

SOVEREIGN 871

Chapter 871: The Battle of the Five Peaks

"I ought to end it already." Duan Ling Tian glanced at Huang Daniu who was still rampaging about like a headless fly, and then he smiled indifferently before flying out.

After a short moment, he arrived by Huang Daniu's side.

On the other hand, Huang Daniu seemed to have not noticed it in the slightest. He was still punching the air with might that could crumble mountains, and strands of energy that were like earth dragons leaving their lair gushed out from his fist to sweep out.

Bang!

Duan Ling Tian casually slapped out with his palm to descend onto Huang Daniu's back, and it blasted him flying.

At the same time that Huang Daniu flew out, his face flushed red and couldn't help but spit out a mouthful of blood, and then he looked behind him and cried out. "Who?! Who's helping Duan Ling Tian?!"

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled when he looked at Huang Daniu who was looking at him.

In the illusory realm that Huang Daniu was in earlier, there was no one where he was standing now.

When he saw Huang Daniu looking left and right while seeming to be looking for who launched a sneak attack against him, Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled before retracting his soul skill, Thousand Illusion, causing the illusory space to vanish along with this.

At the same time, his entire body appeared before Huang Daniu's eyes.

"You... How could you be over here?" Huang Daniu seemed as if he'd seen a ghost when he saw Duan Ling Tian.

Subsequently, he hurriedly turned around to look behind, yet he noticed there was no one there.

"Impossible! How could your speed possibly be so swift?! Unless you're a Void Transformation Stage Expert, otherwise, it's impossible for your speed to be so swift!" Huang Daniu shook his head ceaselessly and didn't dare believe everything before his eyes was real.

"Haha... Daniu, are you convinced now?" Meanwhile, Chen Wei walked into the practice grounds with large strides to stand by Duan Ling Tian's side, and then he grinned as he said to Huang Daniu, "Needless to say, your strength is not bad indeed..."

"But you have to be aware that Duan Ling Tian had once killed eight bandits of outstanding strength all by himself! Amongst those eight bandits were even three existences at the sixth level of Void Interpretation Stage." Chen Wei spoke of Duan Ling Tian's exploits in combat.

"What?!" Huang Daniu's pupils constricted and had an astonished expression, and then he looked at Duan Ling Tian and gasped. "You... Could it be that you're really a Void Transformation Stage expert?"

"Do you think you would have lasted a move if I'm a Void Transformation Stage expert?" Duan Ling Tian shook his head and felt Huang Daniu was truly too naïve.

Or if said in a more displeasing way, Huang Daniu was too simple-minded!

"Daniu, Duan Ling Tian is a fifth level Void Interpretation Stage martial artist like you." Chen Wei smiled.

"Impossible!" Huang Daniu shook his head resolutely. "It's impossible for him to be a fifth level Void Interpretation Stage martial artist! Unless a fifth level Void Interpretation Stage martial artist had comprehended Intermediate Earth Concept at the sixth level or above, or comprehended another ninth level Intermediate Concept, otherwise, it would be impossible for a fifth level Void Interpretation Stage martial artist to defeat me on the ground."

Huang Daniu was extremely confident of his strength.

"Moreover, the speed he used to arrive from there to here was extremely swift, swift to the point I was completely unable to react to it... Only a Void Transformation Stage martial artist is capable of doing that before me." Huang Daniu spoke with extremely certainty.

Chen Wei was slightly speechless from Huang Daniu's one-track mind.

But he still spoke the truth. "Then what if I told you that Duan Ling Tian utilized an illusory realm to confuse you before injuring you earlier?"

"In other words, the Duan Ling Tian you were attacking all along wasn't the real Duan Ling Tian, and it was instead constructed from the illusory realm... In the world in our eyes, you'd always been hitting the air." Chen Wei finished speaking in one go.

"An illusory realm?" Huang Daniu frowned, and then looked at Chen Wei at an appearance that said 'don't even think of deceiving me' before he said, "I didn't sense any fluctuation of an Inscription or an Inscription Formation earlier... It's impossible that it was an illusory realm!"

"Unless this Duan Ling Tian is a Demon that had taken human form, so he was able to utilize his Spiritual Force to construct an illusory realm." Huang Daniu added.

"I've already said that Duan Ling Tian's true cultivation is only at the fifth level of the Void Interpretation Stage... I wonder if you've heard of Variants?" Chen Wei shook his head, and then he finally spoke of Duan Ling Tian's identity.

"A Variant?!" Huang Daniu frowned as he muttered to himself. "I seemed to have heard someone mention it in the past... Wait, let me think about it."

Huang Daniu spoke as he fell into deep thought.

"You're really a big oaf!" Ye Xuan stuck out her tongue playfully and couldn't help but grunt.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head before walking out of the practice ground, and he noticed that Yang Ling had arrived since an unknown time and instantly smiled as he greeted Yang Ling. "Elder Yang."

"Duan Ling Tian, your cultivation is at the fifth level of the Void Interpretation Stage, yet you're actually capable of affecting a sixth level Void Interpretation Stage martial artist with the illusory realm constructed by your Innate Ability?" Yang Ling asked with a stunned expression as he'd obviously heard what Chen Wei said earlier.

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded with a light smile. "Even though my cultivation is at the fifth level of the Void Interpretation Stage, because I've consumed a spirit fruit that increases the level of the soul, my Spiritual Force is higher than my cultivation."

"Haha..." Yang Ling smiled. "Looks like there'll be a good show to see in the Battle of the Five Peaks this time."

"Battle of the Five Peaks?" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but be stunned when he heard Yang Ling. "What's that?"

"The Battle of the Five Peaks is a martial competition between the five peaks that our Five Element Sect is about to hold for the disciples of the younger generation, but it's different from ordinary martial competitions... Besides deciding on a rank of individual strength, every single peak will send out three of their strongest young geniuses during the Battle of the Five Peaks to carry out a team competition with the other peaks."

"In the end, the specific rankings of the five peaks will be re-ordered according to the individual strength rankings and team strength rankings!" Yang Ling explained with a smile.

As far as he was concerned, the Battle of the Five Peaks was an opportunity for the Wood Peak to reclaim its glory.

"I've decided to follow all of you back to the sec to watch the show," said Yang Ling.

At the same time, his eyes stared fixedly at Duan Ling Tian, and it faintly flickered with anticipation as he anticipated that Duan Ling Tian would be able to obtain a good ranking in the Battle of the Five Peaks this time.

"I remember now!" Suddenly, a voice that was like muffled sounded out.

Huang Daniu that stood in the practice grounds had returned to his senses, and he looked at Duan Ling Tian as if he was looking at a monster as he cried out with surprise. "So you're a Variant! So your ability of constructing an illusory realm to affect me earlier was your Innate Ability?"

Innate Ability?

Duan Ling Tian smiled yet didn't admit it nor deny it.

Allowing others to misunderstand somethings wasn't necessarily a bad thing.

However, when Duan Ling Tian's smile entered into Huang Daniu's eyes, it was undoubtedly a form of tacit admission.

"How old are you?" Suddenly, Huang Daniu arrived by Duan Ling Tian's side and stared at Duan Ling Tian with a burning gaze. "Based on your appearance, you're only around the age of 25... Your true age ought to be over 30, right?"

"28." Duan Ling Tian shrugged.

"What?!" Huang Daniu was instantly shocked when he heard this. "You... You're actually younger than me? I'm already 31. Freak! You're the real freak!" As he finished speaking, Huang Daniu cursed.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head and smiled.

He'd become accustomed to this since long ago.

But even though Duan Ling Tian was accustomed to it, it didn't mean that Ye Xuan was accustomed to it, and she was instantly displeased when she heard Huang Daniu curse Duan Ling Tian.

"You're the freak! Your whole family is full of freaks!" Presently, Ye Xuan was completely and utterly like a mother leopard that was protecting her cub.

Yang Ling and Ke Zheng laughed joyfully when he saw this scene, and they were both amused by Ye Xuan.

Duan Ling Tian and Chen Wei couldn't help but laugh as well, and then they looked at Huang Daniu at the same time as they wanted to see how he would deal with it.

Huang Daniu felt a wave of speechlessness instead, and he was at a loss for words.

As far as he was concerned, his cursing of Duan Ling Tian seemed like a different method of praise.

After all, every single time someone called him a freak in the past, he would feel extremely happy because it indicated that he was outstanding and out of the ordinary.

"When do you intend to leave?" Yang Ling looked at Ke Zheng and asked.

"Tomorrow," said Ke Zheng.

At dawn the next day, their group departed from Settlement City and headed towards the Five Element Sect.

The five of them had just left the city when a middle aged man appeared from the shadows before returning to Settlement City, and then he headed straight towards an estate that occupied a vast area and entered into its rear garden.

"Elder Tang." The middle aged man stood outside the pergola at the rear garden and bowed respectfully towards the old man within it.

"Have you discovered their whereabouts?" The Earth Peak's Tang Lin who was playing go with himself slowly raised his head and asked with a low voice.

"No." The middle aged man shook his head, and then he said, "But Ke Zheng led a group back to the sect... They weren't following along with Ke Zheng, so they've probably met with calamity."

Whoosh!

Tang Lin stood up abruptly from his seat, and his eyes flickered with cold lights as he said with a low voice, "Wood Peak, how audacious! You actually dare lay a hand on the disciples of my Earth Peak."

The middle aged man was speechless in his heart when he saw Tang Lin losing his temper.

You've already sent people to be spies in the Wood Peak, yet you don't allow them to exterminate these spies?

Of course, he only dared think like this in his heart, but didn't dare speak of it.

"Besides Chen Wei, was there a young man that looks to be around the age of 25 that departed with Ke Zheng?" Tang Lin took a deep breath, and he stared at the middle aged man with a burning gaze as he asked.

"I didn't dare go too close, so I didn't see his appearance clearly... Besides that, it wasn't just a single person following along with Ke Zheng and Chen Wei, and it was four people instead." The middle aged man continued.

"Four people?" Tang Lin frowned. "Who else?"

"One of them was the person in charge of the Wood Peak's point of operations in Settlement City, Elder Yang... As for the other three, they were unfamiliar faces, and one of them was comparatively robust." The middle aged man spoke of everything he's seen.

"That fellow Yang Ling?" Tang Lin's face sank. "That old fellow has actually left Settlement City and returned to the sect with Ke Zheng? Could it be that he thinks that the Wood Peak would be able to rise up in the Battle of the Five Peaks this time by relying on Duan Ling Tian?"

"Hmph! Yang Ling, Ke Zheng... I'll let both of you know that even though your Wood Peak has worked for so long, the benefits will be reaped by my Earth Peak in the end!" Tang Lin grunted coldly, and as he finished mattering, his figure flashed to vanish into thin air.

"I'll be returning to the sect... Manage the matters here in Settlement City for me." At the same time, Tang Lin's voice entered into the middle aged man's ears.

Chapter 872: Conflict

The Five Element Sect was situated atop an enormous mountain.

It was an enormous mountain that seemed like an enormous beast that was lying there in hibernation, and the peak of the mountain was flat and spacious.

On this flat and spacious peak of the mountain were another five precipitous peaks that were joined together.

When looked at from afar, the five peaks were like the fingers of a human, both high and low and pierced into the sky.

"Five Finger Mountain!" After he saw the five precipitous mountains before him, a thought like this emerged in Duan Ling Tian's mind at the first possible moment.

"These five precipitous mountains are the place our Five Element Sect resides... The highest peak at the center is our Five Element Sect's Gold Peak." Chen Wei introduced to Duan Ling Tian, Huang Danu, and Ye Xuan.

"That's the Water Peak, the Fire Peak, and the lowest is the Earth Peak... That's our Wood Peak." After he introduced the third and fourth highest peaks and the lowest peak, Chen Wei pointed towards the second highest peak and spoke to Duan Ling Tian's group of three.

Duan Ling Tian's group of three shot their gazes onto Wood Peak when they heard this.

The Wood Peak shot into the layer of clouds, and its entire appearance couldn't be seen clearly.

When they saw Chen Wei had introduced the Wood Peak to Duan Ling Tian's group of three, Ke Zheng and Yang Ling flashed out to fly towards the Wood Peak first.

After a short moment, the two of them became small black dots before the eyes of Duan Ling Tian and the others.

"Let's go over as well." Chen Wei called out to Duan Ling Tian and the others before chasing after Ke Zheng and Yang Ling.

Duan Ling Tian and the others followed close behind Chen Wei.

Of course, Ye Xuan was brought along by Duan Ling Tian.

Not to mention Ye Xuan hadn't stepped into the Void Prying Stage now and was incapable of flying, even if Ye Xuan had stepped into the Void Prying Stage and was capable of flying, Duan Ling Tian would still not allow her to fly herself.

The flying speed of a Void Prying Stage martial artist was no different than the speed of a walking ant when compared with them who were at least existences at the fourth level of the Void Interpretation Stage.

Under Chen Wei's lead, Duan Ling Tian's group of three descended onto the vast platform at the mountainside of the Wood Peak.

"Chen Wei, arrange a place for them to stay first... I and your Martial Uncle will go see the Peak Master first. We'll help them register themselves as official disciples tomorrow." Ke Zheng left with Yang Ling after instructing Chen Wei.

"All of you follow me," said Chen Wei to Duan Ling Tian's group of three before he brought them along to stand in midair above a nearby building complex that stretched out continuously into the distance.

