

SOVEREIGN 881

Chapter 881: Origin Spirit Fruit

The young man was cloaked in a fiery red robe, and he had a handsome yet devilish face. His pair of eyes were dark and deep, and it contained an infinite amount of charm.

He emerged out of thin air like a ghost. Just a sentence was enough to make the three Fire Peak disciples' faces become discolored as if they were facing their archenemy.

"Senior B-Brother Hu... H-Hu Fei." One of the Fire Peak disciples had a look of absolute horror on his face. It looked like it was indeed true that nobody should badmouth another person behind their back.. Just a moment ago, he was still criticizing Hu Fei on how he was an out-and-out ungrateful bastard. In the next moment, Hu Fei himself had suddenly appeared before him.

"S-Senior Brother Hu Fei." The other two Fire Peak disciples were both in a rather nervous state with their heads lowered. They did not dare to look Hu Fei in the eyes at all.

"Hurmph!" Hu Fei snorted coldly. A cold gleam flashed across that pair of deep eyes. He took a step forward without any warning.

All of a sudden, a vast Origin Energy swept across the sky. Halfway through it, it transformed into a huge flame that blotted out the entire sky. It resembled a fiery beast as it charged towards the three Fire Peak disciples.

"Senior Brother Hu Fei! Spare our lives please!"

"NOOO!"

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It had never crossed the three Fire Peak disciples' minds that Hu Fei would actually take action against them just because of a few honest words that they had said behind his back while they were objectively discussing him.

The three of them were completely filled with despair, they did not even get the chance to flee when they faced Hu Fei. In just a blink of an eye, they were all consumed by the flame that turned into a huge monster. They were all reduced to ashes, completely vanishing from this world.

Not far away, a few other Fire Peak disciples who happened to pass by saw this scene right at that moment. Horror immediately dawned on them.

"Oh?" Within seconds, Hu Fei noticed the few Fire Peak disciples. His brows were gently knitted together, and a chilling and killing aura could be seen in his eyes.

"S-Senior Brother Hu Fei!"

"Senior B-Brother Hu Fei, w-we didn't see anything," The Fire Peak disciples stuttered in haste, they were afraid of being murdered by Hu Fei.

"Take an oath!" Hu Fei glared at them fiendishly, and his voice was as cold as ice.

Upon hearing this, the Fire Peak disciples let out a sigh of relief.

At the same time, they pinched their fingers until blood appeared. Droplets of fresh blood instantly rose up to the sky.

In the next instance, each and every one of them made a vow on their lives. The vow was something like this: they would never tell anyone about the thing that they saw today. Otherwise, they would be punished severely.

A series of thunder instantly reverberated in the sky. That was the response from the Oath Tribulation — Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation for the vow they had just made.

Hu Fei was the direct disciple of the Peak Master of the Fire Peak.

Even supposing the Peak Master of the Fire Peak found out that he had murdered somebody on Fire Peak, he still would not take any action against him.

However, the problem lay with the fact that Fire Peak was one of the Five Peaks in the Five Element Sect. There was still one person who had a higher position than the Peak Master of the Fire Peak, and that was the Peak Master of the Gold Peak. Otherwise also known as the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect.

If today's incident only spread around in Fire Peak, then nothing would happen to Hu Fei.

However, once the story was spread out to the public, even his master, the Peak Master of Fire Peak, would not be able to protect him.

The Five Element Sect had a rule: all disciples of the Five Element Sect were not allowed to cripple or murder each other at will.

Otherwise, they would be punished regardless of they were.

"Hurmph!" Hu Fei snorted as he looked at the few Fire Peak disciples who was making the Nine-Nine Heavenly Tribulation oath. He then immediately vanished without a trace, disappearing from their sight.

After Hu Fei had left, the few Fire Peak disciples took in a long and deep breath as they exchanged glances with each other. All of them could see the joy in each other's eyes.

They rejoiced over the fact that they could still live to see another day.

Wood Peak.

Three young men were gathered, and they were chatting with one another on the balcony at the top floor of a three-story pavilion.

"... For this reason, Elder Yang crippled his own arm and left the sect before going to Settlement City. I guess it's also a silent escape for him," Chen Wei sighed.

At this moment, he was answering Duan Ling Tian and Huang Danu's queries.

After Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu both found out that Yang Ling was Wood Peak's second strongest powerhouse, they were both extremely surprised and intrigued by Yang Ling's severed arm.

They had finally found their answers in Chen Wei's words.

To their surprise, Yang Ling's severed arm was actually cut off by himself.

The reason was because the person whom he had treated as his own son betrayed him and became the direct disciple of the Fire Peak Peak Master.

"Hu Fei!" Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu's faces darkened instantly.

Although they were not a friend or relative of Yang Ling, putting aside the matter of avenging him, they could not suppress the sense of wrath that surged through their hearts the moment they found out about the dispute between him and Hu Fei.

Yang Ling was the person who saved Hu Fei's life.

Yang Ling was the person who taught Hu Fei his entire cultivation.

However, he looked down on Wood Peak that was unable to recover after its setback, and coupled with the fact that he could not resist the temptation from the Peak Master of Fire Peak, he betrayed his own master who had raised him into who he was today and subsequently betrayed the Wood Peak as well.

"During the Battle of the Five Peaks... If I come across him, I'll definitely teach him a lesson!" Huang Daniu bellowed while he waved his fist around. What he hated the most in this life was an ungrateful and treacherous disciple.

Although Hu Fei and Yang Ling's matter did not concern him in the least, he still frowned upon Hu Fei's actions, so much so that he totally abhorred it.

In Huang Daniu's own words, "You're like an eyesore to me. I, Big Brother Daniu, just want to beat the hell out of you, so what?"

Although Duan Ling Tian did not say anything, the chilliness in his eyes undoubtedly showed that he was having more or less the same thoughts as Huang Daniu.

Hu Fei had crossed his bottom line as well.

"Daniu, don't underestimate that Hu Fei! I heard that he's now at the Sixth Level Void Interpretation and has already comprehended the Seventh Level Intermediate Fire Concept! It's exactly because he's gifted with an innate talent that the Peak Master of Fire Peak Peak is willing to snatch him away from Elder Yang at all cost," Chen Wei chimed in with a solemn look on his face.

If it was not for the great cost that the Peak Master of Fire Peak had paid, how could Hu Fei who had been following Elder Yang since he was a child possibly betray him all of a sudden?

"Hurmph! I don't fear him at all if he doesn't use any spirit weapon and battle it out on the ground with me!" Huang Daniu snorted.

Although he was only at the Fifth Level Void Interpretation, he had already comprehended the Earth Concept Fragment. Once this technique was unleashed on the ground, he could borrow the Earth Energy that was equivalent to thirty ancient horned dragons' energy.

If he unleashed his full power, he would be as strong as 160 ancient horned dragons!

If Hu Fei also did not use his spirit weapon and unleashed his full potential, his power would not be as great as the 160 ancient horned dragons!

For this reason, Huang Daniu dared to voice out his claims.

However, although these words actually came out from his mouth, his heart actually did not share the same thoughts.

This point could clearly be seen from the dread that filled his eyes.

"The Battle of the Five Peaks is about to take place, I should go back and cultivate as well... Please practice hard during this period of time alright? Although the two of you have quite powerful strength, there are still many young disciples in the other four Peaks who are much stronger than me," Chen Wei told Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu with a solemn look.

Both of them nodded their heads.

After Chen Wei left, Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu separated and returned to their own room to cultivate.

After returning to his own room, Duan Ling Tian sat cross-legged on the bed.

One of his hand held the Wind Concept Fragments, and the other hand held the Thunder Concept Fragment as he comprehended two completely different Concepts while cultivating at the same time.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique! Sword Dragon Form!

If the Ninth Level Void Transformation powerhouses found out that Duan Ling Tian could comprehend two completely different Concepts at the same time by using two completely different Concept Fragments, they would most likely be so jealous that they would spit out blood.

What the Ninth Level Void Transformation powerhouses were pursuing was not to comprehend a Concept to the Ninth Level Advanced Concept but to actually comprehend two different Concepts to the Ninth Level Advanced Concept.

Only then, they could be considered as touching the threshold of the Martial Monarch Stage.

Otherwise, they would never be able to step into the Martial Monarch Stage and become a Martial Monarch powerhouse in their entire lives.

Duan Ling Tian's case was something that every Ninth Level Void Transformation powerhouses dreamt of. Being able to comprehend two different Concepts at the same time also meant that he could partially step into the Martial Monarch Stage in the shortest time possible.

Compared to other ordinary martial artists, it was much easier for Duan Ling Tian to make a breakthrough to the Martial Monarch Stage.

With the same comprehension and the same conditions, Duan Ling Tian could easily comprehend four different Ninth Level Advanced Concepts within the same amount of time an ordinary Ninth Level Void Transformation powerhouse used to comprehend two Ninth Level Advanced Concepts.

Almost 100% of the Ninth Level Void Transformation powerhouses that simultaneously comprehended four types of Ninth Level Advanced Concepts on the Cloud Continent could make a breakthrough to the Martial Monarch Stage and become a powerful Martial Monarch powerhouse.

Time continued to pass by without a sound.

The overbearing Rebirth Pill continued to converge with Duan Ling Tian's Origin Energy as it worked in accordance with the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique's Sword Dragon Form mental cultivation method, and it enhanced his Origin Energy swiftly.

Nobody knew how long it took but when Duan Ling Tian reached the bottleneck of the Sixth Level Void Interpretation from the Fifth Level Void Interpretation, he was completely overjoyed.

The appearance of this bottleneck also meant that he was now one step closer to reaching the Sixth Level Void Interpretation.

He was looking forward to reaching the Sixth Level Void Interpretation.

This was because he was very eager to verify one thing.

He wanted to know if his Spiritual Energy would be elevated to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation or if it would remain the same and synchronize with his cultivation base once his cultivation base made a breakthrough to the Sixth Level Void Interpretation.

"If it's the latter... then I guess the after-effect left on my body from the devilification of that Devilseal Tablet was really too exaggerated."

Although Duan Ling Tian was mentally prepared to meet the worst outcome, he could not help but feel a little nervous about it.

He hoped that his Spiritual Energy would be subsequently elevated as well.

Otherwise, his Soul Skill Thousand Illusions's effects would be greatly reduced, it was even close to being useless.

"Duan Ling Tian!"

After a while, Duan Ling Tian who was continuing his cultivation suddenly heard a voice calling out his name from outside

That voice sounded old yet familiar. Duan Ling Tian stopped his cultivation and opened his eyes. When he began to regain his consciousness, he finally recognized the owner of the voice outside.

"Elder Yang!"

Duan Ling Tian opened the door and smiled as he looked at the one-handed old man standing outside of the door — Wood Peak's second strongest powerhouse, Yang Ling.

A faint smile could be seen on Yang Ling's face. He appeared to have a benign look on his face.

Could it be that the Battle of the Five Peaks was about to start now?

When Duan Ling Tian saw Yang Ling, his heart tightened as he made conjectures in his heart.

In the next second, he immediately knew that he had thought too much.

"Duan Ling Tian, the Peak Master asked me to pass this Origin Enhancing Fruit to you... With your innate talent, I'm sure you'll be able to absorb its medicinal power and enhance your cultivation base before the Battle of the Five Peaks takes place!" Yang Ling spoke while taking out a piece of spirit fruit.

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The spirit fruit in Yang Ling's hands was purplish black in color with a faint light emitting from it, and it gave off a fragrant scent.

The scent entered Duan Ling Tian's nose and made its way into his body, causing a stir in the Origin Energy in every part of his meridian.

It was to the point that even the medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill also began to rustle as if it had formed some kind of resonance, yet it was not entirely rejection.

Although the overbearing medicinal efficacy of the Rebirth Pill repelled the Heaven and Earth Origin Energy [1] that was abundant in this world and was stored in the Origin Energy,, it would not repel the medicinal efficacy of a spirit fruit.

Despite the fact that the Rebirth Pill was not a spirit fruit, it still shared the same functions with a spirit fruit. In a way, they could be considered as a family.

Since they were of one family, how could they possibly reject one another?

"Origin Enhancing Fruit!"

Duan Ling Tian who had regained his consciousness took a deep breath. He could not hide the look of joy and surprise on his face.

The Origin Enhancing Fruit was an exclusive spirit fruit for a Void Interpretation martial artist. Among all of the spirit fruits exclusively used by a Void Interpretation martial artist, the medicinal efficacy of this fruit was above average. Moreover, it was extremely rare.

Through the memory of the Rebirth Martial Emperor, Duan Ling Tian immediately understood the breakdown and details of the Origin Enhancing Fruit.

"Even if a martial artist who has just broken through the Fifth Level Void Interpretation takes this Origin Enhancing Fruit, he would be able to make another breakthrough to the Sixth Level Void Interpretation in just a short amount of time as long as he can completely absorb the medicinal value!"

Duan Ling Tian's eyes instantly shone with delight. He was absolutely delighted, "I'm just one step away from the Sixth Level Void Interpretation! The Origin Enhancing Fruit's efficacy will definitely help me to breakthrough easily! Perhaps, coupled with the efficacy of the overbearing Rebirth Pill, my body might reach the bottleneck of the Seventh Level Void Interpretation!"

