, who never dared to so much as fart in his presence, to say nothing of harboring the intent to kill him.

"Kill!"

The three Sixth-Order Cave Void Realm bandits bellowed and immediately attacked their leader, going all out from the start, aiming for his vital points without any mercy.

"Have you gone mad?"

The bandit leader roared, but he didn't launch an attack, just evading the three bandits' moves while shouting his question.

However, the three bandits seemed not to hear his words at all, continuing their relentless assault.

Eventually, the bandit leader realized something was amiss.

But the incessant attacks of the three bandits left him no room to be distracted by other thoughts, only able to fight back furiously, unleashing a relentless onslaught that enveloped the three attackers.

The strength of a Seventh-Order Cave Void Realm was clear to see!

The power of the Seventh-Order was like a chasm compared to the Sixth-Order, a whole new leap.

Unless a Sixth-Order martial artist possessed some special methods, they stood no chance against a Seventh-Order practitioner.

In the span of ten breaths, the bandit leader, furious, killed all three subordinates.

After killing the three subordinates, he came back to his senses, his gaze falling on Briggs Colby, and he said in a deep voice, "What did you do to them?"

Briggs Colby had just regained his composure when he heard the bandit leader's question, and was somewhat at a loss for words.

What had he done?

All along, he seemed to have just been standing by and enjoying the show, hadn't he?

Soon, the bandit leader took a deep breath, and as his emotions calmed down, he recalled the scene just now with a shiver.

"Hmph! Today, I'll spare your lives."

With a cold snort, maintaining an unyielding stance, the bandit leader's figure flickered, turning into a bolt of lightning, preparing to leave the area quickly.

He sensed an air of crisis about the four of them.

"Now that you are here, don't even think of leaving."

An aged voice seemed to come from all directions.

Then, in the bandit leader's path of retreat, a figure appeared out of thin air.

It was 'Briggs Colby'.

The bandit leader, seeing the shadow that appeared like a ghost before him, and whom even he could not capture, had a drastic change in expression, and said in alarm, "You... are you a Transforming Void Realm expert?!"

Briggs Colby didn't answer the bandit leader, just looked at him calmly, his eyes void of any emotion.

"Senior, spare my life! Senior, I beg of you!"

Under the astonished gazes of Wyatt Barnes, Daisy Wood, and Noel Walton, the bandit leader, a mighty Seventh-Order Cave Void Realm warrior, actually knelt before Briggs Colby, pleading for mercy incessantly.

"A true warrior should have an iron will, unafraid of life and death... someone as cowardly and fearful of death as you is unworthy of being a warrior!"

Briggs Colby's expression turned cold, and with a raise of his hand, a vast wave of flames swept out, engulfing the bandit leader and instantly turning him to ash.

From beginning to end, the latter didn't even have a chance to scream.

"So powerful!"

Daisy Wood, leaning on Wyatt Barnes's back, said in astonishment.

"Transforming Void Realm Seventh-Order!"

The old man, though he held back, Wyatt could see traces in his Origin Force that had fused with 'high-order fire realm'.

Keep in mind, Wyatt had merged the memories of a Martial Emperor's entire life, and although he temporarily couldn't use his spiritual sense to check the old man's cultivation, he could still detect some things with his eyes.

"With Elder Colby's strength, his status in the 'Five Elements Sect's Wood Peak' must also be quite high."

Wyatt speculated quietly.

At that moment, a figure suddenly appeared in front of Wyatt, it was 'Briggs Colby' who had returned after killing the bandit leader, staring intently at him.

"Elder Colby."

Feeling Briggs Colby's stare, Wyatt felt a bit uncomfortable and somewhat embarrassed.

"The way you dealt with those eight bandits just now... was it a method similar to 'illusion'?"

Finally, Briggs Colby spoke, asking with a tone of surprise.

"It's not similar... the method I just used was indeed an illusion technique."

Wyatt stated truthfully.

"I didn't sense any fluctuation of Inscription or Inscription formations... So, are you saying you used your spiritual power to execute a method similar to 'Soul Technique', creating an 'illusion'?"

Briggs Colby's breathing became a bit rapid.

"Yes."

Wyatt nodded, which was undeniable.

"Could you be an 'Odd Species'?"

Briggs Colby scrutinized Wyatt up and down, his face questioning as he asked.

Upon hearing this, Wyatt was rendered speechless.

"No, I must verify this."

Briggs Colby suddenly said.

"How will you verify?"

Wyatt was taken aback.

"You will soon find out."

Briggs Colby gave Wyatt a meaningful look, then took out an antique bronze mirror, with faint traces of flowing light revolving around it.

"Demon-reflecting Mirror?"

Seeing the object in Briggs Colby's hand, Wyatt was completely lost for words, "Senior... is this really necessary?"

In the Cloud Skies Continent, a Demon-reflecting Mirror wasn't considered something rare.

Any Artifact Refiner above third grade could make one, provided they had the materials.

The Demon-reflecting Mirror is not a spiritual artifact, it has only one function, which is to verify whether a person is a 'demon' transformed into human form.

As long as the person is a 'demon' transformed into a human form, once they appear in the reflection of the Demon-reflecting Mirror, their human image will not appear, their original demon form will.