The buildings that formed this building complex were mostly pavilions, and there were also a few buildings that were like palaces.

"The pavilions over there are empty, and they're cleaned regularly... All of you can stay there for now. If you feel it's uncomfortable, then I'll give you a different place to stay later on." Chen Wei led Duan Ling

Tian's group of three to fly towards a row of pavilions ahead, and they arrived in the sky above a pavilion in the blink of an eye.

Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian noticed there were many young men and women who flew out from some nearby pavilions, and they sized up Duan Ling Tian, Ye Xuan, and Huang Daniu curiously.

Three unfamiliar faces appearing in the Wood Peak obviously caused these Wood Peak disciples to be rather surprised.

Right when Chen Wei led Duan Ling Tian and the others to descend from the sky and intended to enter the pavilion.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Two ear piercing howls of the wind sounded out at the exact same moment, and the howls grew closer and closer.

After a short moment, two figures appeared in the path of Duan Ling Tian and the others, and they blocked their path.

These were two young men around the age of 35. One wore blue clothes, the other wore green clothes, and their ages were similar to Chen Wei. But, from the ridiculing smiles on their faces, they obviously had come with ill intent.

"Luo Chen, what's the meaning of this?" Chen Wei's face sank as he looked at the blue clothed young man and shouted out in a low voice.

Obviously, Chen Wei knew this blue clothed young man.

Moreover, from Chen Wei's extremely unsightly expression and the cold lights that flickered in his eyes, it could be discerned that Chen Wei had great conflict with this blue clothed young man.

For a time, Duan Ling Tian realized that this blue clothed young man had come because of Chen Wei.

"Chen Wei, what's this attitude of yours? I've just come to see what sort of figures the Wood Peak disciples you and Elder Ke have brought back..." Luo Chen who wore blue clothes smiled indifferently, and then his eyes narrowed as he scanned Duan Ling Tian, Ye Xuan, and Huang Daniu from top to bottom.

"HAHAHAHA..." Suddenly, Luo Chen started laughing loudly without reason nor rhyme, and he laughed to the point tears almost dripped out from his eyes in the end.

"What're you laughing at?!" Chen Wei's eyes flickered with a cold light.

Duan Ling Tian and the others couldn't help but frown.

If it wasn't because he had scruples as this was the Wood Peak and he'd just arrived, Duan Ling Tian would have been unable to restrain himself from slapping Luo Chen since long ago.

"What am I laughing at?" Luo Chen's laughter stopped when he heard Chen Wei, and then his gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian and Ye Xuan. "Chen Wei, you better not tell me that these two are Wood Peak disciples that you and Elder Ke found from outside the sect this time."

"So what if they are?" Chen Wei replied with a cold voice, and the cold lights in his eyes grew colder.

"I remember that our Wood Peak elders received orders to go out and recruit Void Interpretation Stage martial artists below the age of 40, right? You and Elder Ke bringing back two useless pieces of trash seems to have gone against the Peak Master's orders, right?" A wisp of ridicule appeared on the corners of Luo Chen's mouth as he laughed.

"Luo Chen, watch your mouth!" Chen Wei's face darkened, and he shouted out with a grim voice when he heard Luo Chen call Duan Ling Tian and Ye Xuan trash.

The faces of Duan Ling Tian and Ye Xuan sank as well.

We seem to have only met this Luo Chen for the first time, right? Yet he called us trash when we just met him?

Slight coldness suffused Duan Ling Tian's eyes as he stared coldly and indifferently at Luo Chen, and the Origin Energy in his body surged.

If this Wood Peak disciple dare call him a piece of trash one more time, he would attack without the slightest hesitation!

At this moment, he was filled with a bad impression of this Wood Peak disciple he'd never met before in the past.

When facing Chen Wei's grim shout, Luo Chen seemed as if he'd not heard it, and he continued ridiculing. "Or perhaps, you and Elder Ke were truly unable to find Void Interpretation Stage young experts below the age of 40 and found these three to fill up the vacancies?" When he spoke up to here, it wasn't only Luo Chen who started laughing, even the green clothed young man by his side couldn't help but start laughing.

"Luo Chen, you'll regret this!" Chen Wei's expression became even more ominous, and the coldness in his eyes seemed ready to shoot out as he shouted with a deep voice.

The expressions of Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu became extremely unsightly as well.

We're just here to fill up the vacancies?

"Regret?" Luo Chen was first stunned when he heard Chen Wei, and then he couldn't help but laugh. "Chen Wei, don't you forget that our strengths are equal... Don't hope of gaining an advantage against me!"

"Or perhaps you want to rely on them? Forget these two, perhaps they have some natural talent, but they're utterly useless to our Wood Peak now!" Luo Chen's gaze of disdain flashed past Duan Ling Tian and Ye Xuan before locking onto Huang Daniu.

"This big guy seems to be not bad... But, how strong could a person that's a little over thirty be? He's at most a martial artist at the first level of the Void Interpretation Stage." Luo Chen's gaze that shot at Huang Daniu was still filled with disdain.

Huang Daniu's face darkened and was slightly unable to restrain himself, and the Origin Energy in his body surged as he was about to make a move against Luo Chen.

But when he heard the voice transmission that entered his ear, it caused him to suppress the impulse in his heart, and at the same time, the corners of his mouth curled into a cold smile, a ridiculing cold smile.

"Luo Chen!" Chen Wei took a deep breath as coldness appeared on the corners of his mouth. "You're continuously deriding these Wood Peak disciples my Master and I brought back, yet I wonder how strong the Wood Peak disciple you and your master brought back is?"

"The Wood Peak disciple my master and I brought back is naturally stronger than these Wood Peak disciples you brought back! See this person by my side? He's called Hong Xi, he's 36 years old, and his strength isn't inferior to the two of us." Luo Chen spoke as he looked towards the green clothed young man by his side, and his face was covered in a complacent expression.

At this moment, the gaze of the green clothed young man, Hong Xi, flashed past Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu before laughing in disdain. "Two pieces of trash. Even if you join forces, I'll be able to beat each of you down with a single strike!"

As for Ye Xuan, she was completely disregarded by him.

"Luo Chen, he deserves to be a Wood Peak disciple that you and your master brought back... This Hong Xi's mouth is as foul as yours!" Chen Wei's gaze that was icy cold like a blade swept past Hong Xi before descending onto Luo Chen in the end.

"You!!!" Luo Chen's face went grim from being ridiculed by Chen Wei, and he was enraged to the point the Origin Energy on his body surged and seemed ready to surge out.

"Luo Chen, this Hong Xi you brought back ought to have not officially registered himself as a disciple of our Wood Peak, right?" Chen Wei's face suddenly became serious as he asked.

"He hasn't." Luo Chen couldn't help but be stunned when he saw the changes in Chen Wei's expression, and he answered slightly unconsciously.

But after replying to Chen Wei, he recovered from his shock, and a wisp of a ridiculing smile appeared on his face. "Chen Wei, why did you ask this?"

"You'll know very soon." This time, Chen Wei utterly didn't spare a glance at Luo Chen, and he only glanced deeply at Hong Xi.

Subsequently, he looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu. "Duan Ling Tian, Daniu... The peaks of our Five Element Sect have a rule. Any disciple of a peak that hasn't been registered officially isn't considered to be a member of the sect, so even if they're killed, the Sect won't pursue the matter!"

Chen Wei's words caused the eyes of Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu to be unable to refrain from glowing.

Luo Chen said in disdain when he heard Chen Wei, "Chen Wei, you wouldn't be thinking that these two pieces of trash would be able to kill Hong Xi if they joined forces, right? It's simply a humongous joke!"

Trash?

The smiles on the face of Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu froze completely when they heard Luo Chen.

Their eyes that were filled with coldness locked onto Luo Chen at the first possible moment, and it seemed as if they were waiting for a chance to swallow Luo Chen up.

"It a battle between disciples who've officially entered the sect, so long as one doesn't cripple or kill one's opponent, then the Sect wouldn't pursue the matter." Meanwhile, Chen Wei added.

For a time, the frozen smiles on the faces of Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu bloomed once more, and it was extremely brilliant.

"Daniu, which one do you want?" asked Duan Ling Tian.

"Me? I want both of them!" Huang Daniu was stunned first, and he spoke out decisively after he returned to his senses.

"Daniu, aren't you too greedy? Since it's like this, then we'll see who's faster!" As soon as Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, he'd already flashed out.

Chapter 873: Hong Xi's Death

"You're shameless!" When Huang Daniu saw Duan Ling Tian fly out as soon he finished speaking and utterly didn't give him a chance to prepare himself, Huang Daniu cursed as he hurriedly followed up.

Bang! Bang!

Material earthen yellow energy appeared in the sky beneath his feet, whereas he kicked off from it to flash out swiftly with a speed so swift that it was even faster than Duan Ling Tian.

Even though this wasn't the ground, and he was unable to rely on the assistance of the energy of the earth, he was a fifth level Void Interpretation Stage martial artist that had comprehended fifth level Intermediate Earth Concept after all. Even if he didn't rely on the energy of the earth, he was similarly capable of exerting a strength of 130 ancient horned dragons!

As for Duan Ling Tian, even though he was a fifth level Void Interpretation Stage martial artist, yet he'd only comprehended third level Intermediate Concept, so even if he utilized the other Elementary Concepts he'd comprehended, he was still inferior to Huang Daniu by the strength of a few ancient horned dragons.

Thus, even though Duan Ling Tian was the first to make a move, Huang Daniu had still caught up to him.

The two of them had tacitly chose the same target.

Luo Chen!

"You two!!" Luo Chen who was stunned by Chen Wei's words saw two figures pouncing at him in the blink of an eye, and he instantly shuddered and recovered from his shock, and he even saw ancient horned dragon silhouettes that shocked him appearing in the sky above the two figures and following the violent clothed young man and robust young man to flash towards him.

110 ancient horned dragon silhouettes!

130 ancient horned dragon silhouettes!

Luo Chen was stunned, utterly stunned.

How could the strength of these two people be so strong?

Slap!

Slap!

Two clear slapping sounds resounded out at practically the exact same moment.

Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu had arrived before Luo Chen in the blink of an eye, and they slapped him from both left and right.

Instantly, Luo Zhen's face that could be considered to be handsome became swollen, and his head bulged up like the head of a pig.

"You... You two... AH!!" The eyes of Luo Chen who was slapped to the point his face became swollen went gloomy, and he was about to speak harsh words.

But he hadn't had the chance to finish speaking when his belly was struck by Huang Daniu's fist, causing him to be blasted flying and emit a miserable shrill cry that was like a pig being slaughtered.

Luo Chen was barely able to stop his figure, and he was struck to the point of completely sobering up now.

He felt strands of coldness arise on his back as he looked at the 130 ancient horned dragon silhouettes above Huang Daniu. "This big guy is actually so strong!"

Without utilizing a spirit weapon, Huang Daniu was capable of drawing upon the energy of the heavens and the earth to condense 130 ancient horned dragon silhouettes.

If it was a fourth level Void Interpretation Stage martial artist, then only one that had comprehended sixth level Intermediate Concept would be capable of achieving that.

A fifth level Void Interpretation Stage martial artist that had comprehended fifth level Intermediate Concept was capable of achieving it as well.

A sixth level Void Interpretation Stage martial artist only had to comprehend fourth level Intermediate Concept to be capable of achieving it.

However, no matter which type it was, it wasn't an existence that he could afford to offend.

Besides that, there was also the violet clothed young man.

Luo Chen's gaze descended onto the phenomenon of the heavens and the earth in the sky above Duan Ling Tian.

There were 110 lifelike ancient horned dragon silhouettes coiling down from the sky there, and they possessed an imposing aura that shot into the sky like a rainbow.

"He drew upon the energy of the heavens and the earth to condense 110 ancient horned dragon silhouettes... Even he is stronger than me!" Luo Chen's expression was as unsightly as unsightly could be as he looked with concentration at this violet clothed young man that he'd looked down on earlier.

"How strong!" Meanwhile, the Wood Peak disciples that were spectating emitted shocked exclamations in succession.

For a time, they were shocked by the strengths of these two unfamiliar people, Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu.

"They're the Wood Peak disciples Chen Wei and Elder Ke brought back this time?"

"Aren't they too strong? Especially that big guy, he looks to be a little over 30, yet as soon as he made a move, it was like an earth shaking strike, and he drew upon the energy of the heavens and the earth to condense 130 ancient horned dragon silhouettes!"

"That violet clothed young man isn't weak as well. He looked to be around the age of 25, yet his strength has already surpassed Chen Wei and Luo Chen."

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The group of Wood Peak disciples looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu with gazes that contained excitement.

"So long as that big guy isn't poached away by the other three peaks, then our Wood Peak will surely not be at the bottom in the Battle of the Five Peaks this time."

"Exactly! The big guy's strength is already strong and coupled with the Concept he'd comprehended is the Earth Concept. Once he fights on the ground, he'll be able to rely on the extremely terrifying energy of the earth."

"The big guy's strength on the ground is sufficient to crush all the young disciples of the Water Peak, Fire Peak, and Earth Peak!"

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The gazes of most Wood Peak disciples locked on tightly onto Huang Daniu.

At this moment, at the same time that they revealed excited expressions, their eyes faintly contained a slight perturbed expression, and they were perturbed about whether Huang Daniu would be poached off by the other three peaks.

After all, similar incidents had occurred on numerous occasions, and it caused them to feel rather powerless.