It was not like Duan Ling Tian had never thought of taking on two levels at once — from the Fifth Level Void Interpretation's peak to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation — but it was just that he had always thought that it was too good to be true.

After all, the gap, or phase, between the Sixth Level Void Interpretation and the Seventh Level Void Interpretation was just too huge. It was as if there was a chasm in between them.

Even if a martial artist who had just made a breakthrough to the Sixth Level Void Interpretation took the Origin Enhancing Fruit and managed to fully digest the medicinal power, it would still be impossible for him to reach the Seventh Level Void Interpretation with just a snap of the fingers. At the most, he could probably reach the peak of the Sixth Level Void Interpretation.

Otherwise, why else would it be called a 'phase'?

Due to this reason, Duan Ling Tian did not think that he would be able to immediately make a breakthrough to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation after consuming the Origin Enhancing Fruit even with the help of the domineering medicinal power of the Rebirth Pill.

That was because it was pretty much impossible!

"Perhaps the God really blesses our Wood Peak... Previously, when the Peak Master went out to run an errand, he came across the Origin Enhancing Fruit. Two pieces on top of that too!"

Yang Ling smiled, "At first, he planned to give these to Chen Wei and Luo Chen. However, he decided to change his mind when you and Daniu appeared."

"Two pieces?" Duan Ling Tian was completely taken aback when he heard this.

The fact was if a person could even come across a single high-grade spirit fruit like this Origin Enhancing Fruit once in his entire life, he would be considered as extremely lucky. Who would have ever thought the Peak Master of Wood Peak would be able to get his hands on two at the same time.

What kind of God-blessed luck was that!

Although the Rebirth Martial Emperor reincarnated twice, he only managed to encounter one Origin Enhancing Fruit in his first life. Even then, it was during a large-scale auction fair.

One could easily imagine just how hard it was to get one's hands on the Origin Enhancing Fruit.

"Make sure you cultivate properly! We, from Wood Peak, have placed our hopes in you and Daniu for the Battle of the Five Peaks." Yang Ling advised solemnly after he had passed the Origin Enhancing Fruit to Duan Ling Tian.

"Please be rest assured, Elder Yang. I'll definitely spare no effort!" Duan Ling Tian promised him as he stared excitedly at the spirit fruit in his hands.

"Alright. I've to go and look for Daniu now. Go continue your cultivation."

Yang Ling nodded his head and proceeded to leave the top floor of this three-story pavilion before making his way to the lowest floor to find Huang Daniu.

After Yang Ling left, Duan Ling Tian did not waste his time. He immediately shut the door and sat back on his bed cross-legged.

"Now that I have the Origin Enhancing Fruit, I'll be able to break through to the Sixth Level Void Interpretation in just a short period of time. At that time, I'll be able to verify the situation of my Spiritual Energy in details."

Duan Ling Tian suppressed the excitement in his heart as he opened his mouth wide and ate the entire Origin Enhancing Fruit in just a few mouthfuls.

In an instant, a gush of cold and hot liquid that was interwove flowed down his throat all the way into his body as it melted into meridians of all sizes throughout his body.

The Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian instantly became aware of what was happening as turmoil started to rise up. After it came across the supercilious medicinal power of the Rebirth Pill, it proceeded to embrace this cold-hot interweaving liquid.

Wham! Wham! Wham! Wham! Wham!

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In every corner of Duan Ling Tian's meridians, the Origin Energy and the medicinal power of the Rebirth Pill finally began to clash with the Origin Enhancing Fruit's medicinal power.

The moment it clashed with each other, the two of them started to merge together.

At the same time, under the activation of the dual medicinal powers of the Rebirth Pill and the Origin Enhancing fruit, it was like the Origin Energy had transformed into a run-away wild horse as it dashed around madly in every part of Duan Ling Tian's meridians.

"Barf!"

Before Duan Ling Tian could even figure out what was going on, the meridians in his body were smashed to the point that he felt like they were going to be split open. His internal organs were also subjected to certain injuries as blood gushed out and forced him to spit out a mouthful of blood.

Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique, Sword Dragon Form!

Without any hesitation, Duan Ling Tian hurriedly began to activate his mental cultivation. He gradually controlled and forced the Origin Energy in his body, that was running amuck like a wild horse, to go back on the right track.

Finally, when all of his Origin Energy was operating on the right track, he had already lost track of time.

It seemed to him like just a moment had passed by. However, at the same time, it felt like an entire day had gone by too.

Whoosh!

The tyrannical medicinal force urged the Origin Energy to sweep across like waves after waves of a raging tsunami as it charged towards the bottleneck of the Sixth Level Void Interpretation in a threatening manner.

Wham!

A light sound reverberated from inside Duan Ling Tian's body. That turned out to be the vast Origin Energy breaking through the bottleneck of the Sixth Level Void Interpretation. It was as easy as pushing off a rotten stump as it continued to sweep across again and again.

At that moment, all Duan Ling Tian could feel was the changes of the Origin Energy in his body. It made him feel as if he had been reborn.

"Sixth Level Void Interpretation!"

Duan Ling Tian knew that he had finally made a breakthrough. He had successfully broken through to the Sixth Level Void Interpretation. The elevation of his cultivation base granted him a tremendous power that he had never possessed before.

"Spiritual Energy!"

Duan Ling Tian immediately focused his attention on his Spiritual Energy once he knew he had broken through.

He guided the Origin Energy to operate in accordance with the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique and the Sword Dragon Form's mental cultivation method at the same time. He monitored his Spiritual Energy to see if it had improved or not.

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian finally managed to examine his Spiritual Energy,

Apart from that, he could clearly feel the transformation in his Spiritual Energy at this moment. Similar to his Origin Energy, it had completely undergone a complete transformation, and it had been elevated to a whole new level.

"Spiritual Energy... Seventh Level Void Interpretation!"

Duan Ling Tian was on cloud nine when he sensed the level of his Spiritual Energy's transformation.

At this moment, he felt like he had the entire world in his hands!

Excitement and satisfaction emanated from his entire soul and quickly spread throughout his entire body.

It was a breakthrough!

'I finally made a breakthrough!'

The after-effects by the Devilseal Table last time could only forcibly compressed his cultivation base and Spiritual Energy's gap of two levels to become one level.

His cultivation base was now at the Sixth Level Void Interpretation.

His Spiritual Energy was a level higher at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation.

Duan Ling Tian was overjoyed, he was extremely overjoyed!

With this feeling of recovering what one had previously lost, all he wanted to do right now was to shout "YES!" at the top of his lungs!

Under the activation of the Rebirth Pill and the Origin Enhancing Fruit, the Origin Energy in Duan Ling Tian's body continued to upheave and operate in accordance to the mental cultivation method of the Nine Dragons War Sovereign Technique's Seventh Form — The Sword Dragon Form.

His cultivation base continued to climb higher and higher.

At the lowest story of the three-story pavilion where Duan Ling Tian was located, Huang Daniu who was also sitting cross-legged in the room cultivating suddenly opened his eyes.

"It's a breakthrough!"

"The Sixth Level Void Interpretation!"

Ecstasy could be seen on Huang Daniu's face. He clenched his fists as his Origin Energy instantly wreaked havoc, and the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon above the void on his head started to condense

Eighty silhouettes of ancient horned dragons began to emerge. They appeared to be very vivid and lively.

"There's still half of the medicinal power left... If I can make a breakthrough to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation in one try, I won't be afraid if I come across that Hu Fei, even if he uses his Spirit Weapon and the battle takes place in the sky!"

"At that time, I'll be able to avenge Elder Yang."

Huang Daniu took a deep breath as he shut his eyes again and continue to cultivate. He rapidly digested the medicinal power of the Origin Enhancing Fruit that helped operate the Origin Energy in his body.

Gold Peak.

This was the strongest Peak in the Five Element Sect. It was also the main peak that was personally controlled by the Sect Master of the Five Element Sect. Ever since the Five Element Sect was formed, the Gold Peak had always been the absolute overlord of the five Peaks in the Five Element Sect.

Of course, the reason why Gold Peak was so strong was not just because of the countless powerhouses that were there but also because of the presence of the Sect Master of the Five Element Sect.

The main reason lay with the legacy of the younger generation in Gold Peak, they were the best out of all the Peaks in Five Element Sect.

A broad platform halfway up the mountain of Gold Peak was swarmed with a crowd of people.

Many Gold Peak disciples were battling each other, and they fought vigorously like raging fire. The entire place was bustling with activity.

This was the Battle Platform of Gold Peak.

As long as one was a disciple of Gold Peak, one could always come here to improve oneself during one's cultivation.

Two figures suddenly showed up in the distance. Like two streaks of lightning, they immediately appeared in the sky above the vast platform as they hovered in the air standing on nothing.

They were two young men who appeared to be in their thirties. They both had handsome looks and graceful bearings.

What was most eye-catching was these two had an appearance that looked identical to each other!

If it was not for the attire and the differences on their clothes, nobody would be able to tell them apart at the first glance.

A blue-clad young man hovered there expressionlessly, and his gaze was cold and indifferent.

Another man who was clad in red also hovered there. He was smiling as he watched the buzzing activities on the vast platform with great interest, "Younger brother, will you look at that? Our martial skills are as intense as always! This is something that the four other Peaks will never catch up to!"

"Hurmph!"

Unlike the cheerful and spirited red-clad young man, the blue-clad young man showed no changes in his expression as he snorted indifferently. It was as if he was trying to tell the other man, 'I'm more like your big brother okay?!'

Looking at the demeanor of the blue-clad young man, the red-clad young man could guess his thoughts but he did not give a damn about it at all. Or it could be said that he had long grown accustomed to it.

Ever since they were old enough, they never really cared much about who the real elder brother was.

He refused to accept him as an elder brother. At the same time, he did not accept him as an elder brother as well.

In their hearts, both of them assumed they were the true elder brother instead.

Translator's Note:

[1] Kurazy translated 天地元气 as "spirit energy of the heavens and the earth" in many previous published chaps but since 元气 was always translated into Origin Energy, I'll be translating it as such from here on.

Chapter 883: Planning for the Future

"It's Senior Brother Chen and Yi!" A voice exclaimed loudly on the vast platform.

At once, all of the Gold Peak disciples on the platform — including those who were fighting — stopped their actions one by one and lifted their heads up to look at the two young men in the air.

At this moment, a hint of respect that originated from the heart could be seen in their eyes.

This pair of twins before them were actually the two strongest people in Gold Peak's younger generation. They were also the Peak Masters of Gold Peak. In other words, they were the direct disciples of the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect.

"Senior Brother Chen! Senior Brother Yi!"

"Senior Brother Yi!"

"Senior Brother Chen!"

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All of the Gold Peak disciples who were present greeted the two young men unanimously.

The red-clad young man who was known as 'Senior Brother Yi' smiled as he waved towards the crowd. He looked very forward and easy-going.

The blue-clad young man who was known as 'Senior Brother Chen', on the other hand, stood there expressionlessly like he was indifferent to the surroundings. He looked demure and cool.

However, the crowd of Gold Peak disciples did not mind this at all. It was as if they were already used to it.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, the blue-clad young man made his move and disappeared right in front of the group of Gold Peak disciples.

The red-clad young man furrowed his brows. After he smiled at the Gold Peak disciples, he immediately gave chase to him, "Younger brother, I heard that two powerful young men have just joined Wood Peak a few days ago. Have you heard about this before?"

The blue-clad young man did not respond. However, his pair of calm eyes undoubtedly conveyed his answer to the red-clad young man.

"I've also heard that... Elder He Gang from Wood Peak was forced to cripple his entire cultivation base by those two young powerhouses!" The red-clad young man continued.

The blue-clad young man still did not show any signs of responding. The expression he had on his face was like everyone in this world owed him money.

However, the red-clad young man did not seem to be discouraged by this and showed no signs of shutting his mouth. Instead, he continued to talk to the blue-clad young man. He talked all by himself without showing any signs of impatience.

Time passed by soundlessly.

The Battle of the Five Peaks was slowly drawing nearer.

The Battle of the Five Peaks was a tradition that ran in the Five Element Sect. It would be held every three years and only the disciples from the younger generation of each Peak were eligible to take part.

At the end of the battle, the Peak would be ranked according to the performance of every Peak's disciples.

The higher the ranking was, the more cultivation resources — such as the Origin Stone or medicinal pills — the Peak would get in the next three years.

The lower the ranking was, the fewer cultivation resources the Peak would get.

After a series of benign and vicious cycles, the gap between the five Peaks of the Five Element Sect was quite distinct from each other. The Wood Peak that had been at the bottom for the past twenty years was even worse. It had never recovered after its setback.

The first step that the Wood Peak had to take to get out of that dump was to get rid of the fate of being at the bottom every time and then slowly regain its glory from the past.

In the past, even the people from Wood Peak already knew what the outcome would be before the Battle of the Five Peaks even took place.

That was — the Wood Peak would definitely come out last again.

However, the addition of two new young powerhouses to Wood Peak had added a lot of uncertainties to the outcome.

For this reason, all the other four Peaks had their eyes on Wood Peak in this period of time.

They were all curious.

Would the two newly joined young powerhouses be able to help Wood Peak regain its glory?

Wood Peak.

Creek —

In the three-story pavilion, the door to the room on the top floor opened.