"Let me take a good look and see if you, this little monster, are a 'demon' transformed into a human,"

Briggs Colby picked up the Demon-reflecting Mirror, aimed it at Wyatt Barnes, and peered into the reflective surface.

When he saw that the reflection in the mirror was still that of the 'human' Wyatt Barnes, he couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

Now, he could be one hundred percent certain that Wyatt Barnes was a genuine human being and not a 'demon' transformed into one.

"You're not a 'demon,' so how could you possibly display a mental power technique similar to 'Soul Technique'?"

Although it was confirmed that Wyatt Barnes wasn't a 'demon,' Briggs Colby couldn't help but ask curiously.

As far as he knew, human martial artists, unless they became 'Martial Emperors,' simply could not use mental power techniques against enemies, but Wyatt Barnes had defied this common knowledge.

"Elder, have you never heard of 'Odd Species'?"

Wyatt Barnes narrowed his eyes, intentionally muddying the waters.

Odd Species?!

Hearing Wyatt Barnes's words, Briggs Colby was completely petrified.

As an elder of the Five Elements Sect, how could he not be aware of the existence of 'Odd Species'?

Odd Species, beings born from the union of humans and demons, are either mediocre or possess exceptional talents, the latter even more so with their unique 'Divine Abilities.'

However, Odd Species are considered rare across the entire Cloud Skies Continent, only found within the top sector of first-rate powers.

The Five Elements Sect, in the region east of the Northern Desert, can be considered a local hegemon, but when looking at the entire Cloud Skies Continent, it is merely a Third-Rate Power, not worth mentioning.

Therefore, he hadn't initially thought of Wyatt Barnes as an 'Odd Species' because he dared not think it.

"You, you..."

Briggs Colby looked at Wyatt Barnes, somewhat incoherent, his heart filled with indescribable excitement.

Odd Species!

He had actually encountered an Odd Species from the legends!

Moreover, this Odd Species was about to join the Five Elements Sect and become a disciple of Niklaus Woodson.

"Hahahaha... Hahahaha..."

Under the stupefied gazes of Wyatt Barnes, Daisy Wood, and Noel Walton, Briggs Colby laughed heartily for no apparent reason, his laughter echoing far and wide.

From Briggs Colby's laughter, Wyatt Barnes could hear his joy and naturally guessed why he was so delighted.

Finally, Briggs Colby contained his laughter.

Now, any doubt about the technique Wyatt Barnes had just displayed vanished from Briggs Colby's mind.

Divine Ability!

"Brother Barnes, what are 'Odd Species'? Why did Elder Colby get so excited upon hearing about 'Odd Species'?"

Daisy Wood leaned against Wyatt Barnes's back and asked curiously.

"Odd Species are a kind of unusual existence... You can think of it as a being that defies common sense," Wyatt Barnes explained with a smile.

Daisy Wood nodded her head in semi-understanding.

"Let's go!"

After his bout of laughter, Briggs Colby seemed to have swept away his previous gloom and appeared reinvigorated.

"Wyatt Barnes, thank you."

Noel Walton had come to Wyatt Barnes's side at some point and thanked him sincerely.

"Thank me for what?" Wyatt Barnes asked in surprise.

"Thank you for making my master so happy."

Noel Walton sighed, "Ever since the day I became a disciple of my master, because of Niklaus Woodson's situation at that time, he placed great hope on me... Until now, although he has never said it, I know he is disappointed."

"Noel Walton, there is one thing I don't understand," Wyatt Barnes frowned.

"Hm?"

Noel Walton looked at Wyatt Barnes, puzzled, and asked, "What is it?"

"I've always felt that Elder Colby's feelings toward 'Niklaus Woodson' seem to be extremely unusual... His concern for 'Niklaus Woodson' does not seem like what a Niklaus Woodson elder's concern should be," Wyatt Barnes said softly. "If it were someone else, they might even mistake Elder Colby for the 'Peak Master' of Niklaus Woodson, rather than an elder."

"You noticed that?"

Surprised by Wyatt Barnes's words, Noel Walton then said, "Actually, this isn't much of a secret... My master, many years ago, was adopted by the previous peak master of Niklaus Woodson and grew up there. He regards Niklaus Woodson as his own 'home'."

"For him, the decline of Niklaus Woodson is akin to the collapse of his family's fortunes," Noel Walton said with a wry smile.

"I see."

Wyatt Barnes suddenly understood. He hadn't expected such a connection between Elder Colby and Niklaus Woodson. Considering this, everything made sense.

At dusk, Wyatt Barnes saw a city nestled in the grasslands, like a colossal object in a verdant and picturesque fantasy.

"That's Andington," Noel Walton said.

"Hmm."

Wyatt Barnes nodded, his gaze fixed on the city ahead.

This Andington, while not as vast as the 'Ancient Desert City,' was definitely not smaller than the capitals of the Great Turdo Dynasty or the Great Mini Dynasty.

Wyatt Barnes and the others followed Briggs Colby into the city, and before long, they stepped into the bounds of a vast estate.

"Elder Colby!"

Wherever Briggs Colby passed, the bustling people throughout the estate promptly bowed and paid their respects to him.