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but laugh loudly when he noticed the gazes of the surrounding crowd of spectating Wood Peak disciples, and he looked at Huang Daniu as he said, "Haha... Daniu, all of them are extremely afraid that you'd be poached away by the other three peaks."

"Hmph!" Huang Daniu grunted and said with a voice that rumbled like thunder, "All of you think too little of me, Huang Daniu! How could I, Huang Daniu, be a fence sitter that falls over according to how the wind blows...?"

When Huang Daniu spoke up to here, the surrounding crowd of Wood Peak disciples revealed friendly expressions as they felt that their Wood Peak would obtain a young expert that was like a pillar that held up the sky.

But the next words Huang Daniu spoke caused them to be dumbstruck.

"Of course, if anyone is willing to give me around 10 grade two spirit weapons and another 10 plus or 20 Concept Fragments at the seventh level or above, then I think I would be willing to leave the Wood Peak and join their peak." Huang Daniu laughed slyly.

For a time, the crowd of Wood Peak disciples reacted to what he meant and emitted friendly laughter.

Around 10 grades two spirit weapons?

Even if the grade two spirit weapons of the Peak Master and elders were added together, none of the five peaks seemed to possess so many grade two spirit weapons, right?

10 plus or 20 Concept Fragments at the seventh level or above was even more absurd.

Perhaps Huang Daniu's strength wasn't bad and could be considered to be an outstanding talent amongst all the disciples of the younger generation in the Five Element Sect, yet it was still insufficient to make the other three peaks pay such a great price.

"Chen Wei, I truly never imagined that you and Elder Ke actually found two freaks like this... Hong Xi, let's go!" Luo Chen who realized he would be unable to gain an advantage over Chen Wei today glared fiercely at Chen Wei as he rubbed his swollen face, and then he called out to the green clothed young man and intended to leave.

Since the moment he witnessed the strength that Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu revealed, Hong Xi's expression had turned extremely unsightly.

Even though his strength wasn't bad, it was only equal to Luo Chen.

If he exerted his full strength while not utilizing a spirit weapon, he would at most possess the strength of 100 ancient horned dragons. Not to mention it was inferior to the big guy, it was even inferior to the violet clothed young man.

Presently, when he heard Luo Chen call out to him, Hong Xi's eyes lit up abruptly, and he flashed towards Luo Chen as if a heavy burden was taken off his shoulders.

He didn't want to stay in this place for another moment.

But would he be able to leave just because he wanted to?

Swoosh! Swoosh!

An azure bolt of lightning that was accompanied by an earthen yellow bolt of lightning flashed through the sky to appear on Hong Xi's path and stopped him.

A violet clothed young man that was completely enveloped in an azure colored gale and a robust young man who was enveloped in an earthen yellow light barrier firmly blocked Hong Xi's path.

"What're you two doing?!" Luo Chen's face darkened.

Hong Xi's face darkened as well when he saw the two people that appeared before him, and then he took a deep breath and squeezed out a trace of a smile with great effort. "I... I didn't..."

"Didn't my ass!" Hong Xi hadn't finished speaking when Huang Daniu had already shouted out explosively to interrupt Hong Xi, and at the same time, he struck out swiftly like a bolt of lightning.

Bang!

Huang Daniu struck out with a punch that seemed like a collapsing mountain and vast earthen yellow energy gushed out to transform into an earthen yellow colored divine dragon that collided fiercely with Hong Xi's chest.

Bang!

The vast energy collided with Hong Xi's chest and smashed Hong Xi flying like an arrow that left the bow.

"AH!" At the instant Hong Xi flew out, his face flushed red as he spat out a large mouthful of blood, and within this blood was blood red chunks. Obviously, his internal organs had been shattered by Huang Daniu's punch.

Bang! Bang!

When he saw Hong Xi's being blasted flying, Huang Daniu obviously didn't intend to let him off just like this, and he stomped on the ground, causing an enormous earthen yellow rock that appeared out of thin air beneath his feet to collapse while he used this counterforce to fly out.

Swoosh!

Huang Daniu's speed was like a swift bolt of lightning, and he caught up to Hong Xi in a short moment.

Bang!

He struck out with another punch that hit precisely on Hong Xi's Dantian, causing his Dantian to be destroyed completely and the Origin Energy within it gushed out uncontrollably.

"AH!!" Hong Xi emitted a miserably shrill cry that sounded like a pig being slaughtered, and then the Origin Energy on his body was extinguished, causing his body to lose the support of his Origin Energy and plunge down.

Without his Origin Energy, even if Hong Xi was capable of sensing the Concept in the heavens and the earth, yet without Origin Energy to be its host, he was unable to fuse the Concept into his body to support him.

"Luo... Luo Chen! Save... Save me!" Hong Xi's body accelerated as it dropped down, and he opened his mouth with great difficulty to seek for help from Luo Chen. If Luo Chen didn't save him, then he would surely fall to his death.

When Hong Xi's Dantian was destroyed by Huang Daniu, the way Luo Chen looked at Hong Xi had changed completely.

Now, when he heard Hong Xi seeking for help, he grunted coldly. "Hmph! Useless trash."

After that, he flew off to leave without turning back, and he left Hong Xi to continue plunging down before falling onto a cliff with a bang and transforming into a pile of mush.

"Hong Xi is pitiable." Duan Ling Tian withdrew his gaze from Hong Xi and glanced at Luo Chen's figure that was disappearing into the distance, and then he shook his head.

"Luo Chen is really trash! I, Big Brother Daniu, showed great mercy and only crippled his companion's Dantian, yet didn't intend to kill his companion... But he actually disregarded his companion and fled directly." Huang Daniu smacked his lips as he cursed.

Showed great mercy?

The surrounding crowd of Wood Peak disciples were speechless when they heard Huang Daniu.

You f*cking crippled his Dantian, yet it's showing great mercy?

If you didn't cripple his Dantian, then would he fall to his death?

"Let's go." Chen Wei seemed to be accustomed to Huang Daniu's violent nature, and he called out to Duan Ling Tian's group of three before continuing to descend towards the pavilion below.

"Hmph! Hmph! Luo Chen was really let off lightly." Ye Xuan who was brought down from the sky by Duan Ling Tian clenched her small fists tightly as she spoke hatefully.

Chapter 874: Slander

Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but shiver when he heard Ye Xuan.

If this little girl were to become formidable in the future, I'm afraid she'd be another 'Little Devil.'

When he thought of the Little Devil, Duan Ling Tian's gaze became dreamy as the figure of a yellow clothed young woman appeared in his mind.

The yellow clothed young woman was precisely Han Xue Nai.

"I wonder what Xue Nai is doing at this moment... Besides that, I wonder if Little Gold, Little Black, and Little White have left that place?" Duan Ling Tian sighed in his heart, and when he returned to his senses, he'd already descended behind Chen Wei onto a pavilion with three floors.

"Every single floor of this pavilion has a main bedroom, you three arrange it amongst yourselves." Chen Wei said to Duan Ling Tian's group of three, "All of you can come look for me if there's anything lacking... I'm living in that pavilion." As he spoke, Chen Wei pointed towards a pavilion with two floors in the distance.

"Okay." Duan Ling Tian's group of three nodded and then entered the pavilion.

Huang Daniu took the lowest floor, Ye Xuan took the second floor, and Duan Ling Tian moved into the top floor.

Once one left the main bedroom on the top floor, a boundless blue sky and white clouds would appear before one's eyes.

While Duan Ling Tian's group of three entered the pavilion, the spectating Wood Peak disciples that were watching the show dispersed successively, but their faces were filled with indescribable excitement.

"I truly never imagined that Senior Brother Chen and Elder Ke would bring such outstanding young experts back."

"Our Wood Peak can hold our heads up high this time... The Battle of the Five Peaks is only the beginning."

"There're another three days more before the Battle of the Five Peaks... It's truly a cause for anticipation."

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Smiles appeared on the faces of the Wood Peak disciples.

They were Wood Peak disciples and shared both the honor and disgrace of the Wood Peak, so the Wood Peak being the existence at the bottom amongst the five peaks caused them to be treated with disdain by the disciples of the other four peaks and be unable to walk with their heads held high.

They were sick of days like this since long ago.

This time, when they saw a chance to free themselves from this, they were naturally excited to the extreme.

Not long after, most of the Wood Peak disciples knew what had happened earlier.

For a time, the Wood Peak disciples that found out about this matter were seething with excitement.

Right when most Wood Peak disciples were seething with excitement, there were some Wood Peak disciples that were exceptions...

Luo Chen was one of them.

After he consumed a healing medicinal pill, Luo Chen's swollen face recovered to normal and no trace of his having suffered an injury could be discerned from his face.

But his expression was extremely unsightly at this moment, and he stood in the air with a slightly perturbed expression.

A pavilion with three floors stood near the peak of the Wood Peak. This pavilion stood alone by the side of a precipitous cliff, and it looked to be extremely dangerous, causing one to be unable to help but feel terrified.

Luo Chen's face was filled with conflicting emotions as he looked at the pavilion before him, and then he gritted his teeth in the end before flying out to descend onto the pavilion.

"You've returned?" Right at this moment, a red clothed old man walked out of the room on the third floor of the pavilion. The old man had a robust figure, a curly beard, and looked to be a crude and careless person.

"Master." Luo Chen was respectful and reverent when facing the old man, yet his expression was slightly unsightly. His mouth twitched but he didn't speak a word in the end, and he seemed as if it was difficult for him to open his mouth.

"What?" The curly bearded old man discerned that something was amiss and asked with a bewildered expression.

"Master." Luo Chen took a deep breath. He knew clearly in his heart that even if he didn't tell his master about Hong Xi, it wouldn't be long before his Master would find out.

So, he chose to make a confession.

"Hong Xi, he..." Luo Chen looked at the curly bearded old man, his master, with a slightly perturbed expression, and after he slowly spat out three words, he hesitated once more as if he was unable to continue.

A while back, his Master could be said to have paid a great price in order to pull Hong Xi into the Five Element Sect, into the Wood Peak.

Besides all the time he'd wasted, he'd also spent many grade three spirit weapons and Concept Fragments on the power that Hong Xi was from.

Yet now, Hong Xi had died, and died in the Wood Peak!

"What happened to Hong Xi?" The curly bearded old man's face went grim.

"Master, Hong Xi... Was killed!" Luo Chen took a deep breath and finally mustered up the courage to speak out.

"What?!" The old man's pupils constricted as cold lights flashed within, and then he asked with a grim voice. "Was it the members of the Water Peak, Fire Peak, or Earth Peak that did it?"

"None of them." Luo Chen shook his head.

"None of them?" The old man frowned. "Then how did he die? Could it be that the members of the Gold Peak did it?"

When he mentioned the gold peak, the old man's eyes emitted a trace of fear.

"No." Luo Chen shook his head once more and laughed bitterly. "It was someone from our own Wood Peak."

"Our Wood Peak?" The old man was shocked, and then he frowned as he asked. "Could it be that he offended an elder or perhaps offended a middle aged disciple?"

As far as he was concerned, with Hong Xi's strength, unless it was an elder of the Wood Peak or a disciple of the middle aged generation, practically no one was capable of killing Hong Xi in the Wood Peak.

Hong Xi's strength was equal to the most outstanding experts of the Wood Peak's younger generation, Chen Wei and Luo Chen, and even if Chen Wei or Luo Chen made a move against Hong Xi, it would be impossible for them to kill him.

"No!" Luo Chen shook his head once more.

"No?" The corners of the old man's mouth twitched slightly as he revealed astonishment from his eyes. "Could it be... It was the young disciples brought back by the other elders that did it?"

"Yes." Hong Xi nodded as two fierce lights shot out from his eyes. "It was the young disciples that Chen Wei and Elder Ke brought back... They killed Hong Xi as soon as they arrived!"

The old man's eyes flashed with a bright light, and then he went silent.

Meanwhile, Luo Chen looked at the old man and urged him anxiously. "Master, the reason they dared kill Hong Xi was none other than because Hong Xi hadn't officially registered himself as a disciple of the Five Element Sect and firmly believed the sect wouldn't interfere..."

"Presently, those two fellows haven't registered themselves as well. So even if they die, the sect won't pursue the matter! Master, you must take revenge for Hong Xi and kill those two fellows." As he finished speaking, Luo Chen's eyes emitted piercingly cold lights that seemed ready to swallow his enemies up.

He originally wanted to provoke and suppress Chen Wei today, yet never had he imagined that not only had he failed in suppressing Chen Wei, even the companion by his side was killed by the people by Chen Wei's side.

At the instant Hong Xi was killed, he noticed the gazes of ridicule the surrounding crowd of Wood Peak disciples looked at him with.

It was the first time in his life that he'd suffered such a great humiliation!

Now, he only wanted to cause the death of those two fellows that caused him to suffer such humiliation, and his heart would forever be ill at ease until they died.

"Two?" The old man that fell into silence couldn't help but frown when he heard Luo Chen. "What you mean is the two of them joined forces to kill Hong Xi?"

"Yes!" Luo Chen nodded.

He knew clearly in his heart that if he said Huang Daniu had killed Hong Xi by himself, then his Master might not do anything to Huang Daniu for the sake of the Wood Peak's future.

Yet now, when he said that the two of them had joined forces to kill Hong Xi, everything was completely different.