A young man dressed in purple walked out from the room to the pavilion balcony. A smile could be seen playing on his lips as he stared at the endless blue sky and white clouds before him with narrowed eyes.

"Looks like I've underestimated the medicinal power of the Rebirth Pill!"

A hint of excitement swept across Duan Ling Tian's eyes as he recalled his experience earlier..

"However, this Rebirth Pill's medicinal power is truly amazing... I've used it for so long, and it turns out that I've only consumed a little of it. The remaining medicinal power will certainly help me make a breakthrough to the Martial Monarch Stage!" Duan Ling Tian said to himself.

"Unfortunately, my cultivation base is too low at the moment... The speed in which I consume the Rebirth Pill is far slower than the spirit fruit."

He let out a sigh.

Although his cultivation speed was still rising rapidly with the help of the Rebirth Pill's medicinal power, the elevation speed was still slower than the speed he gained after consuming the spirit fruit due to the limitation of his cultivation base.

Just like the Origin Enhancing Fruit that he had consumed recently, the medicinal efficacy of that fruit was entirely absorbed in just a few days under the guidance of the supercilious medicinal power of the Rebirth Pill.

Moreover, quite a lot of medicinal power from the Rebirth Pill was also drawn out by the Origin Enhancing Fruit's medicinal power, and it allowed him to absorb it.

"With my ultimate innate talent, coupled with the medicinal power of the Rebirth Pill, nobody will be able to catch up to me if they don't consume any spirit fruit!"

Of course, Duan Ling Tian also knew that this was unrealistic. "Perhaps... I need to think of a way to get an assorted variety of spirit fruits to assist me in my cultivation. In this case, not only will the spirit fruit be able to help elevate my cultivation base rapidly, it can also help draw out the Rebirth Pill's medicinal force so that I can absorb more of it."

"As long as I have a huge amount of spirit fruits to consume... who'll be able to cultivate faster than me in the Cloud Continent?!"

Duan Ling Tian believed that as long as he could get his hands on more spirit fruit, coupled with the medicinal power of the Rebirth Pill inside his body, he would be able to surpass the young powerhouses in the Foreign Lands who had consumed spirit fruits since they were young.

"After coming out from the secret that the Martial Emperor left behind and being united with Tian Wu and the others, I should also start planning for my future!"

Duan Ling Tian continued, "I want to make a breakthrough to the Void Transformation in the shortest time possible! Then, I'll go get myself a rough map of the Cloud Continent and locate the northern desert. After that, I'll find the place where the Rebirth Martial Emperor left behind his huge treasure!"

"Big Brother Duan!"

A voice suddenly rang by Duan Ling Tian's ears. It made him return to his senses instantly.

Duan Lin Tian did not know when, but Ye Xuan was already by his side.

Duan Ling Tian looked at her. His Spiritual Energy instinctively extended out, and he immediately noticed the changes in her, "Little Xuan, you... y-you actually made a breakthrough to the Ninth Level Nascent Soul?"

Duan Ling Tian was astonished.

Just a month ago, Ye Xuan had just made her breakthrough to the Eight Level Nascent Soul. However, she had made another breakthrough again.

Ye Xuan chuckled and replied promptly, "Big Brother Duan, it's all thanks to you that I'm able to break through so fast! If you did not help me to clean the impurities, I won't be able to possess such an incredible innate talent."

"Well, I did help you to improve your innate talent, but it has never occurred to me that you'll make such a huge progress!" Duan Ling Tian exclaimed.

"Big Brother Duan, I saw you staring off into the distance dazedly earlier. What're you thinking about?" Ye Xuan asked curiously.

"Nope, nothing." Duan Ling Tian shook his head and immediately looked at her with a smile, "Little Xuan, you'll most likely be able to make a breakthrough to the Void Prying Stage in within three months with the cultivation speed that you currently possess."

Only martial artists who had stepped into the Void could be considered as a real true martial artist.

Once a person had reached the Void, he would be able to walk on air and roam the sky.

"My target is to make a breakthrough in two months!" Ye Xuan was full of confidence as she continued to add, "Alright Big Brother Duan, it's time for me to go back and continue my cultivation now!" Just as she finished her sentence, she quickly left in haste.

"What a hasty little girl!" Duan Ling Tian smiled bitterly.

After regaining his senses, Duan Ling Tian muttered to himself, "Looks like the Battle of the Five Peaks is about to take place soon huh?"

He knew that after the Battle of the Five Peaks, he would definitely become one of the young representatives of the Five Element Sect. He would have to go to the Martial Emperor's secret to retrieve the things that the Five Element Sect needed.

After all, the Five Element Sect was also one of the three major forces in the east side of the northern desert.

The more valuable items would be spirit weapons that were higher than grade two, the Concept Fragment that was above the seventh level and the priceless Profundity Fragment.

Since this secret was something that was left behind by a Martial Emperor powerhouse, there were no doubts that there would be quite a number of these things there.

"By the time I come out from the Martial Emperor powerhouse's secret and meet up with Tian Wu and the rest, I'll leave Wood Peak and the Five Element Sect. This time, I'll give my all no matter what and strive to gain the best benefits for Wood Peak in the Battle of the Five Peaks!"

"This will be my repayment to the Peak Master of Wood Peak for that Origin Enhancing Fruit," Duan Ling Tian said to himself.

In the next few days, Duan Ling Tian continued to cultivate and at the same time, earnestly learned the Wind and Thunder Concepts. He even successfully made more breakthroughs in the end.

Under the anticipation of the Five Element Sect's Five Peaks' disciples, The Battle of the Five Peak finally raised its curtain.

The Battle of the Five Peaks did not have a specific venue. Instead, it was directly held in the air at the powerful Gold Peak in the Five Element Sect where it was possible for all the Peaks' disciples to demonstrate their full potential.

Early in the morning, the space outside of Gold Peak was filled with people that had great strength and vigor.

When Duan Ling Tian, Huang Daniu, and Chen Wei arrived, they were also taken aback by the scene before their eyes. What entered their sight was a densely packed crowd.

"It's Chen Wei! Chen Wei from Wood Peak!"

Soon enough, some disciples from the other Peaks recognized Chen Wei.

Chen Wei used to be one of the most outstanding disciples in the younger generation from Wood Peak. Many people knew who he was.

"The purple-clad young man and that towering young man beside Chen Wei seems to be a little unfamiliar."

Many people started to notice Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu who were by Chen Wei's side.

"C-Could it be that... they are 'Duan Ling Tian' and 'Huang Daniu'?" A voice exclaimed loudly. Instantly, all of the Five Element Sect's disciples in the sky turned their heads towards them and stared at the two of them.

In no time at all, the two of them became the center of attention for ten thousands of people.

"Are they the two young powerhouses that Wood Peak just took in not long ago?"

"I heard that when they first joined the Wood Peak, they immediately got rid of that Luo Chen in Wood Peak. Apart from that, they even forced Luo Chen's teacher, He Gang, to cripple his entire cultivation base with his own hands."

"He Gang is one of the top elders in Wood Peak, and his cultivation base is at the Sixth Level Void Transformation! In order to welcome these two and persuade them to stay in Wood Peak, he was willing to sacrifice his entire cultivation base!"

"Looks like Elder He really has a lot of faith in their strength."

"I'm more interested in seeing if the Wood Peak would be able to change their fate of always coming out last in today's Battle of the Five Peaks!"

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All of the disciples of the Five Element Sect had their gazes fixed on both Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu as the discussion continued to go on.

Chapter 884: Are You Sure You're Qualified Enough?

Duan Ling Tian had long grown accustomed to being the center of attention so he did not really care about it.

However, it was different for Huang Daniu. When had he ever seen such a scene before?

He could not help but instantly furrowed his brows.

It was not until Duan Ling Tian and the others moved to one side because of the sudden arrival of one person that the attention and gaze of the crowd finally shifted away.

"Hu Fei!"

"It's Hu Fei!"

"It's the Peak Master of Fire Peak's direct disciple, Hu Fei!"

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A young man cloaked in a fiery red robe was making his way here in the air from the distance. He was all alone and was extremely aloof.

Without any fancy movements, his fiery red robe flared open like a wave of burning flames. Within seconds, he had already reached the other side of the sky that was devoid of people.

In the next second, Hu Fei who was hovering in the air began to close his eyes to attain mental composure.

At this moment, it was like he did not notice the gazes that were focused on him. He stayed there all by himself, and he paid no heed to his surroundings.

"So, he's Hu Fei?" Huang Daniu's face darkened instantly. A dangerous gleam could be seen in his eyes as he stared at the red-clad young man in the distance. The Origin Energy in his body started to surge. Without warning, he took a step forward, ready to kick the ass of a certain person.

"Daniu!"

Chen Wei was sharp. He immediately blocked Huang Daniu and warned scrupulously, "I've received news two days ago that Hu Fei has managed to make a breakthrough to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation."

Seventh Level Void Interpretation!

Just four short words and it was enough to change the look on Huang Daniu's face. His legs instantly became like lead, and he could not even move an inch.

Although he had made a breakthrough to the Sixth Level Void Interpretation, he still did not have the confidence to battle it out with a martial artist who was at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation.

Despite the one level difference between the Sixth and the Seventh Level Void Interpretation, the gap in between was as huge as a chasm. This was because there was a great dividing phase that was hard to cross in between.

There was a difference of twenty ancient horned dragon's energy in between the two.

And this was under the circumstances where the spirit weapon was not taken into consideration yet.

Once both of them unleashed their spirit weapon, the presence of the Seventh Level Void Interpretation would not be just a mere twenty ancient horned dragons stronger than the Sixth Level Void Interpretation. Instead, the power would be at least thirty over ancient horned dragons stronger.

A chilling look swept across Duan Ling Tian's eyes. He had been standing quietly by the side before he proceeded to ask Huang Daniu, "Daniu, you... Do you really want to beat him up?"

"Of course!" Huang Daniu nodded his head without any hesitation. Faced with such an ungrateful bastard, he really wished he could just go ahead and give him two slaps and teach him how to be a proper man.

"Follow me then." Duan Ling Tian laughed and stepped out in the air. He made his way to Hu Fei who still had his eyes closed to attain mental composure.

"Duan Ling Tian..."

Chen Wei who had just returned to his senses was taken aback when he heard Duan Ling Tian's words, and saw him flying forward while exuding an incredibly strong self-confidence.

Based on what he knew about Duan Ling Tian, he had absolutely no idea where Duan Ling Tian got his confidence from!

Previously, Duan Ling Tian seemed to have nothing to go against the bandit leader who was at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation when he faced him.

At that time, his Variant was obviously useless against a Seventh Level Void Interpretation martial artist.

However, right now, after knowing that Hu Fei was a Seventh Level Void Interpretation martial artist, Duan Ling Tian still charged forward. Apart from that, strong confidence could be seen emanating out of his body.

"Could it be that he has managed to break through?" Chen Wei's eyes narrowed. A startled look appeared on his face.

"Yes!"

After hearing Duan Ling Tian's word, Huang Daniu was initially stunned before he hastily followed suit.

He knew that Duan Ling Tian had taken the Origin Enhancing Fruit previously.

From what he could see, since even he himself had made a breakthrough, Duan Ling Tian must have broken through as well.

"Looks like... we'll have an interesting show today!" When Chen Wei saw Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu making their moves, he smiled and followed them as well.

Yang Ling was his Senior Uncle.

Before this, Hu Fei could be considered as his Senior Brother too.

However, the moment Hu Fei betrayed his Senior Uncle and shifted to become the disciple of Fire Peak's Peak Master, he no longer regarded Hu Fei as his Senior Brother.

Apart from that, there were countless times that he wished he possessed a strength that was much more powerful than Hu Fei.

In that was the case, he would be able to avenge his Senior Uncle and give this half-cooked ungrateful bastard a good lesson.

Now that somebody could help him realize this wish, he was truly overjoyed from the bottom of his heart.

The three of them glided towards Hu Fei. Within seconds, they stopped not too far away from him, with only 100 meters between them.

There were no doubts that the actions of these three people immediately attracted the attention of the others.

"What're they trying to do?"

"Ten years ago, Hu Fei betrayed Wood Peak and joined Fire Peak... Could it be that Duan Ling Tian and the other two are here to get revenge for Wood Peak?"

"Maybe."

"I-It's just that... Are they really Hu Fei's opponent? As far as I know, Hu Fei has already broken through to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation."

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Many people started to raise a babble of discussion. Some even spilled out the juicy details that Hu Fei had broken through to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation.

An uproar instantly erupted.

"WHAT?! Hu Fei has broken through to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation?"

"I-Impossible! Another breakthrough so fast?"

"No wonder the Peak Master of Fire Peak was willing to pay a high price to get him over to Fire Peak ten years ago! It turns out that it's because his innate talent's so strong!"

"The Seventh Level Void Interpretation... Then, does it mean that his strength is actually on par with Gold Peak's Nangong Twins? The Nangong Twins are also only at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation."

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A group of Five Element Sect's disciples was discussing lively. The shock could be seen on their faces.

Hu Fei actually made a breakthrough to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation!

This was a completely shocking news.

After all, in the past, the Gold Peak's Nangong Twins were the only people from the younger generation of the Five Element Sect that made a breakthrough to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation.

However, now, a third person had appeared —

Hu Fei, the direct disciple of the Peak Master of Fire Peak.

Perhaps it was because Hu Fei heard the noise of the discussion in his surroundings had something to do with Wood Peak, his eyes that were originally closed to retain his mental composure, finally opened gradually.

Within seconds, a calm gaze immediately locked on Duan Ling Tian and the other two who were 100 meters away.

After Hu Fei's gaze swept across Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu, his gaze finally landed on Chen Wei before he greeted him faintly, "Junior Brother Chen Wei."

"Hurmph!"

However, Chen Wei would not even give Hu Fei a spare glance even when he took the initiative to greet him. He sneered sarcastically, "In my eyes, the Senior Brother Hu Fei from last time is already dead... You're the direct disciple of the Peak Master of Fire Peak. I, Chen Wei, dare not claim ties of kinship with someone that has a high status like you. Therefore, call me directly by my name please!"

It was apparent that Chen Wei's remark was mocking the fact that Hu Fei betrayed Yang Ling and Wood Peak.

Hu Fei's face darkened instantly when he heard the sarcasm. His voice turned cold in an instance, "Chen Wei, I've no idea where you get that courage from, but how dare you talk to me like that!"

"Hehe... As expected of the direct disciple of the Peak Master of Fire Peak! What an exuberant manner!" Chen Wei continued to laugh mockingly.

It was not that Chen Wei had confidence in Duan Ling Tian's ability to deal with Hu Fei. Even if Duan Ling Tian was not Hu Fei's opponent, Chen Wei would still be unable to suppress his censure when faced with Hu Fei.

All of this was because he looked down on Hu Fei this ungrateful bastard from the bottom of his heart.

When Hu Fei saw how Chen Wei was reaching for a yard after taking an inch, two flashes coldness shot out of Hu Fei's eyes. His voice was deep and cold as he said, "Chen Wei, you don't think that... these two trashes around you can stop me right?"

Trashes?

Huang Daniu's face darkened immediately.

It had never crossed his mind that "trashes" would be the first word used by Hu Fei to describe him and Duan Ling Tian.

After all, he had never had any interactions with Hu Fei prior to this.

Suddenly, Huang Daniu burst out in wrath. His pair of eyes were shining with a blood-curdling chill.

"Stop you?"

Just as all the gazes from the Five Element Sect disciples landed on Duan Ling Tian and the other two, Duan Ling Tian took a step forward and looked at Hu Fei indifferently.

"Are you sure you're qualified enough?" Duan Ling Tian asked calmly.

Are you sure you're qualified enough?

Although his voice was not loud, it was completely filled with Origin Energy. It passed into the ears of everyone in the audience, and it made all of the Five Element Sect's disciples stunned and bewildered.

"Is... I-Is this... D-Duan Ling Tian c-crazy?"

"How dare he provoke Hu Fei? I-Is he trying to look for death?"

"What big balls this Duan Ling Tian has! How dare he infuriate Hu Fei!?"

"Among all of us younger generations from the Five Element Sect, I'm afraid only the Gold Peak's Nangong Twins are not afraid of Hu Fei right?"

"I have to say though, I kind of admire Duan Ling Tian's courage! Still, he's doomed now!"

"Of course! In the past ten years, anyone who dares to say bad things behind Hu Fei did not have a good ending! Many people have gone missing, and I'm pretty sure they're all killed by him. Apart from that, their bodies must have been destroyed as well!"

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Every single one of the Five Element Sect's disciples was currently looking at Duan Ling Tian with a hint of pity in their gazes.

Although they knew that Duan Ling Tian's strength was quite powerful, they could vaguely feel that this young man who looked about 25 years old was not a match for Hu Fei after seeing him in the flesh with their own eyes.

After all, Hu Fei had broken through to the Seventh Level Void Interpretation. He was the third man among the younger generation of the Five Element Sect to have reached the Seventh Level Void Interpretation.

In their opinions, Duan Ling Tian would never be Hu Fei's match!

Hu Fei was taken aback upon hearing Duan Ling Tian's remark. He was completely shocked.

When had he ever been provoked like this in the Five Element Sect?

Moreover, it was by a young man who only appeared to be about 25 years old. Based on his words, it was obvious that this young man showed no sign of respect towards him at all.

"Boy, you're looking for death!"

Hu Fei was angry. He was completely furious.

In the next moment, chills flashed across his eyes. He immediately began to make his move. A huge towering flame rose up from his body, and like an enormous flaming beast, he charged out within seconds.

Under all the watchful eyes, the enormous flaming beast charged towards Duan Ling Tian as it opened its mouth wide. It was as if it was about to swallow Duan Ling Tian whole.

Many of the Five Element Sect disciples could not bear the sight and closed their eyes.

In their opinions, Duan Ling Tian would be crippled, if not dead, when faced with a charging Hu Fei who was furious.

At this moment, Hu Fei had completely lost his senses. He had long thrown the Five Element Sect's rule behind his mind. All he could think about was to kill this purple-clad young man standing before him who dared to provoke him.

"Hurmph!"

When Duan Ling Tian saw how Hu Fei who was enveloped in flames and was charging towards him with 180 ancient horned dragons silhouettes above his head, he only snorted as his eyes narrowed.

A dark light flashed across the depth of his eyes.

Chapter 885: The Nan Gong Brothers

Thousand Illusions!

As a dark gleam flickered in Duan Ling Tian's eyes, the Spiritual Energy that he had long accumulated dived into the depths of his soul easily to the Soul Brand and cast his Soul Skill.

In an instant, the Illusory Space rolled out and covered a radius of more than 100 meters. It engulfed Hu Fei who was charging towards him as well.

Whirlwind!

In the next moment, Duan Ling Tian moved from his position and flew to the side.

At the same time, he looked at Huang Daniu leisurely and told him through Voice Transmission, "Daniu, do as I say..."

Hu Fei who was soaring with flames like an enormous fiery beast missed his target under all the watchful eyes of the audience.

Just when everyone thought Hu Fei was about to pounce again and charge towards Duan Ling Tian, they noticed that Hu Fei who was entirely covered in flames was still standing in the same spot while he looked around in confusion.

A hint of caution could be seen in the depths of his eyes. It was as if he had come across something extraordinary.

At this moment, in Hu Fei's eyes, he was standing in a vast expanse of desert with nobody around him.

"An illusion?"

Hu Fei's face darkened. He immediately knew what had happened to him.

"I didn't sense any Inscription or Inscription Formation's fluctuation at all... Could it be that a unique Demon Beast with one-of-a-kind innate talent is trying to plot against me?" This was the first suspicion that rose in Hu Fei's heart.

In his opinion, since the Illusion that he currently faced was not caused by any Inscription or Inscription Formation, this meant that it had to have come from some Spiritual Energy approach that was similar to a Soul Skill.

The only person among all human being martial artists who could create Illusion through Spiritual Energy approach was none other than the legendary Martial Emperor.

Naturally, he would never think that it was the Martial Emperor who was playing this trick on him.

What a joke!

The Martial Emperor only needed a single thought to kill him. Why would he be playing a trick like this?

For this reason, it had to be the Demon Beast who was creating mischief in the dark.

Apart from that, the Demon Beast's Spiritual Energy had to be at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation at least.

Otherwise, it would be unable to affect him.

"Don't use chea..." Just as Hu Fei opened his mouth and was about to say "Don't use cheap shots if you have balls!", a strong breeze suddenly blew towards one side of his face, and his face darkened greatly.

Slap!

Before Hu Fei could even figure what was happening, one side of his face was already slapped loudly. The force even caused his head to turn to the other side. He could not help but spat out a mouthful of broken teeth.

At the same time, that side of his face became completely swollen.

It was obvious that this person had shown no mercy.

'Who? Who's that?!"

After Hu Fei, who was stunned by the slap, spat out his broken teeth, he finally regained his senses. The look on his face immediately darkened as the flames on his body soared up again.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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At the same time, a pair of spirit weapon gloves that were made of unknown materials appeared on Hu Fei's hands.

He raised his hands up and slapped out his palms over and over again, all over his body. It was like an invisible and extensive gigantic dense net that enveloped and protected his entire body.

Wham! Wham! Wham! Wham! Wham!

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Hu Fei flung his palms again and again in the air. It caused the airflow in the air to compress. A bloodcurdling explosion could be heard in the air, and it was deafening.

Many solidified palm prints whizzed and landed on one side of Gold Peak's cliff wall. In a series of loud rumble, dust and sand were also being swept up.

In the sky.

Other than Duan Ling Tian, Chen Wei and Huang Daniu who was hovering in the air quietly, there were no other changes in their expression.

As everyone watched Hu Fei who had gone crazy in the air, each and every one of the Five Element Sect's disciples were stunned and bewildered.

"Can...C-Can anyone tell me what's actually happening right now?"

"I-I don't know! After this Hu Fei charged towards Duan Ling Tian and missed his attack, he's not continuing his attack. Instead, he just stays in the same spot looking around. It's like he can't find Duan Ling Tian at all!"

"What a joke! Duan Ling Tian is just right there. He's not far away from him at all! How is it possible that he can't see Duan Ling Tian?"

"Then tell me what's he doing now? When Huang Daniu got close to him, he didn't even notice anything! He just took that one slap on his face!"

"Don't tell me Hu Fei is crazy now?"

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The group of Five Element Sect's disciples was completely stunned. They had absolutely no idea what was happening at the moment.

After a short while, perhaps due to exhaustion, Hu Fei finally slowed down his movements.

"Daniu!" Duan Ling Tian looked towards Huang Daniu and gave him a smile.

Huang Daniu's eyes lit up instantly. Once again, under the watchful eyes of the spectators, he moved towards Hu Fei and stopped in front of him after a moment. He lifted up his hand again and threw another hard slap towards him.

At that moment, the crowd of Five Element Sect's disciples who were watching the scene was absolutely horrified. They had chills running down their backs.

Many of them could not help but wonder.

Would Huang Daniu succeed again this time?

SLAP!

Another crisp and loud sound reverberated in the air and answered the question in their hearts.

Hu Fei's head immediately tilted to the side. Once again, he spat out a mouthful of blood that was mixed with many broken teeth. Many of the Five Element Sect's disciples could only feel their bodies shuddering in fear.

This Huang Daniu was a little too hard on him, wasn't he?

The other half of Hu Fei's originally intact face also became completely swollen at this moment. His entire face was similar to a pig's face. It was difficult to see his true facial features now.

"No matter who you are... you'll certainly die! YOU'LL DIE!"

Hu Fei who was slapped twice and became a pig-face kept roaring in anger. At the same time, the speed of his hand movement sped up, and huge palm marks formed a layer of protective enclosure that kept him protected inside.

Perhaps, this was the only way he could get a sense of security that he wanted.

Hu Fei's roars of anger entered the ears of the Five Element Sect's disciples who were present at the scene. It startled and astonished them.

"D-Does Hu Fei not know it's Huang Daniu who slapped him?"

"What the hell is happening actually?! Not only did Hu Fei not notice Huang Daniu's approach, he even took two of his slaps just like that! What's worse, he doesn't seem to know that it was Huang Daniu who slapped him!"

"I-Is he really going crazy?"

"I don't think he's crazy! I think he's going blind!"

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Each and every one of the Five Element Sect disciples stared at Hu Fei with their mouth agape. They found the scene that was unfolding before their eyes defied all logic. The situation was totally inconceivable.

Who could tell them what was actually going on now?

"I think he's not only blind, he's deaf as well! We've said so much and yet, he doesn't seem to have heard a single word we've said!"

"I also think that he's now blind and deaf!"

"B-But, how did he become like this all of a sudden?"

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Other than Hu Fei, Duan Ling Tian, Huang Daniu and Chen Wei, all of the Five Element Sect disciples present on the scene were completely dumbfounded. A look of confusion could be seen on their faces.

Until now, they still did not know what had happened.

When they saw Hu Fei's movements slowing down again, all of them shifted their eyes back to Huang Daniu. They were all curious which part of Hu Fei he would go for this time.

Duan Ling Tian looked at Chen Wei and asked with a smile, "Chen Wei, do you want to have a go?"

Previously, when Huang Daniu had slapped Hu Fei twice and retreated back to his original position, Duan Ling Tian had noticed Chen Wei's slight eagerness.

Now that the opportunity presented itself again, he could not help but ask that question.

"Sure!" The moment Chen Wei heard that, his eyes instantly sparkled. In a flash, he proceeded to move towards Hu Fei.

Under Duan Ling Tian's encouragement, Chen Wei punched out a lightning-like punch. The hit landed directly on Hu Fei's head, and it sent him flying backward instantly.

Of course, he had already shown some mercy.

Otherwise, he could definitely kill Hu Fei off with just this one blow.

Although he hated Hu Fei to the core and wanted to avenge his Senior Uncle Yang Ling, it had never crossed his mind to take Hu Fei's life. All that he wanted was to teach him a lesson.

He felt like he was in a dream now that his wish had finally come true.

He reached out and pinched his own thigh. The waves of violent pain that came from his thigh seemed to be telling him:

'This is not a dream! This is all real!'

"WHO?!" At this moment, Hu Fei who was sent flying with a bloody and badly-battered head looked around in a fluster. However, he did not look at Chen Wei at all.