Before the old man could reply, Luo Chen grunted. "How could they possibly be a match for Hong Xi if they didn't join forces? Besides that, this is also Chen Wei's fault. It was he who stopped me and didn't allow me to save Hong Xi... It was precisely because of this that Hong Xi was killed by those two fellows." As he finished speaking, Luo Chen had an expression of grief and indignation, and it seemed as if everything he said was the truth.

At least, the curly bearded old man believed it.

"Hmph!" The old man grunted coldly when he heard what Luo Chen said. "If they killed Hong Xi under the circumstances of it being a one on one battle, then it's fine... Even if the Wood Peak doesn't have Hong Xi, it wouldn't be affected!"

"But they actually dared join forces and annihilated a would-be Wood Peak disciple that was more outstanding than them... Two people that are inferior to Hong Xi are utterly useless to our Wood Peak." As he finished speaking, the old man's face was covered in a layer of ice.

"Since they acted audaciously and recklessly and killed Hong Xi because Hong Xi was a would-be Wood Peak disciple... Then I similarly can kill them since they're only two tiny would-be Wood Peak disciples." The old man's words were filled with coldness.

A would-be Wood Peak disciple was a disciple that the Wood Peak was willing to accept, and the disciple was willing to join the Wood Peak, yet had not officially become a member of the Five Element Sect.

A person like this wasn't protected by the Five Element Sect.

"Master, if you want to kill them, then let's hurry over and kill them now before Chen Wei brings them along to register themselves and become official disciples!" A trace of complacency flashed within the eyes of Luo Chen who clearly sensed the rage of his master, and he couldn't help but urge the old man.

"Lead the way!" The old man nodded, and he obviously felt that Luo Chen was right.

"Yes!" Luo Chen flew out with delight, and he led the way and plunged down the mountain.

As for the old man, he followed neither swiftly nor slowly behind Luo Chen from the beginning until the end, and he arrived at a pavilion on the mountainside with Luo Chen.

"It's Luo Chen!"

"His master, Elder He, has come as well."

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Instantly, many people stuck their heads out from the nearby pavilions, and they recognized Luo Chen and the curly bearded old man.

"What have they come for?"

"They wouldn't have come to deal with the two young disciples that Chen Wei and Elder Ke brought back, right?"

"It isn't likely... Perhaps Luo Chen would do such a thing, but Elder He would surely not do it."

"Elder He thinks wholeheartedly for the Wood Peak, and he surely wouldn't do something that's harmful to the Wood Peak."

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Because of the appearance of the curly bearded of man, the Wood Peak disciples in the numerous pavilions didn't dare approach to watch what was happening as they were afraid they would accidentally offend Elder He.

Elder He's temper was renowned in the Wood Peak for being irritable, and few people dared offend him.

"They're inside?" The old man, the Wood Peak's Elder He Gang looked at the pavilion with three floors beneath him, and a strand of cold light flashed in his eyes as he asked with a low voice.

"Yes, Master." Luo Chen replied respectfully, before using his Origin Energy to supplement his voice as he flashed towards the pavilions.

His voice was concentrated, so even though it spread throughout the pavilion, it wasn't heard by the other Wood Peak disciples in the other pavilions that were watching from nearby.

"Duan Ling Tian, Huang Daniu, come out and die!" These were Luo Chen's words.

In the pavilion, the expressions of Duan Ling Tian, Huang Daniu, and Ye Xuan sank when they heard Luo Chen.

Chapter 875: The Frenzied Wood Peak Disciples

Ye Xuan walked out of her room and looked towards Luo Chen who was high above in the sky, and for a time, her eyes flickered with rage.

Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu soared up into the sky successfully, and in the blink of an eye, they arrived in the sky to stand in confrontation with Luo Chen from afar.

"Hmm?" Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu hadn't even had the chance to speak when they saw a red clothed bearded old man descending down to Luo Chen's side, and he stared at them with an icy cold gaze.

"A Void Transformation Stage expert?!" Duan Ling Tian's pupils constricted, and an expression of shock suffused his face.

Huang Daniu revealed a slightly fearful expression as well as he said to Duan Ling Tian who was beside him in a low voice, "Duan Ling Tian, looks like Luo Chen has called over his master."

Luo Chen's master was precisely the Wood Peak's elder, He Gang.

When Chen Wei and Luo Chen were in confrontation earlier, Duan Ling Tian had found out about this from the whispered discussions of some Wood Peak disciples.

But never had he imagined that Luo Chen would actually call his master over.

"Master, it's the two of them that killed Hong Xi!" Luo Chen looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu as he spoke to He Gang with a low voice, and his eyes contained strands of frightful cold lights that seemed ready to swallow Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu up.

"Hong Xi was killed by the two of you?" He Gang's piercingly cold gaze stared at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu as furious rage appeared on his face.

At the same time, his red clothes fluttered without the wind.

Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu hadn't even had the time to speak when Luo Chen had already stretched out his hand to point towards the distance. "Master, look... That's Hong Xi's corpse! After they crippled Hong Xi's cultivation, they allowed him to fall to his death." The directions Luo Chen pointed towards was precisely the side of the cliff that Hong Xi fell to his death on.

At that place was a terrifying pool of blood and a corpse that had been smashed into mush.

He Gang glanced over, and his pupils couldn't help but constrict.

Suddenly, vast and material milky white Origin Energy gushed out from him, and it was like liquid that flowed around his body.

Within the vast and material Origin Energy that seemed to be in liquid form was strands of violent energy leaping about, and it seemed as if it would shoot out at any moment.

"Killing him was only a thought away... Yet the two of you actually used such a cruel method to kill Hong Xi! Both of you don't have the qualifications to become disciples of my Wood Peak." He Gang seethed with fury as he stared coldly at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu, and his voice was extremely chilly. "It isn't just that, both of you must pay the price for Hong Xi's death!"

We don't have the qualifications to become Wood Peak disciples?

We have to pay the price for Hong Xi's death?

Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu couldn't help but glance at each other when they heard He Gang, and they saw extreme rage from the eyes of each other.

Suddenly, a wisp of a cold smile suffused the corners of both their mouths.

"You're the Wood Peak's elder, He Gang?" Duan Ling Tian took a step forward and looked He Gang in the eye without the slightest fear, and he asked with a cold voice.

"Presumptuous!" He Gang hadn't spoken when Luo Chen had already shouted out. "Duan Ling Tian, how can a would-be Wood Peak disciple like you speak my master's name? Not to mention you're only a would-be Wood Peak disciple, even if you've become an official disciple of our Wood Peak, my master's name isn't something you can address directly."

But Duan Ling Tian disregarded Luo Chen and looked at He Gang as he asked with a cold voice. "Elder He, you've said that we have to pay the price for Hong Xi's death... Could it be that you think we killed Hong Xi for no reason? Or perhaps you think Hong Xi wasn't in the wrong?"

He Gang's expression was extremely unsightly from being questioned to his face by Duan Ling Tian.

Who was he?

The dignified elder of the Five Element Sect's Wood Peak, an existence at the sixth level of the Void Transformation Stage.

A would-be Wood Peak disciple dared be so presumptuous before him?

But when Duan Ling Tian finished speaking, his brows couldn't help but frown as he realized he'd overlooked something that was the most important.

How did Hong Xi offend these two people before him?

"Then I want to hear, exactly what faults does Hong Xi have?" He Gang asked with a cold voice.

"I'm afraid you have to ask your good disciple." Duan Ling Tian's eyes were suffused with coldness as he looked at Luo Chen and spoke word by word.

"Hmm?" He Gang instantly looked at Luo Chen when he heard this. "Luo Chen, speak."

"Yes, Master." Luo Chen replied respectfully, and then he said, "I admit that I was in the wrong first in the incident today! When I saw Chen Wei bring them to the Wood Peak, the desire to excel emerged in my heart and I obstructed their path..." Luo Chen spoke as he stretched his hand out to point at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu.

"Mmm." He Gang nodded and revealed a gratified smile.

He naturally understood this disciple of his.

His disciple always sought to excel over others, so doing this wasn't surprising to him. But, since Luo Chen could recognize his own mistakes, then it was a good beginning, and it was excusable.

After Luo Chen indicated the reason of the conflict, when Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu saw that not only did He Gang not have any intention of blaming Luo Chen, he instead revealed a smile, their expressions instantly became slightly unsightly.

"Duan Ling Tian, looks like this old fellow is a brainless person that sides with those who are wrong." Huang Daniu's enraged voice transmission entered clearly into Duan Ling Tian's ears.

"I noticed." Duan Ling Tian nodded, and then his eyes narrowed slightly as he said via voice transmission. "Like Master like disciple! Perhaps we were wrong since the beginning. The reason the Wood Peak has declined isn't entirely because the other three peaks are acting against the Wood Peak."

"Hmph! This old fellow actually dares say this Big Brother Daniu doesn't have the qualifications to become a Wood Peak disciple... Does he really think I'm desperate to become their Wood Peak's

disciple? With my natural talent, even the Gold Peak wouldn't refuse my entrance." Huang Daniu's vice transmission was filled with disdain.

"After that, I and Hong Xi had only spoken improperly and slightly offended them... But they didn't say anything and exploded out to cripple Hong Xi's cultivation before causing him to fall to his death!" Luo Chen continued.

As he finished speaking, he looked at He Gang, and his face was suffused with extreme rage as he said angrily, "Master, you must take revenge for Hong Xi... Even if Hong Xi was at fault, his fault didn't warrant death!"

He Gang nodded before looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu with a gaze that was filled with icy cold killing intent. "Do the two of you have anything to say now?"

"Hmph!" Huang Daniu grunted and revealed an expression of disdain as he said, "Will anything I say now be of any f*cking use? No wonder this Luo Chen is so arrogant and dares to cause trouble for no reason. It turns out that he had such a 'good master' like you to support him!"

"With a woodworm like you here, it's no wonder that the Wood Peak would fall into decline." As he finished speaking, Huang Daniu spoke bluntly.

"You're courting death!!" He Gang's face went grim when he heard Huang Daniu.

Subsequently, the Origin Energy on his body that was practically liquid shook, and then it transformed into numerous thick violet colored bolts of lightning that faintly emitted heavy rumbling sounds of thunder within.

Whoosh!

In the sky above He Gang, over a thousand ancient horned dragon silhouettes converged together in a formidable array that seemed like a black cloud that covered the sky, and it brought an extremely oppressive feeling to everyone present.

"Sixth level of the Void Transformation Stage! Sixth level Advanced Lightning Force!" Duan Ling Tian's face sank slightly. Even though he knew since long ago that He Gang was an elder of the Wood Peak, yet he never imagined that He Gang's strength would be so strong.

A sixth level Void Transformation Stage elder surely possessed an extraordinary status in the Wood Peak.

For a time, coldness arose in Duan Ling Tian's heart.

He suddenly felt that the words Huang Daniu spoke early was so true.

Perhaps that Wood Peak's decline was really not solely because there were no outstanding disciples left in the Wood Peak's younger generation, and it was also because this Wood Peak elder's failure to distinguish between right and wrong!

As the saying goes, a pitiable person surely had something detestable about him. The Wood Peak was just like that.

"Sh*t!"

"My god! Elder He actually wants to make a move against them."

"They're the future of our Wood Peak! This won't do, we must absolutely not allow anything to happen to them, otherwise, we'll be unable to walk with our heads held high when facing the disciples of the other four peaks like before!"

"Brothers, Sister, if you don't want to suffer humiliation anymore in the future, then follow me! No matter what, we mustn't allow Elder He to injure the future hope of our Wood Peak!"

"Let's go!"

"I'll go notify Senior Brother Chen Wei!"

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Right when He Gang raised his hand with the intention of making a move against Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu, and when a 'talisman' appeared in the hand of Duan Ling Tian as his gaze locked onto He Gang tightly while being ready to toss out the talisman and annihilate He Gang at any moment.

"Stay your hand!"

"Elder He, you can't kill them! You can't destroy the future of our Wood Peak!"

"Elder Ke, if they're killed by you, then you'll become condemned as a traitor of our Wood Peak for eternity!"

"He Gang, I don't f*cking care if you're an elder of the Wood Peak or not. If you want to lay a hand on them, then you must step over my dead body!"

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A wave of seething voices that were like rumbling thunder sounded out from all directions, and it caused He Gang's expression to be unable to help but go grim.

As for Luo Chen, he was completely dumbstruck when he saw a group of Wood Peak disciples charging over in a formidable array, as he never imagined that such an exaggerated thing would occur.

These Wood Peak disciples have come to help Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu who're two outsiders?

At this moment, at the same time that his heart was filled with disbelief, boundless hatred and envy arose in his heart.

Subsequently, he hastily looked towards He Gang and urged. "Master, quickly kill them! Quickly kill them!"

At this moment, there was only a single thought that remained in his heart — Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu must die!

When he heard Luo Chen's words, the expression of Duan Ling Tian who was originally stunned by the Wood Peak disciples that converged over from all directions went grim, and then he hastily moved his attention to He Gang and locked onto He Gang with his gaze.

So long as He Gang made the slightest movement, he wouldn't hesitate in the slightest to toss out the talisman and annihilate He Gang.

But He Gang seemed as if he didn't hear Luo Chen, and he slowly lowered his hand as the violet colored bolts of lightning that coiled around his body dispersed without a trace along with this action.

"They..." He Gang was dumbstruck as he looked at the crowd of Wood Peak disciples that had converged from all over, and a bad premonition faintly arose in his heart.