The crowd of the Five Element Sect's disciples instantly felt chills running down their spines.

W-Was this Hu Fei possessed?

Nobody knew when, but suddenly, two figures appeared in the sky.

A blue-clad young man and a red-clad young man.

The blue-clad young man had an indifferent look on his face. It was as if it had nothing to do with him even if the sky fell down. However, a hint of surprise could be seen in his eyes.

It was like he had noticed something peculiar.

After the red-clad young man returned to his senses from his astonishment, he saw the surprise in the blue-clad young man's eyes just in time. Curious, he could not help but ask, "What's wrong? What did you notice?"

"Spiritual Energy." The blue-clad young man who was usually taciturn opened his mouth. His voice was cold and extremely taciturn.

"Spiritual Energy?" The red-clad young man's eyes lit up immediately.

"D-Do you mean right now Hu Fei's acting this way because of Spiritual Energy? Could... C-Could it be that he's encountering some illusion?" As he was saying these words, the red-clad young man could not stop himself from guessing.

This time, the blue-clad young man did not answer him. He only stood there in silence. However, the pair of eyes that seemed to be without luster was staring fixedly into the distance on a person.

And that person was none other than the purple-clad young man who was standing in the sky not far away from Hu Fei — Duan Ling Tian.

It was obvious that he had found out that the owner of the Spiritual Energy was Duan Ling Tian.

"Huh?"

When the blue-clad young man stared at Duan Ling Tian, Duan Ling Tian also seemed to have noticed something. Without warning, he raised his head up and looked up at the sky.

Within seconds, two figures who were camouflaged in the clouds entered his sight.

"Twins?"

Although they were separated by a distance, Duan Ling Tian had eyesight that was far greater than ordinary people. In just a glance, he could clearly see that the two young men before him looked exactly the same.

The blue-clad young man, in particular, was staring at him as if he could see through him completely.

"An Inscription Master?"

Soon after, Duan Ling Tian could feel a faint wave of rippling Spiritual Energy. It came from none other than the blue-clad young man. When he felt this, he could not help but be alarmed by it.

Moreover, Duan Ling Tian was able to confirm one thing from the blue-clad man's Spiritual Energy's ripple.

The blue-clad young man's Spiritual Energy was in no way weaker than his.

Duan Ling Tian was very clear about the meaning behind this.

"Could it be that these two are the Nangong Twins whom those Five Element Sect's disciples mentioned earlier?"

Duan Ling Tian's heart jumped.

Chapter 886: The Gathering of Young Powerhouses

"Don't use such a cheap shot if you have balls!"

"Or could it be that you people from Wood Peak only know how to rely on external force?!"

"Looks like I'm the one with a better foresight after all! Thank goodness I've left Wood Peak early. Otherwise, it would've been a disgrace to me, Hu Fei, to associate myself with you people!" Hu Fei continued to bellow in anger.

As he roared, he kept moving his body swiftly in fear of being attacked again.

Two slaps and one hit had left him with a pig-face and a bloody battered head. He was currently in a complete mess. All signs of the supercilious manner that he had shown earlier had been thrown out of the window.

The crowd of Five Element Sect's disciples watched Hu Fei who had transformed into a ball of flames that kept sweeping across the sky with their mouth wide open.

They believed that the scene that they were currently witnessing would be the most unforgettable sight in their entire lives.

Hu Fei — the third Seventh Level Void Interpretation martial artist in the younger generation of Five Element Sect, was acting like he was possessed and had seen a ghost in front of the three Wood Peak disciples.

"That Duan Ling Tian is definitely not simple."

Of course, there was no lack of meticulous people among the Five Element Sect's disciples.

Their gazes immediately landed on the purple figure in the distance. From what they could see, the scene unfolding in front of their eyes was all caused by that purple-clad young man — Duan Ling Tian!

At first, Hu Fei raised a hue and cried. He wanted to teach Chen Wei a lesson and even said that Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu were both trashes.

That time, they clearly saw the looks on Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu's faces.

Huang Daniu was enraged. His eyes were red and he had almost lost his cool.

As for Duan Ling Tian, he remained cool and took a step forward before casting a glance at Hu Fei faintly and asked, "Are you sure you're qualified enough?"

That time, all of them had only one thought — the same thought with most of the Five Element Sect's disciples — they had all thought that Duan Ling Tian was merely seeking for his own death.

This was because he was too young after all. No matter what, it was hard for them to associate Duan Ling Tian with a martial artist who could defeat Hu Fei.

However, as time went by and things had developed to this stage, they had no choice but to re-evaluate Duan Ling Tian.

From the moment he provoked Hu Fei, everything seemed to be in Duan Ling Tian's control. He was the real master pulling the strings behind the scene.

He did not seem to be afraid when he faced Hu Fei who was enraged. In fact, he still appeared unperturbed.

It was not until that short perilous moment when Hu Fei charged towards him that he finally dodged to the side. Ever since then, he had never left that position. He stood at the same spot as he watched Hu Fei 'performed' like he was watching some circus performance.

"T-This Duan Ling Tian... is definitely a person who should never be provoked!"

A few of the Five Element Sect's disciples who had returned to their senses could instantly feel chills creeping up their spines all the way to their brains. They could not help but shudder in cold.

Only one thought unknowingly crept into their minds:

They would rather provoke Hu Fei than Ling Tian!

Nobody noticed when, but another three young men were coming from the distance side by side. The young man on the right who was staring at the moving globe of flame in the air could not stop himself from asking, "Huh? Who's that?"

The moment the young man on the right saw the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon in the sky, his expression changed a little, "T-Two... Hundred Fifty... Two Hundred F-Fifty ancient horned dragons' energy!"

He was extremely clear what this 250 ancient horned dragons' energy actually meant.

Even a Seventh Level Void Interpretation martial artist would need to comprehend the Seventh Level Intermediate Concept and activate a third-grade spirit weapon before mobilizing the Heaven and Earth Energy to form this Heaven and Earth Phenomenon.

"It's Hu Fei!" The young man in the middle growled deeply.

He was wearing a green robe, and he looked completely ordinary. A hint of caution was shining faintly in his eyes as he murmured, "Initially, I thought that I'll be fit enough to fight with Hu Fei the moment I broke through to the Sixth Level Void Interpretation... but who would have ever thought that he's already at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation."

After he murmured to himself, the green-clad young man let out a sigh.

"WHAT?!" The instant the two young men at his sides heard his remark, their eyes completely widened as they stared in shock at that young man who was in that globe of fire that was constantly roving about.

That young man's face was so swollen that he resembled a pig and half of his face was stained with blood. He looked like a complete wreck.

It was difficult for them to associate this young man with Hu Fei, the strongest person in the younger generation of Fire Peak.

"Who's the one who made Hu Fei look like such a wreck?"

The green-clad young man shifted his attention from Hu Fei to another place.

Among the younger generation of the Five Element Sect, the only people who could make him into a wreck were most likely the two Nangong Twins from Gold Peak.

However, the two Nangong Twins and Hu Fei usually steered clear away from each other. There was no reason for them to do such things to him. Not to mention the fact that the two Nangong Twins were currently not present on the scene.

His gaze slowly shifted from Hu Fei to the three figures standing close to Hu Fei. Out of the three young men, he only recognized one of them. "It's Chen Wei from Wood Peak!"

Before this, he had never seen Chen Wei as his match and currently, it was still the same.

His gaze quickly landed on the other two people.

"The two of them must be the young powerhouses that Wood Peak recruited earlier right? If I remember correctly, they're called Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu right?"

A guarded look could be instantly seen in the green-clad young man's eyes.

He could faintly feel the reason why Hu Fei became such a wreck was most likely because of those two people.

"Tian Zhen, you're early!" Nobody knew when, but a soft and sweet voice could be heard suddenly. The green-clad young man shifted his glance abruptly and landed on a girl who was coming from the distance in the sky.

The girl was dressed in green, and she was extremely graceful. Although she was not extremely beautiful, she could still be considered as quite good-looking. It was enough to make many men fall for her.

The moment she appeared, many of the Five Element Sect disciples instantly shifted their attention towards her.

"It's Senior Sister Tan Huan!"

"Senior Sister Tan Huan's here!"

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Within seconds, most of the Five Element Sect disciples' attention shifted from Hu Fei who was seemingly going crazy to this green-clad girl.

In the distance, when Duan Ling Tian cast a glance towards her, his eyes immediately lit up instantly unlike usual

The Spiritual Energy that he extended out immediately told him that this green-clad young woman had a cultivation base at the Sixth Level Void Interpretation.

It was very rare for a woman so young to have a cultivation base of Sixth Level Void Interpretation.

The instance Chen Wei saw Duan Ling Tian's gaze on her, he announced meticulously, "She's Tan Huan, the direct disciple of the Peak Master of Water Peak. She's also the strongest person in the younger generation of Water Peak. Her cultivation base is at the Fifth Level Void Interpretation."

Fifth Level Void Interpretation?

When Duan Ling Tian heard Chen Wei's words, he shook his head with a smile, "Chen Wei, she's not as simple as being in the Fifth Level Void Interpretation you know."

"WHAT?!" Chen Wei completely lost his cool as he bellowed, "Y-You mean, she... s-she has already made a b-breakthrough?"

"Yes." Duan Ling Tian nodded.

"I can't believe she has broken through!"

As if he was hit by a realization, Chen Wei let out a sigh.

When his gaze shifted towards Duan Ling Tian, he could not help but let out a faint smile.

So what if she had made a breakthrough?

Today, nobody could stop Wood Peak from rising again as long as they had Duan Ling Tian with them!

Narrowing his eyes, Duan Ling Tian asked curiously as he stared at the green-clad young man who was surrounded by another two men. "Who's that green-clad young man who's talking to Tan Huan?"

The reason why he took notice of this man was because he found out that this man had also entered the Sixth Level Void Interpretation.

"He's Tian Zhen from Earth Peak. He's the son of the Peak Master of Earth Peak!" Chen Wei added with a look of caution, "Two weeks ago, he has already made a breakthrough to the Sixth Level Void Interpretation... It's just that it has never crossed my mind that Tan Huan would break through as well."

"Looks like this Battle of the Five Peaks this time would be quite interesting." As he said that, Chen Wei laughed out loud.

There were the Nangong Twins in Gold Peak.

There was Duan Ling Tian in Wood Peak.

There was Tan Huan in Water Peak.

There was Hu Fei in Fire Peak.

There was Tian Zhen in Earth Peak.

Under the brilliant splendor of Duan Ling Tian, Huang Daniu appeared to be dim and dull. That was why he was completely left out by Chen Wei.

Of course, this was also because Chen Wei had yet to find out that Huang Daniu had also entered the Sixth Level Void Interpretation. Otherwise, he would never have thought this way.

"Tian Zhen, is that Hu Fei? What's going on here?" Tan Huan's gaze was now focused on Hu Fei who was still moving non-stop.

Her face was filled with astonishment. She had no idea what had happened to Hu Fei, to the point that he was reduced to such a wreck.

"I've only just reached as well." Tian Zhen shrugged, indicating that he had no idea as well.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

At this moment, the howling of two waves of piercing wind resonated in the sky. Without warning, one red and one blue figure appeared in front of everyone. They attracted everyone's attention.

These were two young men who looked exactly identical to each other.

The red-clad young man had a gentle smile on his face, and it gave off a pleasant feeling.

The blue-clad young man stood there with a cold expression, and it gave off a feeling like he was unapproachable.

The two of them stood together. One was quiet while the other was lively. It looked quite peculiar.

"It's Senior Brother Yi and Chen!" The Five Element Sect disciples' eyes lit up instantly as they exclaimed loudly in surprise.

"Senior Brother Yi!"

"Senior Brother Chen!"

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All of the Five Element Sect disciples started to greet the two enthusiastically.

Nangong Chen, Nangong Yi — a pair of twin brothers.

At the same time, they were the direct disciples of the strongest person — the Sect Master of Five Element Sect — in Five Element Sect. Not only did they have an untouchable position in Gold Peak, they could also be considered as God's favored one in the entire Five Element Sect.

The moment the red-clad Nangong Yi who was as warm as fire appeared, he looked towards Tian Zhen and Tan Huan before smiling and congratulating them, "Junior Brother Tian, Junior Sister Tan... Congratulations!"

Instantly, most of the Five Element Sect's disciples looked towards the two of them.

"D-Did Senior Sister Tan Huan break through as well?"

Plenty of them started to whisper and speculate.

Tian Zhen remained indifferent. After all, the news that he had made a breakthrough had long spread out two weeks ago. It could not be considered a secret at all.

"Senior Brother Yi, you... you've already found out?" Tan Huan looked startled. She did not expect Nangong Yi to find out about her breakthrough.

After all, other than her master, the Peak Master of Water Peak, and herself, there was no other person who knew about this.

Now that she was seen through by Nangong Yi, how could she possibly not be shocked?

She believed that her master would never spread the news about her breakthrough.

Chapter 887: The Appearance of the Senior Officials

"Junior Sister Tan, when you first arrived there was a moment when your speed was raised to perfection... Although the Heaven and Earth Phenomenon still hasn't consolidated and form a shape yet, I could see that your speed at that time was definitely not as simple as the Fifth Level Void Interpretation," Nangong Yi said as he smiled. It added more charm to that originally handsome face.

This made a group of Five Element Sect's disciples — including Tan Huan as well — blushed uncontrollably. They were charmed by his speech and manner.

"In that case, did you arrive here early, Senior Brother Yi?"

Tan Huan returned to her senses. She looked at Nangong Yi and let out a charming smile on her delicate face.

"Probably a little earlier than you, Junior Sister Tan." Nangong Yi nodded.

At this moment, Tian Zhen who was at the side seemed to have been hit by a sudden realization. A light instantly flashed across his eyes as he asked bluntly, "Senior Brother Yi, then did you arrive earlier than me?"

"You?" Nangong Yi laughed, "Yeah, slightly earlier I guess."

"So, does this mean that you know what happened to Hu Fei earlier, Senior Brother Yi?" Tian Zhen's eyes lit up as he asked curiously.

"Well, I don't really know the details since I've only just arrived not long ago. However, I'm sure that many of our brothers and sisters must have seen the entire scene with their own eyes," Nangong Yi

replied while he looked at the crowd of Five Element Sect's disciples in the distance. His eyes were filled with wisdom.

"Senior Brother Yi, I know! I know!"

At this moment, an ordinary-looking female disciple stepped forward excitedly. In just a short moment, she had already appeared not far from Nangong Yi. She looked at him with an overjoyed expression on her face.

To the female disciples of Five Element Sect, the Nangong Twins were undoubtedly their dream lovers. They had dreamed countless of times, and the dreams usually contained the shadows of these two strongest younger generation disciple of Five Element Sect.

"What's your name, Junior Sister?" Nangong Yi smiled at that female disciple. The latter was blushing and felt completely out of breath.

After a moment, she finally returned to her senses. She was a little excited and nervous as she replied, "S-Senior B...Brother Yi, I-I'm... Chen Bi."

"Junior Sister Chen," A dazzling smile appeared on Nangong Yi's face, adding more charm to it. Smiling, he reassured, "Don't be nervous, just tell me what happened earlier."

"O-Okay," Chen Bi nodded her head. She inhaled deeply and began to calm herself down.

At this moment, all of the other Five Element Sect's female disciples were all filled with jealousy. They were all itching to take her place.

"Chen Bi has beaten us to it!"

"Why didn't I react just now? Otherwise, it would've been me instead of Chen Bi who's in the limelight in front of Senior Brother Yi."

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Many of the female disciples were feeling regretful.

In the distance, Duan Ling Tian who saw this scene was stunned into speechlessness by it.

"Hurmph! What's so good about the Nangong Twins? They're just some pretty boys... Furthermore, if I really have to say it, I'd say Duan Ling Tian is even more handsome than they are. How could those dumbstruck girls be so shameless over them!" Huang Daniu snorted. It was as if he did not approve of the Five Element Sect's female disciples' reactions.

"Daniu, " Chen Wei who was standing by the side shook his head as he smiled, "The reason they're popular is not just because of their good looks... What's more important is the fact that they're the best young disciples in our Five Element Sect."

In this world where the strongest became king, the charm of a man did not lie only in looks.

It lay even more on his martial prowess.

If his strength was extremely weak, so what if he was extremely handsome?

As long as a man who was very ugly had abundant strength, he would be able to decide his own fate with just a lift of his finger.

"Nangong Chen!"

Duan Ling Tian stood by the side quietly and exchanged a glance with the blue-clad young man in the distance.

This young man's cold expression, taciturnity, and aloofness to his surroundings gave him an extremely dangerous feeling.

This feeling was something that Nangong Yi never gave him.

"Initially, I thought that with my current strength, and the fact that I have the Soul Skill — Thousand Illusions, I'll be able to hold the title 'hero' among the younger generation of Five Element Sect's disciples... However, it seems like I've underestimated the Five Element Sect," Duan Ling Tian murmured.

He did not have complete faith in himself when it came to Nangong Chen.

As they stood beside Nangong Yi, Tian Zhen, Tan Huan, and Nangong Chen quickly learned about the sequence of events from that Five Element Sect's female disciple.

The three of them instantly looked at Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu and stared at them fixedly, as if they were trying to figure them out.

"Interesting, interesting... Looks like this time Wood Peak might not come out last after all," Nangong Yi smiled.

As the saying went, let things go if they did not affect one personally.

However, Tian Zhen and Tan Huan who were at the side could not be as calm as Nangong Yi. Their faces instantly turned bleak.

When they exchanged glances with each other, they could see the sparks that were flickering in each other's eyes.

If it was really Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu who carried out that trick, then they had no confidence that they would be able to defeat the two of them.

After all, at this moment, even Hu Fei who was stronger than them had already fallen for their trick.

They knew that they were much more inferior compared to Hu Fei, the Fire Peak's disciple.

For this reason, the Peak that would come out last among the Five Element Sect's Five Peaks would be either Water or Earth Peak.

— and none of them was willing to let the Peak that they were in rank last.

The Peak that ranked last would not be able to get its hands on any of the good cultivation resources that would be issued simultaneously by the Five Element Sect traditionally in the next three years. This

was because all of the good cultivation resources would be split between the first four Peaks that were ranked in front of them.

As an analogy, the Peak that ranked last could only eat the remaining leftover dishes after the four Peaks were done with their sumptuous meals.

"B-But... Just now, Senior Brother kept yelling and he seemed to be saying something about 'external force'?" The female disciple added.

External force?

Tian Zhen and Tan Huan were looking each other with sparks in their eyes. The moment the words left her mouth, their eyes instantly lit up.

If the trick that was played on Hu Fei came from some external force, then they really did not have to worry at all.

After all, during the Battle of the Five Peaks, all the representatives from every peak would not be allowed to use any external force including spirit weapons. They could only rely on their Origin Energy and Concept to battle it out.

The reason why this rule was implemented was because the Five Element Sect did not wish to see any Peak disciple meet with an accident.

If they used their spirit weapons, the senior officials of the Five Element Sect that would be present on the scene might not be able to provide timely assistance to the Five Element Sect's disciple who was in danger.

In the past, the Five Element Sect had suffered many losses similar to this.

For this reason, all of the young representatives of every Peak were not allowed to use any external force, including their spirit weapon, in the Battle of the Five Peak now.

"They'll never be Hu Fei's opponent if they did not rely on external forces... At the same time, they're not necessarily our opponents as well."

With a tacit agreement, Tian Zhen and Tan Huan exchanged glances and smiled. Both could guess the other party's thoughts.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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All of a sudden, the wind and the clouds in the sky shook, and immediately afterward, streaks of shadows appeared out of thin air.

There were middle-aged men and old men among this group of people.

Seeing these people, all of the Five Element Sect's disciples present on scene immediately stood straight in respect before they finally shifted their gaze respectfully to the plain-clothed middle-aged man standing in front, "Sect Leader!"

"Sect Leader!"

"Sect Leader!"

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All of the disciples of the Five Element Sect immediately paid their respect to that plain-clothed middle-aged man.

"He's the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect?" Duan Ling Tian also instantly shifted his gaze towards that plain-clothed middle-aged man.

That middle-aged man wore plain-clothing, and he was very ordinary-looking. There was a look of determination on his face, and that pair of calm eyes were particularly deep and dark. It was as encompassing as the vast ocean that could contain hundreds of rivers.

Duan Ling Tian immediately shifted his gaze to the back and saw Yang Ling and Ke Zheng.

At this moment, both of them were following suit behind a grey-clad middle-aged man. The grey-clad middle-aged man, on the other hand, was standing side by side with another three men behind the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect.

'He's the Peak Master of Wood Peak?' Duan Ling Tian wondered in his heart.

Unlike the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect who was ordinary looking, although the Peak Master of Wood Peak was already more than half-a-century old, and the years had left a trail of great vicissitudes on his face, it was still easy to see from his features that he was one of those rare handsome men when he was young.

"Oh?" Duan Ling Tian quickly noticed that the Peak Master of Wood Peak was staring straight at him and even nodded as he flashed a smile at him.

"You're Duan Ling Tian?"

Duan Ling Tian's immediately eardrum trembled, and the magnetic voice of a middle-aged man entered his ear.

There was no doubt that the owner of this voice was none other than the Peak Master of Wood Peak.

"Greatest respect to you, Peak Master! Also, thank you for the Origin Enhancing Fruit that you gave me the other day, Peak Master," Duan Ling Tian replied through Voice Transmission.

After a moment of silence, the voice of the Wood Peak Peak Master sounded again, "Do you have confidence in getting third place?"

Third place?

The moment Duan Ling Tian heard the Peak Master's question, he was stunned for a moment before he finally came back to his senses. He understood what the Peak Master was trying to imply.

It was nothing more than the specific ranking of the five Peaks after the Battle of the Five Peak ended today.

The Peak Master was actually asking him whether he was confident in obtaining the third place for Wood Peak.

"Peak Master, my goal is to be at least second in rank... If there's a chance, I'll take the first place!" A gleam flashed across Duan Ling Tian's eyes as he replied using the Voice Transmission.

"HAHAHAHAHAHAHA! Good! That's good! If you can really get the second place, I'll owe you a favor! In the future, if you have any request, I'll fulfill them all as long as they're within my power and does not harm the Five Element Sect," The Voice Transmission from the Peak Master was filled with laughter as he gave his words.

"Thank you, Peak Master." In Duan Ling Tian's opinion, this promise that the Peak Master had just made was given for free.

"Hu Fei! What the hell are you doing?" Suddenly, a loud voice roared and awakened Duan Ling Tian.

As he looked towards the voice, he noticed that there was an old man who was standing beside Wood Peak and behind the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect. He was solemnly staring at Hu Fei who was still flying around.

Hu Fei's antic was all taken in by the old man. This was also the reason that caused him to have a dark expression on his face.

"Spiritual Energy?" At this moment, the small middle-aged fat man who was standing beside the old man suddenly narrowed his eyes as if he had discovered something peculiar.

"What a strong Spiritual Energy!"

Almost at the same time, Duan Ling Tian suddenly felt a strong sense of Spiritual Energy surging towards him. It instantly smashed his Illusory Space that was forged by the Soul Skill 'Thousand Illusions' into pieces.

Duan Ling Tian instantly shifted his gaze towards the middle-aged fat man as he asked Chen Wei who was standing by the side, "That short fatty is the Peak Master of which peak?"

Chapter 888: Tian Gu's Dread

"He's the Peak Master of Earth Peak, Tian Gu," Chen Wei replied.

The Peak Master of Earth Peak?

Duan Ling Tian raised his brows, "Then, does this mean that he's Tian Zhen's father?"

"Yes," Chen Wei nodded.

"Earth Peak..." Duan Ling Tian was no stranger to Earth Peak.

Before he joined the Five Element Sect and was still in Settlement City, the Earth Peak's disciples who were laying low at the Earth Peak's point of operations had tried to lure him into Earth Peak by using a second-grade spirit weapon and a seventh-level Concept Fragments.

Due to this reason, he had some interactions with Earth Peak before.

After witnessing Tian Gu, the Peak Master of Earth Peak smashed his Illusory Space into pieces and looked over at him promptly, Duan Ling Tian immediately knew that the Peak Master had discovered that he was the owner of the Spiritual Energy that had forged the Illusory Space.

Duan Ling Tian was not bothered by it. Without even an ounce of fear, he looked up to meet his gaze.

However, Duan Ling Tian and Tian Gu quickly looked away from each other and shifted their gazes to another place at the same time.

Nobody knew when, but the old man who was standing beside Tian Gu had vanished from Duan Ling Tian's eyes and re-appeared again beside Hu Fei who was deeply perturbed. He was beaten into becoming pig-face, and he was in a quandary now.

"Hu Fei, what were you doing earlier?" With a solemn face, the old man snapped.

It had never crossed his mind that this disciple whom he was usually proud of would be such a wreck today. Furthermore, it was right in front of the Five Element Sect's senior officials and disciples. It brought disgrace to his name.

"He's Cha Bai, the Peak Master of Fire Peak," Chen Wei's voice resonated in Duan Ling Tian's ears clearly.

Duan Ling Tian nodded his head.

In fact, even if Chen Wei did not inform him, he would also be able to guess the identity of this old man.

That old man was that person who was standing side by side with Tian Gu, the Peak Master of Earth Peak, and their Wood Peak's Peak Master earlier.

There was a total of four people who were standing in a row behind the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect.

As a result, their identities immediately became apparent. They were obviously the Peak Masters of the other four Peaks other than Gold Peak.

"M-M-Master?" At this moment, Hu Fei finally returned to his senses. When he saw Cha Bai in front of him and noticed the peculiar-looking gazes around him, his eyes were immediately filled with a bloodcurdling and chilling gleam.

"CHEN WEI, I'M GOING TO KILL ALL OF YOU!" Without warning, Hu Fei turned to Duan Ling Tian, Huang Danu and Chen Wei who was standing nearby. The flame that rose up from his body instantly broke loose as he was about to charge towards them.

SLAP!

A crisp sound reverberated in the air. It was Cha Bai who gave him a slap. It was so hard that half of Hu Fei's face became even more swollen than before, "Don't you think you've been disgraceful enough?!" Hints of wrath could be heard in Cha Bai's deep voice.