Two would-be Wood Peak disciples that hadn't officially registered themselves as disciples of the Five Element Sect had caused so many Wood Peak disciples to stand out for them. No matter how slow he was in reacting, he still realized that something was amiss.

Chapter 876: Sudden Change In The Situation

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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Numerous figures, both male and female flashed through the sky to arrive shortly before Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu, and then they surrounded Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu like a human wall, protecting the two of them behind them.

These people were all disciples of the Wood Peak.

"This..." Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu glanced at each other and were able to see shock from each other's eyes.

At the same time that the actions of these Wood Peak disciples caused them to be shocked, warmth arose in their hearts.

These Wood Peak disciples were protecting them.

Presently, after the crowds of Wood Peak disciples had protected Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu behind them, they looked at He Gang with a vigilant expression as if He Gang was a dreadful monster.

"Elder He, you can't lay a hand on them!"

"Elder He, if you want to kill them, then first get through us!"

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The crowd of Wood Peak disciples were united as one, and their faces were filled with rage when they faced He Gang.

"All of you... What're all of you doing?" He Gang took a deep breath, and his face beneath his curly beard was filled with shock.

Never had he imagined that two young men that had just arrived at the Wood Peak and hadn't even officially registered themselves as disciples would actually possessed such ability to draw the Wood Peak disciples to their side.

Can anyone tell me what the f*ck is going on?

"What're all of you doing?!" Luo Chen stood by He Gang's side, and he swept the crowd of Wood Peak disciples with a cold gaze as he said with a deep voice, "Don't all of you forget that you're disciples of the Wood Peak... Now, my master, an elder of the Wood Peak, wants to punish these two people that have indiscriminately slaughtered an innocent would-be Wood Peak disciple, yet all of you dare interfere? Do all of you want to die?"

As he finished speaking, Luo Chen's eyes were suffused with ghastly killing intent that swept towards the crowd of Wood Peak disciples, and he seemed to want to use this to threaten them.

Unfortunately, the crowd of Wood Peak disciples seemed to have utterly not heard Luo Chen, and their gazes that were filled with vigilance stayed on He Gang from the beginning until the end.

It was as if they were deeply afraid that He Gang would make a move against Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu once more.

For a time, the atmosphere at the scene became extremely heavy.

He Gang stood there in midair without the slightest movement.

Even though that even if the crowd of Wood Peak disciples interfered, he had completely certainty of being able to kill Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu, but he didn't act in this way.

His heart was filled with curiosity at this moment.

What did Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu rely on to make a crowd of Wood Peak disciples be able to act to such an extent for them?

As the saying goes, those the obtain the support of the masses obtain the world.

Even though Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu hadn't officially become Wood Peak disciples, but they'd obtained the support of everyone in the Wood Peak, and even he, an elder of the Wood Peak, felt embarrassed from his inferiority.

"Duan Ling Tian, Daniu... Are you two alright?" An anxious voice sounded out from afar and approached, and accompanying this voice was a figure that flashed over swiftly, and it arrived before the crowd of Wood Peak disciples that had formed a human wall.

"We're fine." Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu soared up from behind the crowd and stood before the person that had arrived.

This person was precisely Chen Wei!

At this moment, Chen Wei's expression was extremely unsightly as he'd already roughly found out everything that had happened from the Wood Peak disciple that had come looking for him earlier.

Never had he imagined that he'd just returned to his residence and sat cross-legged in cultivation for just awhile when such a great incident had happened outside.

There was actually someone that wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu and annihilate the future of their Wood Peak!

If it was before, Chen Wei would surely greet the Wood Peak's elder, He Gang, first once he made an appearance.

But he didn't do so now, and he bowed to the crowd of Wood Peak disciples instead and said with a serious expression, "Thank you, all of you. All of you have done well! I believe that with all of you here, our Wood Peak's future will surely be bright!"

"Senior Brother Chen Wei, you're too kind."

"Yeah, Senior Brother Chen Wei, this is something that we ought to do."

"Senior Brother Chen Wei, you and Elder Ke have rendered great merit to our Wood Peak!"

"All that we've done is insignificant things."

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The crowd of Wood Peak disciples replied successively.

"Thank you." Meanwhile, Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu bowed to the crowd of Wood Peak disciples as well.

Perhaps the crowd of Wood Peak disciples didn't have strengths that were more formidable than the two of them, but everything these Wood Peak disciples had done earlier caused the two of them to feel heartfelt gratitude.

The crowd of Wood Peak disciples revealed friendly smiles when facing Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu's expression of gratitude.

"Elder He!" Chen Wei turned around, and his face sank as he looked at He Gang who stood in the distance. "May I know how Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu have offended you to actually cause you to intend to kill them?" Chen Wei's voice was filled with a questioning tone.

"Chen Wei, who do you think you are? Are you even worthy to speak like this to my master?" He Gang hadn't spoken when Luo Chen had already sneered with disdain.

"Luo..." He Gang had already noticed that something was amiss. Presently, when he saw his disciples was still so rash, he couldn't help but frown and intended to restrain Luo Chen.

But he'd just opened his mouth when he was interrupted by a cold and indifferent voice that descended from the heavens.

"If he's unworthy, then what about me?!" The cold and indifferent voice sounded out and drew the gazes of everyone.

High above in the sky, two old men descended side by side.

The two old men currently had extremely unsightly expressions. Especially the one-armed old man that had just spoken, his eyes were even flickering with extremely icy coldness.

His gaze was like a venomous snake that lay in ambush and would attack at any moment!

"Elder... Elder Yang, you've returned?" He Gang couldn't help but be stunned when he saw the one-armed old man, as he never imagined that this old man would return to the Wood Peak.

After all, after the old man's personal disciple was poached away by the Fire Peak's Master 10 years ago, the old man left the Five Element Sect in his rage and went to stay at the point of operations of the Wood Peak in Settlement City.

He never expected that after 10 years, the old man would actually return once more.

"Who're you?" Luo Chen obviously didn't recognize the one-armed old man, and he frowned as he asked in a low voice.

"Luo Chen, don't be disrespectful! This is Elder Yang, the number two expert in our Wood Peak... Quickly apologize to Elder Yang!" When he saw his disciple actually daring to offend the old man, cold sweat emerged from He Gang's forehead as he hurriedly shouted out with a grim voice.

The number two expert of the Wood Peak?

Luo Chen's face completely went pale when He Gang said this.

"He... He's Elder Yang Ling?" Suddenly, Luo Chen's gaze descended onto the one-armed old man's severed arm.

Subsequently, his body trembled for no reason as he seemed to have recalled some sort of terrifying incident.

Even though he'd only take Elder He as his master eight years ago and had come to the Five Element Sect seven years ago, but he'd heard his master mention this old man on many occasions.

This old man was called Yang Ling, and he was the most formidable existence in the Wood Peak below the Peak Master.

"Elder... Elder Yang." Luo Chen couldn't help but shiver, and then he lowered his head in panic and bowed to Yang Ling. "I... I didn't know your identity earlier, Elder Yang Ling, I hope that Elder Yang can forgive me."

"Hmph!" Yang Ling grunted coldly, and he didn't seem to make any movement, yet a bang resounded out.

In the next moment, Luo Chen's entire body flew out like an arrow that left the bow, and he repeatedly spat out a few mouthfuls of blood on the way.

Luo Chen who was barely able to stop his figure in midair had a countenance that was pale as a sheet, and then he looked at Yang Ling. "Elder Yang, I was wrong! I was really wrong!"

From the beginning until the end, he wasn't able to react to exactly when the one-armed old man before him had made a move.

He knew that if the one-armed old man wanted to kill him, then he wouldn't be able to last to breathe another breath.

"Elder Yang, why did you do that?" When he saw Yang Ling strike his disciple even after his disciple had apologized to Yang Ling, He Gang instantly felt embarrassed and asked with a low voice.

"Why?" Yang Ling glanced indifferently at He Gang, and in the next moment, he'd vanished on the spot.

When he appeared once more, he was already at the spot He Gang stood at previously, whereas, He Gang had instead been blasted flying and followed in the footsteps of Luo Chen.

"Duan Ling Tian, Huang Daniu... The Wood Peak will give both of you an explanation for the incident today!" Ke Zheng who came along with Yang Ling spoke to Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu with a solemn expression.

In the distance, He Gang's countenance was pale as he stared angrily at Yang Ling. "Yang Ling, don't think that I'm afraid of you just because you're the number two expert of the Wood Peak... If you don't give me an explanation for the incident today, then I'll ask the Peak Master to uphold justice for me!"

"The Peak Master?" A wisp of a cold smile arose on the corners of Yang Ling's mouth when he heard He Gang. "If the person standing here at this moment wasn't me but the Peak Master... Do you think that you and your disciple would only suffer this little bit of punishment?"

"Huh?" Needless to say, Yang Ling's words had shocked He Gang.

Subsequently, He Gang's gaze descended onto Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu as he faintly realized that everything before him was relation to these two young men.

Who exactly are these two young men?

Why would the crowd of Wood Peak disciples willingly protect them?

Why would Yang Ling and Ke Zheng stand up for them?

At this moment, his heart was filled with questions and more questions.

"Chen Wei, when I heard you say He Gang wanted to kill Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu, I rushed over urgently... What exactly is going on?" Right when the atmosphere was slightly strange, Ke Zheng looked at Chen Wei and asked with a low voice.

Chen Wei took a deep breath and didn't conceal anything as he spoke of the matter of his path being obstructed by Luo Chen and Hong Xi while bringing Duan Ling Tian's group of three over.

"Not only did Luo Chen and Hong Xi obstruct our paths, they even repeatedly humiliated Duan Ling Tian and Daniu, and they called the two of them pieces of trash... Many brothers and sisters here can bear witness to all of this." When he spoke up to here, Chen Wei looked around his surroundings and the crowd of Wood Peak disciples that were stood scattered in all directions.

"Exactly! I can bear witness that Luo Chen and Hong Xi had indeed humiliated Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu like that at that time."

"I can bear witness as well!"

"If it wasn't for them being overbearing, Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu would have surely not made a move."

"Even the calmest person has a temper, let alone Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu... If I was the two of them, I would be unable to endure being humiliated like that as well!"

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The numerous Wood Peak disciples spoke out in succession.

Martial artists possessed firm and unyielding characters as they stood in the heavens and the earth, and even the might of the heavens and earth would be unable to make them bend down.

They would rather die standing than kneel to live!

If one was capable of remaining indifferent when being humiliated by another like that, then what was the point of cultivating?

If they were even unable to protect themselves, then how could they protect their loved ones?

He Gang's face went completely grim when he heard the crowd of Wood Peak disciples who spoke out in unison.

Chapter 877: Two Demands

Never had He Gang imagined that such an important thing was actually only touched on lightly by his disciple.

If he knew beforehand that Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu had suffered such a humiliation before making a move, then he would absolutely not take action because he was utterly unable to justify his actions.

"Why didn't you tell me all this?" He Gang looked at Luo Chen as he spoke with a low voice, and his expression was unsightly to the extreme.

Luo Chen kept silent.

It was naturally impossible for him to tell He Gang all of this because he knew that once he did, then with his master's character, it would be impossible for his master to make a move against Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu.

But never had he imagined that when Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu were just about to be killed by his master, those Wood Peak disciples came over in a formidable array to cause trouble and stop his master.

In a battle, the winner is always in the right!

This was the picture in Luo Chen's heart.

But Luo Chen wasn't worried either. Even though he'd gone slightly too far in this matter, but the two people concerned, Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu, were fine after all.

As far as he was concerned, it wouldn't come to the extent of having to pay with his life.

Moreover, the Wood Peak needed people the most now.

As an outstanding talent in the younger generation of the Wood Peak, he believed that even Yang Ling and Ke Zheng wouldn't really do anything to him.

Once something was to happen to him, it would be a loss to the entire Wood Peak.

So he feared nothing.

"After Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu were repeatedly humiliated by Hong Xi and Luo Chen, the both of them couldn't endure it any longer and each of them gave Luo Chen a slap... Subsequently, Hong Xi was heavily injured and had his cultivation crippled." Chen Wei continued speaking of the scene at that time. "At that time, even though Hong Xi's cultivation had been crippled, yet if someone saved him, he wouldn't have fallen to his death... Hong Xi sought for help from Luo Chen, yet Luo Chen didn't even spare him a glance before leaving without saving him." The surrounding crowd of Wood Peak disciples nodded in unison, and they agreed with what Chen Wei said.

Slap!

A clear sound of a slap resounded out, and it drew the gazes of everyone.

He Gang had given Luo Chen a slap under his extreme rage, and he hit so heavily that it caused Luo Chen's head to slant to the side before spitting out a mouthful of shattered teeth.

It wasn't just that, a side of Luo Chen face was completely swollen, causing him to seem very much like he had half a pig's head on him.

"Ma... Master, you..." Luo Chen was stunned, completely stunned.

This was the first time his master had become so enraged before him and the first time his master had struck him so fiercely, causing him to be unable to accept it for a time.

"Little fellows, the truth of this matter had already been revealed now, and He Gang and his disciple have suffered the lesson they deserved... How about ending the matter like this?" After he found out about the sequence of events, Yang Ling glanced coldly and indifferently at He Gang and Luo Chen, and then he looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu before asking their opinion.

"The lesson they deserved?" Duan Ling Tian sneered. Just this little bit of light injury is the lesson they deserved?

"Impossible!" Huang Daniu shook his head, and then he spoke resolutely.