After Hu Fei received such a slap from Cha Bai, he shuddered involuntarily. Startled, he finally regained his full senses and quickly hung his head down in shame, "M-Master, I'm sorry for being so useless. I'm sorry for embarrassing you!"

"However, if they didn't use external force in the first place, I wouldn't have become such a wreck like this... Please be rest assured, Master. Once the Battle of the Five Peaks starts, I'll let them repent their entire lives if they dare to play such tricks again!"

The moment the words left Hu Fei's mouth, he gritted his teeth. His eyes that were filled with hatred gleamed with iciness as it swept across Duan Ling Tian and the other two.

Upon hearing Hu Fei's words, The Five Element Sect's disciples who were at the surroundings burst into an uproar.

External force?

Hu Fei was reduced to this mess by some external force?

They finally 'understood' the situation immediately.

"No wonder the situation was so bizarre earlier! It turns out that those people from Wood Peak used some external force to make Hu Fei suffer from such a debilitating loss!"

"Hurmph! Nobody's allowed to rely on any external forces in the Battle of the Five Peaks. Otherwise, he would be disqualified! Looks like these three men from Wood Peak men down on their licks then... if they don't admit defeat."

"Now I'm kind of looking forward to seeing how Senior Brother Hu Fei who has been humiliated like that would retaliate against those three men from Wood Peak."

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Many of the Five Element Sect disciples buried their heads together in discussions. They thought that Duan Ling Tian and the other two would face their nightmare soon.

Of course, there were a few exceptions as well.

For example, the Nangong Twins, the Peak Master of Earth Peak —Tian Gu — Wood Peak and the two old men standing at the back, Yang Ling, and Ke Zheng.

"Senior Brother Yang, looks like these three little fellows helped avenge you!" Ke Zheng smiled as he told Yang Ling.

Yang Ling nodded his head gently. However, he did not seem to be unnerved at all.

At this moment, his gaze fell on Hu Fei — who was healing the wound on his face speedily with a speed that was visible to the naked eyes after he had taken the Healing Medicinal Pill — with hints of complicated gleams in his eyes.

After ten years, he noticed that he was not as angry as he was anymore when faced with this disciple who had betrayed him in the past again.

Right now, everything did not matter so much to him anymore.

Time really could wash away everything.

"Now, the four other Peak Masters, please meet with your Peak's young representatives, and we'll start the Battle of the Five Peaks in 30 minutes! When that time comes, the Five Peak will rearrange the rank, and we'll set the dividing of the sect resources all Peaks will obtain in the next three years based on this rank," the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect announced loudly soon after.

The three Peak Masters behind the Sect Leader instantly took their own elders who were standing behind with them and scattered away. They flew across the sky to the side not far away.

Similarly, the Peak Master of Wood Peak brought Yang Ling and Ke Zheng to Duan Ling Tian and the two others.

"Peak Master." After Duan Ling Tian and the two greeted their Peak Master with a smile, they turned to Yang Ling and Ke Zheng and greeted them as well.

At the same time, Duan Ling Tian managed to find out the name of their Peak Master was Qi Yu through a Voice Transmission from Chen Wei.

As for the Sect Leader of the Five Elemental Sect, his name was Guo Chong.

Tian Gu, that Peak Master of Earth Peak, brought along a Wood Peak elder to meet Tian Zhen.

"Father!" Tian Zhen greeted Tian Gu respectfully.

As for the two people beside him, they also followed suit and greeted him, "Peak Master."

"Hmm," Tian Gu smiled and nodded. However, although he had a smile on his face, concern could be seen between his brows. It was as if he was worried about something.

As if he could sense what his father was worried about, Tian Zhen reassured, "Father, don't worry. I'll definitely defeat the two young powerhouses that Wood Peak found. I'll never let the Earth Peak rank last."

When he heard Tian Zhen's reply, Tian Gu shook his head, "No,"

"Huh?" Tian Zhen was puzzled.

"Zhen'er, your opponent this time is not the two men from Wood Peak... but Tan Huan from Water Peak instead," he said as he looked to the distance.

Over there, Tan Huan met with a middle-aged woman. That woman was none other than the Peak Master of Water Peak — Yu Fang.

She was a member of the fairer sex, but she was able to emerge as the Peak Master of one of the Five Peaks in Five Element Sect — Water Sect. This, itself, was more than enough to show that she was not a simple figure. Her cultivation base was definitely not in any way inferior to Cha Bai and Tian Gu.

"Father, if I'm to go against Tan Huan, I might not be able to win against her... After all, she has already made a breakthrough to the Sixth Level Void Interpretation as well," Tian Zhen let out a bitter smile.

In the past, when he and Tan Huan were both still in the Fifth Level Void Interpretation, they had fought against each other once.

That time, he was just a little bit inferior to her.

Originally, he thought that he would be able to defeat Tan Huan now that he had achieved the Sixth Level Void Interpretation, but it had never crossed his mind that Tan Huan managed to do it too.

"WHAT?!" Tian Gu was taken aback. "S-She made a breakthrough as well? Looks like this time, our Earth Peak is in danger... Zhen'er, you must really put out all your efforts to defeat Tan Huan! Otherwise, our Earth Peak would be silenced for the next three years from now on."

"Father, what're you saying? Even if I can't defeat Tan Huan, I can still defeat that Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu from Wood Peak! I heard that they're just at the Fifth Level Void Interpretation," Tian Zhen exclaimed.

"Hurmph!" Tian Gu snorted, "Do you really think a person who's able to wreck Hu Fei would only be at the level of Fifth Level Void Interpretation?"

Tian Zhen was stunned before he quickly continued, "Father, didn't Hu Fei say it himself earlier? It's because the three people from Wood Peak relied on some external force that they were able to ruffle him. During the Battle of the Five Peaks, nobody's allowed to use any external force at all." A confident smile flashed across his face when he finished talking. "Once they can no longer rely on their external force, it's not hard for me to defeat them if I want to."

"External force?"

Tian Gu snorted, "When Hu Fei said it's an external force, you really believe that it's an external force? Looks like the name that I gave you that time was really apt! Tian Zhen — NAIVE!" [1]

"Father, what do you mean?" Tian Zhen became more solemn as he could vaguely feel that something was not right.

"You must know that other than a martial artist, I, your father, am also an Inscription Master who has some knowledge in the Inscription field. I can release my Spiritual Energy out of my body... What you should know that it was me who saved Hu Fei earlier," Tian Gu replied.

"Father, I know that you're an Inscription Master, and I also know that an Inscription Master can release his Spiritual Energy out. However, what do you actually mean by you saved Hu Fei?" Perplexed, Tian Zhen asked.

"If I'm correct, Hu Fei was in a place that's similar to an illusion earlier. And that illusion was created from Spiritual Energy." Taking a deep breath, Tian Gu whispered his speculation to his son.

"WHAT?! An illusion? An illusion that was created by Spiritual Energy on top of that?" Panic-stricken, Tian Zhen's eyes narrowed immediately as he exclaimed, "D-Don't tell me that there's a special Demon Beast who's gifted in Soul Brand and could cast the Soul Skill even before it has entered the Emperor Stage beside the three of them?"

"Hurmph! If that really is the power of a Demon Beast, then it'll still be considered as an external force, and it won't affect the Battle of the Five Peaks." After he snorted, Tian Gu continued to say with caution, "BUT, the problem is, after I've used my Spiritual Energy to break open the illusion that was cast from Spiritual Energy, I noticed that the owner of that Spiritual Energy is actually Duan Ling Tian!"

Duan Ling Tian!

The moment these three words entered Tian Zhen's ears, it was like a thunder shocked him to his core. He was so shaken that horror dawned on his face instantly.

"F-Father, y-you mean that... t-that Duan Ling Tian could use Spiritual Energy to create an illusion? D-Don't tell me he's a d-demon?" Tian Zhen gasped, the shock could be seen on his entire face.

Demon!

Even if he was the weakest demon ever, he would still be at least at the First-Level Void Transformation. He would only need one blow to defeat him.

"Of course not! Although his Spiritual Energy is pretty good, it's still far away from the Void Transformation Level. I suspect that he might be a Variant that's born from a human and a demon — the kind of Variant who possesses an innate ability that could defy heaven," Tian Gu voiced out his speculation.

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Variant?

The moment Tian Zhen heard this word, his eyes narrowed instantly. Astonishment crept up his face.

Naturally, he had heard of the word 'Variant' before.

It was either mediocre or overwhelming.

"Innate ability... The power he displays is a type of innate ability!" Tian Zhen stared at Tian Gu. A deep sense of dread could be seen in his eyes as he exclaimed in surprise with his Voice Transmission.

"This is the only plausible explanation," Tian Gu nodded. His face was extremely glum.

After all, a person who was neither a demon nor a Martial Emperor that could use his Spiritual Energy to cast a skill similar to the Soul Skill could only be a Variant.

It would never cross Tian Gu's mind that the reason Duan Ling Tian was able to create an Illusory Space with his Spiritual Energy was not because he was a Variant or something. Instead, it was because he had inherited a Soul Brand in the depth of his soul.

That Soul Brand was created by an Inscription Master.

Although that Inscription Master did not have a particularly impressive cultivation base, his perseverance in the Inscription Field had always been very terrifying.

This could be clearly seen from the Soul Brand that he had managed to research.

"Father, I'll give it my all!" After learning about Duan Ling Tian's background, Tian Zhen gave up on the idea of competing with Wood Peak. His attention was now fully focused on the girl who was standing in the distance.

Tan Huan from Water Peak.

He must win against her for the sake of Earth Peak!

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"Two young representatives from every Peak?" Duan Ling Tian could not help but feel shocked after learning of the Battle of the Five Peaks' rules from Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak.

In the Battle of the Five Peaks, all five Peaks from the Five Element Sect would send out two representatives each.

Both representatives must be a disciple of the younger generation.

"The representatives for our Wood Peak would be you and Daniu... Work hard, alright!" Yang Ling smiled as he encouraged Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu.

"Don't worry, Elder Yang. Duan Ling Tian and I will get first place for the sake of Wood Peak in this Battle of the Five Peaks! We'll bring Wood Peak to the top of the Battle of the Five Peaks!" Huang Daniu proclaimed confidently as he waved his fist around.

Of course, the reason why he dared to make such a claim was because of the faith he had in Duan Ling Tian.

Due to this, he had faith that they would be able to help Wood Peak to get first place in the Battle of the Five Peaks.

Duan Ling Tian shook his head. Naturally, he could guess what was in Huang Daniu's mind. However, in his opinion, he thought that Huang Daniu had underestimated the Gold Peak a little too much.

After all, even he did not have complete confidence in getting the first place.

He was very certain that the Nangong Twins would be the representative for Gold Peak. He was not really scared of Nangong Yi, but Nangong Chen, on the other hand, was a different story.

After all, just like him, Nangong Chen was an Inscription Master as well.

Perhaps Nangong Chen might not be as good as he was in the attainments of the Inscription Field. However, as an Inscription Master, Nangong Chen could move his Spiritual Energy freely as well.

Coupled with the fact that the level of Nangong Chen's Spiritual Energy was on par with his own Spiritual Energy, his Soul Skill, Thousand Illusions, would not affect him at all.

"No need for first place... It's already good enough if you can get second place." Shaking his head, Qi Yu looked at Duan Ling Tian and smiled, "Don't you think so, Duan Ling Tian?"

"I'll do my best!" Duan Ling Tian replied earnestly.

"I have faith in you," Qi Yu nodded his head.

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Gold Peak, where the Five Element Sect Sect Leader, Guo Chong, was at.

Now, there were two extra figures standing beside him. Two young men who looked identical to each other, twins — one was wearing red while the other wore green.

They were none other than Nangong Chen and Nangong Yi.

The two of them were the direct disciples of Guo Chong, and they were also the only disciples of his.

Be it Nangong Chen or Nangong Yi, both of them were geniuses who were extremely gifted in Martial Dao. Although they were only slightly over their thirties, they were already the leader among the younger generation in the Five Element Sect.

"There's no problem?" Guo Chong suddenly opened his mouth. It was apparent that he was asking the two disciples beside him.

"He's no match for Duan Ling Tian." To their surprise, this time, the person who answered first was not Nangong Yi but Nangong Chen who usually wore a cold expression.

When he was answering Guo Chong's question, it was obvious that Nangong Chen's usual cold face had kind of eased a little.

"Oh?" A gleam flashed across Guo Chong's eyes. Curiously, he asked, "Why do you say so?"

"Master, that Duan Ling Tian is a little monster. Based on mine and younge..." Just as Nangong Yi wanted to say the word 'younger brother', he immediately sensed the sharp cold glare that Nangong Chen shot him. At once, he could only gulp the word 'brother' down.

After gulping down the word, he continued to go on, "Well, based on his and my observation, we suspect that Duan Ling Tian is a Variant!"

Variant?

The moment Nangong Yi finished his sentence, Guo Chong eyes narrowed immediately. His face was in shock, and he was appalled.

As the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, he naturally knew what the word 'Variant' meant...

Variant. It was either mediocre or heaven-defying.

— and apparently, Duan Ling Tian was not the former.

"What makes you think that he's a Variant?" Guo Chong asked.

Nangong Yi inhaled deeply and told them everything that he found out.