"Hehe... This Elder He was extremely amazing earlier. He said I and Duan Ling Tian don't have the qualifications to become Wood Peak disciples! Since it's like this, then I and Duan Ling Tian have utterly no reason to stay in the Wood Peak." Huang Daniu glanced indifferently at He Gang as he chuckled.

As soon as Huang Daniu said this, it wasn't just the expressions of Yang Ling, Ke Zheng, and Chen Wei that changed, even the expressions of the surrounding crowd of Wood Peak disciples had gone completely grim.

For a time, the crowd of Wood Peak disciples glared angrily at He Gang.

As far as they were concerned, if it wasn't for the words He Gang had said earlier, why would Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu have the intention of leaving the Wood Peak?

"Don't worry elders, even if I and Daniu leave the Wood Peak, we won't go to the Water Peak, Fire Peak, or Earth Peak... We'll go to the Gold Peak. I presume the Gold Peak wouldn't refuse us." Duan Ling Tian glanced at Ke Zheng and Yang Ling before speaking indifferently.

"Hmph!" Meanwhile, He Gang grunted coldly and said in disdain, "You kids overestimate your ability! The incident from before is indeed my disciple's fault, but Elder Yang has already said that the matter can end here. Yet the both of you still dare take a mile when given an inch?"

"You two were only able to cripple Hong Xi who had a strength equal to Luo Chen while jointly attacking him, how strong do the both of you think you are? Do the both of you really think you're so important to the Wood Peak?" As he finished speaking, He Gang looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu with a gaze filled with contempt.

"HAHAHAHA..." Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but burst out with laughter when he heard He Gang, and then he looked at Yang Ling and Ke Zheng before shrugging indifferently. "Elder, both of you have seen as well... Since the Wood Peak doesn't welcome me and Daniu, then we'll naturally not stay here shamelessly."

"Duan Ling Tian, we'll go get Little Xuan first before leaving the Wood Peak... I don't want to stay in this place for another moment!" said Huang Daniu.

"Alright!" Duan Ling Tian readily agreed.

The expressions of Yang Ling and Ke Zheng darkened as they glared furiously at He Gang in unison, and their gazes that were fierce like blades wished for nothing more than to slice He Gang apart.

Now they finally understood.

He Gang utterly had no knowledge about Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu's true strength and thought that the two of them had to join forces before being barely able to defeat Hong Xi who possessed a strength similar to Luo Chen.

"Duan Ling Tian, Daniu... Wait for a moment." Right at this moment, Chen Wei called out to Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu.

"Chen Wei, no matter if I stay at the Wood Peak or not, you'll be a friend of mine forever." Duan Ling Tian smiled lightly.

"Me too." Huang Daniu spoke out as well.

"Duan Ling Tian, Daniu, both of you wait for a moment... Just for a moment, alright?" Chen Wei's tone contained a trace of a pleading tone.

Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu glanced at each other, and then they nodded to Chen Wei in agreement after coming to an agreement.

Chen Wei heaved a sigh of relief when he saw this, and at the same time, he looked at He Gang who stood in the distance and asked with a low voice. "Elder He Gang, you said that Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu were only able to defeat Hong Xi by joining forces? As far as I'm concerned, that's simply a humongous joke!"

"Huh?" He Gang was first stunned when he heard Chen Wei, and then he frowned. "Could it be that it isn't true?"

This was something that his disciple, Luo Chen, had told him personally, so could there be something fake about it?

"This was probably something Luo Chen told you, right? Looks like Luo Chen really hates Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu to the core... For the sake of his own selfish desire, he completely disregarded the future of the Wood Peak!" After he saw He Gang's reaction, Chen Wei extremely easily guessed some things, and he hit the nail on the head.

The Wood Peak's future!

He Gang's face darkened when he heard this, then his eyes revealed disbelief as he looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu, and his heart trembled. "Could it be... Could it be that they were able to cripple Hong Xi in a one on one battle?"

"What?! Luo Chen actually didn't tell Elder He that Huang Daniu suppressed Hong Xi in a single move, and he crippled Hong Xi's Dantian in the second move?"

"Huang Daniu comprehended the Earth Concept, and even if he fought in midair and didn't draw assistance from the energy of the earth... When he attacked while not utilizing a spirit weapon, he was still able to draw the energy of the heavens and the earth to condense 130 ancient horned dragon silhouettes!"

"Duan Ling Tian isn't bad either. He's at such a young age, yet already possesses a strength that surpasses Senior Brother Chen Wei and Luo Chen."

"Elder He's expression seems to be slightly unsightly... Looks like Luo Chen really didn't tell him about the true strengths of Huang Daniu and Duan Ling Tian."

"Luo Chen is really selfish! For the sake of his own selfish desire, he didn't have any scruples to ruin the future of our Wood Peak."

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The crowd of Wood Peak disciples discussed animatedly, and in the end, they couldn't help but glare angrily at Luo Chen.

Slap!

Another resounding slap sounded out, He Gang had given Luo Chen another slap, causing the other side of Luo Chen's face to swell up and become a complete 'pig's head.'

In a single day, Luo Chen was beaten into a 'pig's head' twice.

"Bastard! You're trapping me to betray the Wood Peak!" He Gang currently seemed like an enraged tiger that wished for nothing more than to open its bloody mouth and swallow Luo Chen, yet was unable to do it in the end.

Luo Chen didn't beg for forgiveness, and he continued maintaining silence.

He knew that silence was the best protection at this moment.

"Duan Ling Tian, Huang Daniu!" In next to no time, He Gang took a deep breath and looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu before deeply bowing to them. "I apologize for the words I said earlier... No matter what, I hope that both of you can stay in the Wood Peak!"

"The Wood Peak can't endure being put into a state of turmoil once more... The Wood Peak needs people like the both of you to create a future for it, and the disciples of the Wood Peak need people like the two of you to stand up for them and allow them to walk with their heads held high." He Gang's words were spoken with extreme sincerity.

Since he found out about Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu's strength, he seemed as if he'd become a different person, and he'd become a person that put the Wood Peak before anything else.

"Hmph!" Duan Ling Tian grunted coldly and paid no attention to He Gang.

"Do you think that a few words of apology can resolve what you and your disciple did to Duan Ling Tian and me? If it's really so simple, then everyone can just stop cultivating, and it would be best for us to cripple our own cultivations." Huang Daniu sneered.

"So long as the both of you are willing to stay in the Wood Peak, then I'll agree to anything!" He Gang spoke with a sincere expression.

"Are you sure?" The cold smile on Huang Daniu's face grew colder.

"Yes!" He Gang nodded.

"Alright... Since you agreed so readily, I won't beat around the bush with you. So long as you're willing to agree to two of my demands, then I can continue staying at the Wood Peak. Moreover, I guarantee I won't join any of the other four peaks." Huang Daniu spoke slowly.

"What about him?" He Gang looked at Duan Ling Tian.

"I can't make a decision for him." Huang Daniu shook his head.

"Daniu, what're your demands?" Duan Ling Tian was slightly curious as he asked via voice transmission.

In next to no time, Duan Ling Tian obtained a reply from Huang Daniu and couldn't help but gasp, and then he replied via voice transmission with slight astonishment. "Daniu, you're really a ruthless fellow!"

"Hehe. Who asked them to offend me? Especially that old fellow, he almost killed me earlier." When he recalled the scene from before, Huang Daniu couldn't help but feel a slight lingering fear in his heart.

"So long as you agree to Daniu's two demands, I can stay in the Wood Peak with Daniu. Moreover, I won't join any of the other four peaks as well." Duan Ling Tian's gaze descended onto He Gang who was staring at him before speaking indifferently.

He Gang's eyes lit up when he heard this, and he hurriedly looked at Huang Daniu before asking urgently. "What're your demands? Please state them."

Presently, He Gang had completely lost his lofty attitude that he had when facing Huang Daniu and Duan Ling Tian earlier.

Chapter 878: The Second Demand

"The first demand — You, cripple your own cultivation!" As soon as Huang Daniu spoke, it was like a heaven shaking event that caused the expressions of everyone besides Duan Ling Tian to become shocked.

Never had they imagined that Huang Daniu was actually put forward such an absurd demand.

Asking a Wood Peak elder to cripple his own cultivation? Isn't this a joke?

"What? You're unwilling?" Duan Ling Tian couldn't help but laugh coldly when he saw He Gang's expression that had went grim. "Don't forget that Daniu and I were almost killed by you... Now, we aren't asking for your life, and only your cultivation. We can already be considered to be benevolent to you."

The surrounding crowd of Wood Peak disciples were speechless when they heard Duan Ling Tian.

Even this can be called benevolent?

He Gang was an elder of the Wood Peak, an existence at the sixth level of the Void Transformation Stage.

His cultivation was only obtained from experiencing more than half his lifetime of cultivation and accumulation.

Once he was crippled, then they could imagine that He Gang's life would be more miserable than death!

"Duan Ling Tian, don't go too far!" Luo Chen who'd always been maintaining silence finally couldn't help but shout out in a grim voice.

"Luo Chen, shut your stinking mouth! It isn't your place to speak now! Believe it or not, Daniu and I will leave the Wood Peak right now if you dare speak another word!" Duan Ling Tian glanced coldly and indifferently at Luo Chen as he spoke with a low voice.

"Duan Ling Tian's intentions are my intentions." Huang Daniu spoke out in support.

"Unfilial disciple, shut your mouth!" He Gang's face sank and berated. "If you dare speak another word, then I, your Master, will end your life with my own two hands!" Luo Chen's face turned unsightly, yet he didn't dare speak another word.

He was extremely familiar with his master's temper, and he knew that his master was a man of his word.

"Little fellow." Yang Ling looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu as he frowned. "Can the both of you change it to a different demand? Elder He is a pillar of support of our Wood Peak after all, you two..."

"Elder Yang, we aren't forcing him to cripple his own cultivation..." Duan Ling Tian bluntly interrupted Yang Ling and spoke indifferently.

"That's good." Yang Ling didn't become angry because Duan Ling Tian interrupted him, and he heaved a sigh of relief instead.

"But if he doesn't satisfy our demand, then we'll leave the Wood Peak right away!" Duan Ling Tian finished his sentence.

For a time, Yang Ling's face went grim.

Never had he imagined that Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu would be so stubborn, and they seemed as if they wouldn't let the matter go unless He Gang's cultivation was crippled.

But with a quick thought, he came to an understanding.

According to what Duan Ling Tian had said earlier, they'd almost perished at the hands of He Gang.

If he put himself in their shoes, then a demand like this wasn't going too far.

Yang Ling's current way of thinking was precisely the way of thinking of the surrounding crowd of Wood Peak disciples.

After they were shocked by the demand that Huang Daniu put forward, they recalled what had happened earlier at the first possible moment, and they came to an understanding.

If they stood in Huang Daniu's place, then they would make a similar decision.

"Daniu, looks like this Elder He isn't able to make a decision... Let's leave." Duan Ling Tian glanced at He Gang whose expression changed indeterminately before shaking his head, and then he called out to Huang Daniu and intended to leave.

"Wait!" Right when Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu intended to leave, He Gang finally spoke out, and he seemed as if he'd instantly aged a few years.

"At the bottom of it all, even though the incident today was caused by this unfilial disciple of mine, I can't absolve myself from blame... So, I apologize to the both of you once more." He Gang bowed to Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu once more, but they only looked coldly and indifferently at him.

Bang!

Right at this moment, He Gang struck out like a bolt of lightning had struck his Dantian with his palm.

Whoosh!

In the next moment, vast Origin Energy that had almost turned liquid escaped from He Gang's Dantian before charging into the sky in the blink of an eye before vanishing.

As for He Gang himself, his countenance was ghastly pale as he plunged down from the sky.

Without his cultivation, he'd already lost the ability to continue flying.

All of this only happened in the blink of an eye, and it was swift to the point most of the people present at the scene weren't able to react to it.

"Alas." Yang Ling sighed. With a raise of his hand, a shapeless force swept out to hold up He Gang who'd lost his cultivation and saved He Gang from falling to his death.

"You, take Elder He to take a rest." Yang Ling looked at a Wood Peak disciple.

"Yes, Elder Yang." The Wood Peak disciple selected by Yang Ling replied respectfully before leaving while bringing He Gang along.

Meanwhile, everyone including Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu recovered from their shock in succession, but their faces were covered in shock. Obviously, they never expected that He Gang would really do it.

"This He Gang is someone that dares to take responsibility for his own actions... He crippled his cultivation at the sixth level of the Void Transformation Stage just like that without the slightest hesitation! I have to admit, he's a qualified elder of the Wood Peak." The hatred in Duan Ling Tian's eyes vanished and was replaced by admiration.

For the sake of the Wood Peak's future, a martial artist at the sixth level of the Void Transformation Stage was willing to cripple his own cultivation...

Just this action had already obtained his respect.

"But unfortunately, his judgment is too bad, and he took such a selfish disciple that destroyed his entire life." Huang Daniu's eyes flashed as he spoke slowly.

"Master!" Right at this moment, Luo Chen who stood in the distance cried out sorrowfully, and then he flashed out to swiftly chase up towards the direction that He Gang left towards.

"Want to leave?" As soon as Luo Chen moved, Huang Daniu who'd always been keeping an eye on him gave chase, and with Huang Daniu's cultivation, he chased up to Luo Chen and stopped him in the blink of an eye.

Luo Chen's face sank when he saw Huang Daniu appear before him, and then he looked at Yang Ling.

"Elder Yang, my master is old, and now his cultivation has even been crippled... I want to go take care of him."

At this moment, Luo Chen played the affection card.

He knew clearly that after his master crippled himself to satisfy Huang Daniu's first demand, Huang Daniu would surely make a second demand.

He didn't even have to guess before knowing that the second demand was related to him.

So he wanted to quickly leave, as this was where trouble would strike him.

But unfortunately, he'd only just moved when Huang Daniu had stopped him.

"Hmph!" Yang Ling grunted coldly when he heard Luo Chen, and his eyes that were filled with wisdom stared fixedly at Luo Chen and seemed as if it could see through everything. "Don't think that I don't know what you're thinking... How could a selfish person like you really be concerned about Elder He?"

"Little fellows, what's your second demand?" Lang Ying glanced at Huang Daniu before looking at Duan Ling Tian.

"Duan Ling Tian, you do it." Huang Daniu chuckled as he spoke to Duan Ling Tian.

At the same time, his eyes stared fixedly at Luo Chen as if he was a hunter that was staring at his prey.

"The second demand of Daniu and I is extremely simply... Luo Chen can choose either one of us to undergo a life and death battle with! If he's able to survive for the time of three breaths, then we'll let bygone be bygone and stay in the Wood Peak."

"Even if he's killed by the person amongst us that he chooses within the time of three breaths, we'll similarly stay in the Wood Peak, and we'll represent the Wood Peak to participate in the Battle of the Five Peaks and bring honor to the Wood Peak!" Duan Ling Tian's words were spoken clearly and resolutely.

Whoosh!

Duan Ling Tian's words were like a stone that caused a thousand ripples, and it caused the surrounding crowd of Wood Peak disciples to be unable to refrain from going into an uproar.

"The time of three breaths? Aren't they underestimating Luo Chen too much?"

"If Luo Chen fights Huang Daniu, then perhaps he wouldn't be able to last the time of three breaths. But now, Luo Chen is allowed to choose one of them to carry out a life and death battle with... In this way, there're too many variables."

"If Luo Chen chooses Duan Ling Tian, then I presume he'll be able to last the time of three breaths."

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For a time, most of the Wood Peak disciples thought that Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu had the intention of letting Luo Chen off.

Only Yang Ling, Ke Zheng, and Chen Wei who knew Duan Ling Tian's strength clearly knew that Duan Ling Tian's strength far surpassed Huang Daniu, and if he wanted to kill Luo Chen, he would probably use less than a breath of time.

"Alright! I agree to your demand." After he heard the second demand Duan Ling Tian revealed, Luo Chen's whose expression changed indeterminately gritted his teeth and agreed to it in the end.

"Elder Yang, I hope you can bear witness to the agreement between us." Luo Chen looked at Yang Ling, and his he spoke as if he was extremely afraid that Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu would go back on their words.

"You can choose any one of them to undergo a life and death battle with... So long as you're able to last for the time of three breaths, then I guarantee your safety!" Yang Ling didn't refuse and agreed.

Of course, he knew that these words of his were unnecessary because it was impossible for Luo Chen to last the time of three breaths at the hands of Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu.

A gust of wind blew past slowly, and it contained strands of coldness within it.

High above in the sky, the crowd of Wood Peak disciples stared at Luo Chen with concentration.

Even though they were mentally prepared and guessed that Luo Chen would surely choose Duan Ling Tian, but they still felt slight anticipation when Luo Chen was about to make a choice.

"Duan Ling Tian!" Just as most of the Wood Peak disciples thought, Luo Chen's gaze locked onto Duan Ling Tian as he took Duan Ling Tian to be the weak link.

Huang Daniu revealed a smile as if a scheme of his had succeeded when he heard Luo Chen choosing Duan Ling Tian. "Luo Chen actually dared challenge Duan Ling Tian... He's truly courting death!"

Presently, Huang Daniu seemed to have already completely forgotten that even if Luo Chen didn't choose Duan Ling Tian and chose him, Luo Chen would similarly be unable to escape the fate of death.

After a short moment, the two of them stood in confrontation while being surrounded by the crowd of Wood Peak disciples.

Duan Ling Tian, Luo Chen.

Luo Chen stood in midair and withdrew his spirit weapon, a grade three spirit sword that had flowing lights revolving around it, at the first possible moment, and he seemed to be seeking a sense of security from doing this.

Presently, he was staring fixedly at Duan Ling Tian. Even his breathing had become hurried as cold sweat started to emerge from his forehead, and he was extremely perturbed.

On the other hand, Duan Ling Tian stood silently on the spot and remained unmoving like a mountain.

From the beginning until the end, he didn't look at Luo Chen in the eye, and he who had an absent-minded gaze didn't seem like he was undergoing a life and death battle in the slights and seemed as if he was daydreaming.

Humiliation!

Undisguised humiliation!

Duan Ling Tian's attitude caused Luo Chen's rage to skyrocket, and he clenched slightly more tightly upon the grade three spirit sword in his hand and was ready to make a move at any moment.

"Today, the Wood Peak disciples Duan Ling Tian and Luo Chen will undergo a life and death battle... The sect won't pursue the matter if any one of them dies! All the Wood Peak disciples present are witnesses." Yang Ling's voice was sonorous like a bell as it spread out. "Begin!"

Chapter 879: Didn't You Die Already?

As soon as Yang Ling finished speaking, Luo Chen moved as he'd chose to strike first to seize the advantage.

Swish!

Luo Chen's body was like a swimming dragon that shot towards Duan Ling Tian, and the grade three spirit sword in his hand tore through the sky and emitted a wave of ear piercing sword howls.

Swimming Dragon Sword Technique!

When Luo Chen struck out with his sword, the sword in his hand seemed to flawlessly combine with his body, and if it was said that his body was like the body of a dragon, then the sword in his hand was the dragon's claw.

The sharp dragon claw tore through the sky without holding back in the slightest as it clawed at Duan Ling Tian.

When faced with Luo Chen's sword strike that approached menacingly, Duan Ling Tian lazily stretched his body before yawning.

The surrounding crowd of Wood Peak disciples were speechless when they saw this scene.

Perhaps Luo Chen's strength was inferior to Duan Ling Tian, yet it wasn't much inferior.

As far as they were concerned, Duan Ling Tian was being overconfident and would probably suffer a loss.

After all, Duan Ling Tian hadn't even withdrawn a spirit weapon now.

Whoosh!

Right when Luo Chen flashed towards Duan Ling Tian with his sword, 140 ancient horned dragon silhouettes dashed out with imposing manners that shot into the sky like a rainbow, and they brandished their claws and bared their fangs as they pounced towards Duan Ling Tian.

Thousand Illusions!

When he saw Luo Chen had arrived very close by, Duan Ling Tian's Spiritual Force that was accumulating strength since long ago entered into the soul brand in the depths of his soul, and he directly executed his soul skills.

An illusory space appeared to envelop an area of a few ten meters around Duan Ling Tian.

Meanwhile, Luo Chen just happened to be within the area the illusory space enveloped.

Whirlwind!

Duan Ling Tian flashed out to the side when facing Luo Chen's sword strike that approached menacingly.

Subsequently, the spectating crowd of Wood Peak disciples were shocked to the point their eyes stared wide open, and some of them even gaped from astonishment and couldn't recover from it for a long time.

All of this was because they'd seen a scene that they couldn't forget for their entire lifetimes.

They clearly saw that right when Duan Ling Tian flashed to the side at a speed that even their eyes could capture.

Luo Chen who logically speaking possessed a strength that far surpassed them had instead seemed as if he didn't notice it, and he and his sword continued to pierce towards the place Duan Ling Tian was earlier.

His fierce gaze stared at the sky before him from the beginning until the end, and it was as if Duan Ling Tian was still there.

"What's Luo Chen doing?"

"Is he blind? Didn't he see Duan Ling Tian had already dodged to the side?"

"If he doesn't stop moving forward, then he'll completely expose his back to Duan Ling Tian!"

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The scene before their eyes caused the crowd of Wood Peak disciples to be stunned in unison, and it was difficult for them to understand why Luo Chen would make such an obvious mistake.

Only the few people that knew of Duan Ling Tian's ability knew why Luo Chen would be like this.

Luo Chen didn't make a mistake, and it was even to the extent that in the word in Luo Chen's eyes, Duan Ling Tian had never moved from the beginning until the end, so he struck forward without stopping.

Whoosh!

With a raise of his hand, Origin Energy raged before transforming into gusts of piercingly cold gale that coiled around Duan Ling Tian's hand, and then it ceaselessly converged together.

In the sky above him, the phenomenon of the heavens and the earth gradually condensed into form.

First there were 70 ancient horned dragon silhouettes that appeared. Subsequently, another 40 ancient horned dragon silhouettes appeared, and a total of 110 ancient horned dragon silhouettes coiled down from the sky as if they were telling everyone about Duan Ling Tian's strength.

Fifth level Void Interpretation Stage.

Third level Intermediate Wind Concept.

"He's finished... Luo Chen is finished!" When they saw Luo Chen still hadn't noticed Duan Ling Tian, and his continuous movement forward didn't change as he pierced out with his sword towards the location Duan Ling Tian was at earlier, many Wood Peak disciples sighed.

Swish!

Luo Chen charged out with his sword and flashed past Duan Ling Tian, causing his back to be completely exposed before Duan Ling Tian.

Duan Ling Tian's palm that had been lifted up and was accumulating force suddenly moved out while shaking the sky, and it was accompanied by waves of muffled explosions of the air as it fiercely descended onto Luo Chen's back.

Bang!

An enormous bang sounded out as Luo Chen was blasted flying by Duan Ling Tian's palm strike, and he was barely able to stop himself in midair after spitting out a few mouthfuls of blood repeatedly.

"Who is it?!" Luo Chen hurriedly turned around, and with a single glance, he noticed Duan Ling Tian who stood there, causing his expression to be unable to help but be covered in shock.

"You... Why're you here? Didn't you... Didn't you die already?" Luo Chen seemed as if he'd seen a ghost when he looked at Duan Ling Tian before him.

Earlier, the sword in his hand had clearly been sent into Duan Ling Tian's chest and killed Duan Ling Tian.

But when he was feeling extremely excited from his success, he felt a vast energy come from behind him and descend onto him, causing him to be heavily injured and blasted flying.

Originally, he thought it was Huang Daniu who was disgruntled after seeing Duan Ling Tian being killed and had launched an attack on him.

But when he turned around, he noticed an extremely terrifying thing to his shock.

Duan Ling Tian who should have been killed by him was actually standing completely unharmed behind him, and this was slightly difficult for him to accept.

"I've already died?" Duan Ling Tian sneered when facing Luo Chen who was struck with panic. "Do you think that someone like you is capable of killing me?"

Earlier, he'd utilized his soul skill, Thousand Illusions, to confuse Luo Chen and allowed Luo Chen to kill the illusion of him that was constructed within the illusory space as he wanted to make Luo Chen come to him and give his life away.

Everything that happened after that was within his control as well.

He withdrew his soul skill, Thousand Illusion, after he heavily injured Luo Chen and revealed himself before Luo Chen's eyes.

When Luo Chen saw that he was alive, Luo Chen would naturally seem as if he'd seen a ghost.

After all, Luo Chen had already killed the illusory him in the illusory space, and Luo Chen utterly didn't know of the existence of the illusory space.

"Impossible... How could this be possible?! How could such a thing possibly happen? It's impossible! It's impossible!!" Luo Chen had a stunned gaze as he shook his head ceaselessly and was slightly hysterical.

"There's still another breath of time!" Right at this moment, Yang Ling's voice sounded out.

The gazes of the surrounding crowd of Wood Peak disciples lit up, and then they stared at Luo Chen and Duan Ling Tian as they wanted to know if Luo Chen would be able to persist for this final breath of time.

If he was able to last in the last breath of time, then he would be able to live, and if he didn't, then he would die here.

Flee!

Yang Ling's voice that entered into Luo Chen's ears was like a voice that hastened his death, causing him to not dare be distracted and think about anything else, and only the thought of staying away from Duan Ling Tian remained.

So long as he was able to last this last breath of time, he would be able to live.

As for anything else, he couldn't be bothered, nor did he dare think about it.

At this moment, there was only a single thought in his mind — survive!

But would he be able to survive?

Right when Luo Chen's figure flashed out with the intention of fleeing.

Whoosh!

A swift violet colored figure appeared by his side like a shadow, and it terrified him to the point his soul almost left his body.

"No!!" Luo Chen's face went pale when he saw Duan Ling Tian who was extremely close by, and at the same time that he shouted out explosively, the grade three spirit sword in his hand shook before it pierced towards Duan Ling Tian.

Swish!

A tiny sword howl had just resounded out when it instantly stopped abruptly.

In the next moment, all of the spectators clearly saw that a tiny mark of a sword had suddenly appeared on Luo Chen's throat.

After a short moment, the mark bloomed open before dazzling and resplendent blood gushed out as if it was worthless, and it tainted Luo Chen's entire body.

Subsequently, Luo Chen's gaze became dazed as his hand that held the sword that pierced towards Duan Ling Tian stopped halfway, and its speed slowed down as it flashed forward.

Luo Chen's body that was devoid of any signs of life in the blink of an eye flashed out along with it.

Luo Chen's body fell down, and it fell onto the cliff at the side of the Wood Peak in a short moment, causing it to become a pile of mush.

The scene was deathly silent.

The crowd of Wood Peak disciples withdrew their gazes before tacitly looking at the nearby violet clothed young man, and their gazes were filled with astonishment.

Since an unknown time, a three foot long blade had already appeared in the hand of the violet clothed young man.

The brief sword howl from before was precisely emitted from this three foot long blade in his hand.

Sword Drawing Arts!

After Duan Ling Tian moved like a shadow to arrive by Luo Chen's side, it was the sword skill he'd used to slice Luo Chen's throat with a single strike.

The sword skill wasn't of high rank, yet it stressed extremely upon speed.

Mobilizing the Sword Drawing Arts with Duan Ling Tian's current strength caused its speed to be even swifter to a shocking degree.

At least, amongst the people present, only Ke Zheng and Yang Ling saw it clearly.

Even if it was Huang Daniu who was similarly a fifth level Void Interpretation Stage martial artist like Duan Ling Tian, he was similarly incapable of catching that sword light that flashed briefly.

Whoosh!

With a raise of his hand, the grade three spirit sword in his hand was put away in his Spatial Ring.

At the same time, the almost 160 ancient horned dragon silhouettes in the sky dispersed along with this and vanished without a trace in the blink of an eye.

"That strike of Duan Ling Tian's was so swift!"

"Yeah. From the beginning until the end, I only heard a brief howl of the sword... When I reacted to what had happened, Luo Chen had already died."

"But this was also because Luo Chen was already injured. Otherwise, Duan Ling Tian might not have caught up to him."

"Speaking about Luo Chen's injuries, I'm still slightly unable to wrap my head around it... Why did he still charge forward without stopped after Duan Ling Tian dodged? Moreover, he exposed his back to Duan Ling Tian."

"The strangest thing of it all was after he was heavily injured by Duan Ling Tian, he actually said Duan Ling Tian had already died when he turned around to look at Duan Ling Tian."

"His desire to excel probably arose in his heart and caused him to hallucinate. In this way, everything makes sense... He exposed his back to Duan Ling Tian because of his hallucinations."

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The crowd of Wood Peak disciples discussed animatedly, and the content of their discussions was none other than the scene of Duan Ling Tian and Luo Chen's battle.

"Haha... Duan Ling Tian, nice work!" Huang Daniu laughed heartily after Duan Ling Tian returned, and he raised his thumb to Duan Ling Tian. "Luo Chen was an idiot... He actually dared choose a freak like you."

"If not me, then could it be that he would choose you?" Duan Ling Tian rolled his eyes at Huang Daniu. "A fellow like you would have probably killed him in a single move... I at least allowed him to live for the time of two breaths."

In the distance, Ke Zheng and Yang Ling glanced at each other and sighed.

They naturally didn't sigh because of Luo Chen's death, and it was instead because of the matter of He Gang crippling his own cultivation.

He Gang was an elder of the Wood Peak, and existence at the sixth level of the Void Transformation Stage.

Yet an existence like this had crippled his own cultivation, and it was an extremely big loss to the Wood Peak.

Chapter 880: The Ungrateful Bastard, Hu Fei

The incident today had finally come to a conclusion.

But the news of the Wood Peak's elder, He Gang, crippling his own cultivation still spread throughout the Wood Peak with an extremely swift speed and even spread to the other four peaks of the Five Element Sect.

For a time, practically all the members of all the five peaks knew about the incident where two disciples that had just arrived at the Wood Peak forced He Gang to cripple his own cultivation.

Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu were completely famous!

Earth Peak.

Even though it was the lowest peak amongst the five peaks, it was only in comparison to the other four peaks of the Five Element Sect. If it was compared with any other mountain, then the Earth Peak was an existence that stood like a giant amongst dwarves.

The peak of the Earth Peak pierced straight into the sky, and when looked at from afar, one was utterly unable to clearly see what was at the top.

At the mountainside at one side of the peak was a spacious platform, and atop the platform stood a palace that occupied a vast area.

This place was the Earth Peak's Conference Hall, and the higher-ups of the Earth Peak would normally confer about things here.

"Peak Master." An old man that was fatigued from a journey stood in the Conference Hall, and he bowed respectfully as he looked at a middle aged fatty that sat at the head seat.

The middle aged fatty wore an earthen yellow robe, his body was both short and overweight, and he was only around 1.5 meters tall.

"Elder Tang, why have you returned?" The short middle aged fatty was the Earth Peak's Master, Tian Gu, and his small eyes that were already covered by the flab on his face narrowed to become a line, causing him to look harmless.

The old man that stood there was precisely Tang Lin that had hurried back from Settlement City and was in charge of the Earth Peak's point of operations in Settlement City.

"Peak Master, I returned because I have an important thing to report." Tang Lin spoke respectfully.

"Is it about the Wood Peak's Yang Ling returning from Settlement City? And those two young experts that the Wood Peak recruited?" Tian Gu asked indifferently.

"Peak Master, you... You know everything?" Tang Lin was surprised, and then he asked with a perplexed expression. "But Peak Master, you said two young experts? According to my knowledge, the Wood Peak has only recruited a single young expert that's extraordinary."

"Your information is lagging behind." Tian Gu shook his head. "I just obtained news half an hour ago that those two new young experts of the Wood Peak caused a great stir as soon as they arrived."

"Huh?" Tang Lin's eyes flashed and was slightly curious.

"They killed a would-be Wood Peak disciple that possessed a strength equal to Chen Wei and Luo Chen right after they arrived at the Wood Peak... That would-be Wood Peak disciple was brought back by He Gang," said Tian Gu.

Tang Lin was instantly stunned when he heard this.

Even though he knew that the Wood Peak had recruited a young expert that was capable of easily defeating Chen Wei, he never imagined that the young expert would be so brave as to cause such a stir upon arrival at the Wood Peak.

Moreover, he killed someone that the Wood Peak's He Gang brought back.

He Gang was an existence at the sixth level of the Void Transformation Stage like him, and He Gang's status in the Wood Peak wasn't inferior to his status in the Earth Peak.

"He Gang probably wouldn't let the matter go just like that, right?" Tang Lin's eyes flashed as he asked.

He deeply understood how explosive He Gang's temper was.

"He Gang?" Tian Gu laughed coldly. "He did indeed not let it go... But, the outcome will probably exceed your expectations."

"Yang Ling and Ke Zhang stood up for them?" When he heard Tian Gu's words, Tang Lin vaguely realized that the two young experts Yang Ling and Ke Zheng brought back ought to have not been harmed by He Gang.

"It wasn't just them who stood up for those two young experts... Right when He Gang wanted to kill those two young experts, all the Wood Peak disciples present stood up to protect the two of them, and they didn't let He Gang harm them in the slightest!" When he spoke up to here, Tian Gu sighed. "Even though the Wood Peak has declined, the unity of its disciples is far from something our Earth Peak disciples can compare to."

When he first got the news, the first thought that emerged in Tian Gu's mind wasn't about how great those two young experts were, and he was instead shocked by how united the Wood Peak disciples were.

With wills that were united like a fortress, what would they be unable to do?

Hiss!

Tang Lin gasped when he heard this. "I truly never imagined that those two people Ke Zheng and Tang Lin brought back actually possessed such charisma... Looks like the Wood Peak disciples have taken them to be the hope of the Wood Peak." As he finished muttering, a strand of cold light flashed within Tang Lin's eyes.

As a member of the Earth Peak, he naturally didn't hope for the Wood Peak to rise once more, as once the Wood Peak rose, it would mean that it was very likely for their Earth Peak to be the peak that stood at the bottom.

20 years ago, the Wood Peak was the like sun in the midday sky, and it was their Earth Peak that was at the bottom.

"With their strengths, they indeed possess the qualifications to be taken as the hope of the Wood Peak. But after the trouble He Gang caused, they aroused the intention to leave the Wood Peak..." Tian Gu continued.

"Hmm?" Tang Lin was first stunned, and then his eyes glowed. "Peak Master, our Earth Peak can strive to pull them over! I never imagined that He Gang has helped us."

"Let me finish." Tian Gu was slightly displeased from being interrupted by Tang Lin, and he continued after Tang Lin closed his mouth embarrassedly. "At the critical moment, Yang Ling and Ke Zheng made an appearance..."

Subsequently, Tian Gu told Tang Lin of all the information he'd obtained earlier.

This included the matter of the Wood Peak's elder He Gang crippling his own cultivation and the death of He Gang's personal disciple, Luo Chen.

"What?! He Gang actually agreed to their demands and crippled his own cultivation?" Tang Lin's pupils constricted, and his heart was filled with shock.

He Gang, an existence at the sixth level of the Void Transformation Stage had crippled his cultivation that he spend most of his life attaining because of the absurd demands of two little kids.

As far as he was concerned, the actions of He Gang were truly stupid!

But he couldn't help but feel admiration towards He Gang's resolution. For the sake of the Wood Peak's unknown 'future' and to take responsibility for the mistake he made, he resolutely crippled his own cultivation.

He Gang was worthy of respect!

"I never paid much attention to He Gang in the past, yet never had I imagined that he would be able to act to this extent in major issues of right and wrong." Even Tian Gu, the Peak Master of the Earth Peak, couldn't help but reveal a trace of admiration when mentioning He Gang.

"After He Gang did that, it's impossible for that Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu to leave the Wood Peak and join our Earth Peak... What a pity." Tang Lin knew clearly in his heart that it was impossible for Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu who'd made a promise before the two Wood Peak elders and crowd of Wood Peak disciples to join any of the other four peaks.

Not to mention Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu might not be willing, even if they were willing, the Wood Peak wouldn't be willing to take things lying down.

At that time, even the Wood Peak's Master would probably interfere.

Even though the Wood Peak had declined, that was only limited to the younger generation.

Amongst the five peaks, the experts in the senior generation of the Wood Peak were only inferior to the number one peak in the Five Element Sect, the Gold Peak.

20 years ago, the Wood Peak's Master was the number two expert in their Five Element Sect that was only inferior to their Sect Master. Even though he'd suffered an injury later on, no matter how heavy his injuries were, they ought to have recovered after so many years had passed.

During these past few years, the reason why their Earth Peak and both the Fire Peak and Water Peak dared to poach the disciples of the Wood Peak on many occasions was because the Wood Peak's Master disdained to lower himself and interfere in 'trifles' like this.

But the matter this time wasn't a trifle and was related to the cultivation of a sixth level Void Transformation Stage elder.

Once Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu went back on their words, then the Wood Peak's Master would probably kill them at the first possible moment!

This was something that Tang Lin didn't doubt in the slightest.

"I returned this time mainly for the sake of notifying Peak Master about the young expert the Wood Peak recruited... But never had I imagined that the Wood Peak didn't just recruit a single young expert.

Moreover, those young experts caused such a stir." Tang Lin sighed. "Looks like I came for nothing this time."

"It isn't a waste... Since you've returned, then stay and guide those little fellows. The Battle of the Five Peaks will be beginning in a few days." Tian Gu's eyes flashed with a cold light. "The rise of the Wood Peak is already inevitable! But I think that no one from our Earth Peak wants to see our Earth Peak be at the bottom in the Battle of the Five Peaks this time."

"Moreover, the rankings of the five peaks this time is related to the quota to enter 'that place'... It has an extraordinary meaning to our Earth Peak!" As he finished speaking, Tian Gu's eyes flickered with strands of burning desire.

Tang Lin nodded heavily as he naturally knew the meaning of that place to the Five Element Sect and the Earth Peak.

Fire Peak, on a platform on the mountain side.

Three Fire Peak disciples were gathered together and were chatting happily.

"Have all of you heard about the incident in the Wood Peak?" Suddenly, a Fire Peak disciple's expression went heavy as he asked the other two people.

"I heard about it. I truly never imagined that the Wood Peak would be able to find two young experts that were so outstanding... For the sake of keeping these two young experts, the Wood Peak's elder He Gang, an existence at the sixth level of the Void Transformation Stage, even crippled his own cultivation! The resolution of the Wood Peak this time is really great."

"Supposedly, those two young experts were brought back to the Wood Peak by Elder Yang Ling and Elder Ke Zheng."

"Elder Yang Ling? That master of Hu Fei's in the past? The number two expert of the Wood Peak?"

"Exactly! Supposedly, after Hu Fei was poached to our Fire Peak by the Peak Master ten years ago, that Elder Yang Ling severed his own arm out of his extreme rage, and then he left to sect. I never imagined that he returned again this time."

"It can be right? Even if Hu Fei betrayed him, there's no need for him to cripple himself, right?"

"You probably don't know the story... Supposedly, when Elder Yang Ling met Hu Fei all those years ago, Hu Fei was an orphan that was being chased by a pack of wolves and fell down an extremely high precipice! It was Elder Yang who passed by that saved him. Moreover, Elder Yang Ling brought him back to the Five Element Sect and fostered him into a genius."

"I heard of it as well... The arm Elder Yang Ling severed seemed to be the arm he used to pull up and save Hu Fei with. He obviously did that because he regretted saving an ungrateful bastard all those years ago."

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The three Fire Peak disciples discussed animatedly, and their words were filled with contempt towards Hu Fei.

"Could it be that the three of you don't know that discussing someone behind their backs is extremely rude?" Suddenly, a chilly voice sounded out.

Subsequently, a young man that was completely enveloped in a fiery red robe appeared before the three Fire Peak disciples.