Naturally, the thing that he told them was the incident where Hu Fei was tricked by Duan Ling Tian.

After Guo Chong was done listening to the entire story, he stared at Nangong Chen glumly.

Although he had noticed Hu Fei's weird antic when he first arrived, after that he kept hearing Hu Fei mumbling about some 'external force' so he thought Duan Ling Tian and the rest had used some external force on him.

It had never crossed his mind that it was not external forces at all, it turned out to be Duan Ling Tian's Variant's innate ability after all.

"Yes," Nangong Chen nodded his head hard. He was extremely sure about it.

Guo Chong took a deep breath. He knew this disciple of his through and through. He would never nod his head if he was not fully confident.

"What level is his Spiritual Energy?" Guo Chong continued to ask.

"Not in any way inferior to mine," Nangong Chen replied truthfully.

"Seventh Level Void Interpretation?" Guo Chong narrowed his eyes as he was struck dumb with astonishment. "No wonder you said Yi'er is not his match... Looks like he must have kept his cultivation base hidden, or he had taken some spirit fruit that could help enhance his soul."

As the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, Guo Chong was a man who had traveled far and seen a great deal. In just a split second, he could already guess many things.

"Chen'er, what're the chances of you defeating him?" Guo Chong asked.

After a moment of silence, Nangong Chen finally replied, "90%."

"Not 100%?" Guo Chong frowned.

No matter how many years had passed, Gold Peak had always been the first Peak in the Five Element Sect. Its status had never once wavered.

However, today, if the Gold Peak lost to Wood Peak, the legacy that the Gold Peak had shaped since the forming of the Five Element Sect would be destroyed.

This was not something he wanted to see.

"No," Nangong Chen shook his head, his cold piercing gaze was staring at the purple figure in the distance, "He gives me a very dangerous feeling... I'm not sure if he can pull off a miracle."

A Miracle?

Guo Chong frowned the moment he heard his word. However, he eased up again in a flash. A calm smile appeared on his face, "Yeah, that's true... He's a Variant after all."

A Variant, especially those variants that had an innate ability, was also known as God's Favourite in the Cloud Continent.

In the history of the Five Element Sect, there had never been a Variant before.

And right now, when he, Guo Chong, was ruling the Five Element Sect, a Variant had suddenly decided to appear. Just this alone would let all the later generations in the Five Element Sect remember him forever.

At that time, they would say, "Back then, we had a Sect Leader whose name was Guo Chong in the Five Element Sect. During the generation when he was in a ruling position, a Variant who possessed innate ability appeared in the sect."

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Fire Peak.

The Peak Master of Fire Peak, Cha Bai, had a glum look on his face. His eyes that were staring at the few people in Fire Peak were burning with an extreme fiery wrath. It was like a fire that could burn everything down.

To him, having his own direct disciple being humiliated like that was a shame! A true undisguised shame!

"Duan Ling Tian, Huang Daniu! As long as you dare to battle it out with me, even if I can't kill you, I'll make sure to cripple the two of you completely! It's only through this way that I can eliminate the abhorrence in my, Hu Fei, heart!"

In Hu Fei's eyes, there was nobody but the two young men left in this world. His eyes that were glaring at the two of them were crimson red, as if it was about to devour them.

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Water Peak.

"Huan'er, you've already made a breakthrough to the Sixth Level Void Interpretation. I think there should be no problem for you to defeat those two men from Wood Peak... However, I hope that you'll be able to defeat Tian Zhen as well so Water Peak can continue being the Third Peak in the Five Element Sect," the Peak Master of Water Peak, Yu Fang, spoke solemnly.

"Don't worry, master. I'll give my all!" Tan Huan nodded her head.

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Today, other than the four young disciples from the Gold and Wood Peaks who were already in place, there were another three extra people other than Hu Fei, Tan Huan and Tian Zhen in Fire, Water and Earth Peak.

Soon, 30 minutes had gone by.

"The rules are as usual," the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect, Guo Chong, spoke slowly as he glanced around at the Peak Masters of the other Four Peaks.

Just as the Peak Masters of the four Peaks had their eyes focused, and all the Five Element Sect disciples in the surroundings were watching them intensely, Guo Chong suddenly made his move.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

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As Guo Chong lifted his hand up, ten swift lights rose up into the sky and disappeared into the clouds within seconds.

"What's going on?" Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu was confused. They just joined the Five Element Sect not long ago, and this was their first time experiencing the Battle of the Five Peaks. It was their first time witnessing such occasion.

"It's ten pieces of paper... The numbers 1 to 10 are written on the paper, and ten young men from the five Peaks will battle it out separately based on the sequence written on top until the ranking is decided," Chen Wei explained, "The Battle of the Five Peaks are divided into two stages — individual and team battle. This will be the first stage, individual battle."

Duan Ling Tian finally understood.

Huang Daniu narrowed his eyes and exclaimed in shock, "Those are actually ten pieces of paper? My goodness! No wonder he's the Sect Leader! What a horrifying strength! If he threw those papers at me, I don't think I'll be able to save myself!"

Contrary to Huang Daniu's cries of surprise, Duan Ling Tian, on the other hand, had a calm look on his face.

Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of Five Element Sect, had a cultivation base that was most likely at the peak level of the Void.

For a master that had reached the peak of the Void, even a piece of paper would become a lethal weapon in his hands.

Whish! Whish! Whish! Whish! Whish!

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At this time, the ten papers slowly fell from the sky. Their speed slowed down as they continued to spin.

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The papers were spinning, occasionally revealing the numbers on them.

Seeing that the papers were getting closer, all of the Peak Master of the Five Peaks — including Guo Chong, the Sect Leader of the Five Element Sect who was also the Peak Master of the Gold Peak — immediately made their moves.

Whoosh!

With just a raise of Guo Chong's hand, a wave of invisible energy soared up to the sky and swept towards the ten pieces of papers. Breaking it in full fury, the gush of energy completely filled the air with a series of ear-deafening explosions.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

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Qi Yu the Peak Master of Wood Peak, Cha Bai the Peak Master of Fire Peak, Yu Fang the Peak Master of Water Peak and Tian Gu the Peak Master of Earth Peak all made their moves at almost the same time as well.

However, they were not as fast as Guo Chong was.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Instantly, two sheets papers looked as if they were drawn by two invisible forces. In just a blink of an eye, they turned into two lightning bolts and charged towards Guo Chong before it was grabbed by his hand.

Just like this, Gold Peak had obtained their two papers.

"Number 1 and 10."

Duan Ling Tian had a sharp eye. Long before the two papers were drawn towards Guo Chong, he had already seen the numbers on the papers.

He knew that these were the numbers chosen by Guo Chong, and the reason why he chose these numbers must be pretty advantageous for Gold Peak.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

The second person who obtained the next two papers were Qi Yu, the Peak Master of Wood Peak. He was also the second strongest person in the Five Element Sect and was recognized by most of the sect's members.

The papers that he had gotten hold of were Number 5 and 6.

It was also apparent that he had deliberately chosen these numbers.

As for the other Peak Masters of the three other Peaks, their powers were all evenly matched. In the end, they rearranged the remaining six papers and just randomly selected two each.

"Hold this," Qi Yu passed the two papers to Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu. Duan Ling Tian got Number 5 while Huang Daniu took Number 6.

"What's this for?" Duan Ling Tian and Huang Daniu exchanged glances. Confusion could be seen on their faces.

"In the individual battle of the Battle of the Five Peaks, the first and the last number will start first and battle it out against each other... For example, Contestant Number 1 and Contestant Number 10 will enter the first round while Contestant Number 2 and Contestant Number 9 will enter the second match," Chen Wei explained, "By the same token, Contestant Number 5 and Contestant Number 6 will enter the fifth match! This will be the first round."

Realization finally hit Duan Ling Tian with a pang, "Then, this means that Daniu and I will go against each other in the first match... Then, as Wood Peak's representatives, we can discuss which of us will advance to the next round first right?"

"Exactly," Chen Wei nodded his head.

"No wonder the Sect Leader would snatch Number 1 and 10. Looks like he has the same idea too." Duan Ling Tian finally understood everything clearly now.

Very soon, the Battle of the Five Peaks finally raised its curtain.

The first match, Contestant Number 1 versus Contestant Number 10.

Gold Peak. Contestant Number 1, Nangong Chen versus Contestant Number 10, Nangong Yi.

Contestant Number 10, Nangong Yi advanced to the next round.

"Oh?" Duan Ling Tian frowned. He did not expect Nangong Yi would be the person advancing to the next round. "Logically speaking, since Nangong Chen knows that I can forge illusion with my Spiritual Energy, and he also knows the level of my Spiritual Energy, he must know that Nangong Chen is no match for me... However, why did he let Nangong Yi advance to the next round?"

Duan Ling Tian was completely puzzled about this.

After hearing Chen Wei's explanation, he finally understood why.

"In the individual battle of the Battle of the Five Peaks, as the battle advances to the end, those people who're eliminated before can challenge anyone that they like other than the one who had defeated them earlier on," Chen Wei said.

It would go on this way until the rank of the individual battle was set.

For this reason, the advancement of Nangong Yi into the next round did not mean that Nangong Chen would not have a chance to reach the top rank. Instead, he would become the finalist in the battle and help Gold Peak rank first during the crucial moment!

"Among the two of you, I'll also recommend that Daniu enter the next round first. In the meantime, Duan Ling Tian, you should recuperate and build up your energy first. Unless the other eight people from the four Peaks are no match for Daniu and he obtains the first place, you'll still have the opportunity to surpass Daniu's rank," Chen continued to add on.

"Alright," Duan Ling Yian nodded his head. As for Huang Daniu, he naturally had no objections towards this.

He acknowledged the fact that he was not a match for Duan Ling Tian. Since that was the case, he might as well let Duan Ling Tian rest, and he could take the lead in the race himself.

All the same, when the battle had reached the end, the person who would snatch the top rank for Wood Peak would be Duan Ling Tian anyway.

After Contestant Number 10, Nangong Yi had entered the next round, it was Contestant Number 2 versus Contestant Number 9 now.

Contestant Number 2 was the other female disciple from Water Peak.

Contestant Number 9 was Hu Fei from Fire Peak.

Faced with Hu Fei, the female disciple was aware of her position. She immediately conceded defeat and Contestant Number 9, Hu Fei, was promoted to the next round.

The Battle of the Five Peaks continued.

Contestant Number 3 versus Contestant Number 8.

Contestant Number 3, Tian Zhen from Earth Peak.

Contestant Number 8, another male disciple from Earth Peak.

Tian Zhen conceded defeat, and like Nangong Chen, he recuperated and built up his strength. After the overall results were released, he would then initiate a challenge and get a good rank for Earth Peak.

Contestant Number 8, the other male disciple from Earth Peak made it into the second round.

Contestant Number 4 versus Contestant Number 7.

Contester Number 4 was the other male disciple from Fire Peak.

Contestant Number 7 was Tan Huan from Water Peak.

Contester Number 7, Tan Huan, made it into the next round.

Finally, it was the turn of Contestant Number 5, Duan Ling Tian, and Contestant Number 6, Huang Daniu. Duan Ling Tian conceded defeat, and Huang Daniu entered the next round.

Just like that, the results of the first round came out.

Coincidentally, those who had conceded defeat or was defeated were all Contestants Number 1 to 5.

Contestants Number 6 to 10 had all made it into the next round. They were Huang Daniu, Tan Huan, a male disciple from Earth Peak, Hu Fei and Nangong Yi.

They would continue in the next round where the first contestant would battle the last contestant again.

The first match. Huang Daniu versus Nangong Yi. Both of them stood in the air directly opposite each other.

"Daniu, this Nangong Yi has long made a breakthrough into the Seventh Level Void Interpretation. Even if you give up this match, nobody will laugh at you." This were the exact words Chen Wei told Huang Daniu before he went up for the match.

However, he still chose to enter this match without any hesitation. According to him, it was a rare opportunity that a martial artist who was at the Seventh Level Void Interpretation would battle it out with him. Since there was no critical danger involved in this battle, he did not want to pass up this opportunity.

"How dare this Huang Daniu battle it out with Senior Brother Yi! He really does not want to live anymore!"

"Senior Brother Yi is a Seventh Level Void Interpretation martial artist... I heard that this Huang Daniu is only at the Fifth Level Void Interpretation. I wonder where he got his courage from. How daring of him to fight against Senior Brother Yi."

"I'm sure Senior Brother Yi only needs a blow to beat him easily!"

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The Five Element Sect's disciples who were watching from the side were raising a babble of criticism. Nobody believed that Huang Daniu was Nangong Yi's match.

"I heard that you're one of the strongest duos in the younger generation of the Five Element Sect, and your cultivation base has already entered the Seventh Level Void Interpretation... However, I wonder if you dare to battle it out with me over there?" Huang Daniu ignored the discussions from their surroundings. He looked at Nangong Yi earnestly as he stretched out a finger at the same time and pointed it towards the sheer cliffs at the other side of Gold Peak.

The moment he heard Huang Daniu's words, Nangong Yi raised his eyebrow and asked, "So, you've comprehended the Earth Concept huh?"

It was apparent that he had guessed Huang Daniu's intentions — he simply wanted to borrow the Earth Energy by using his Earth Concept to battle with him.

"Yes. Naturally, you can always refuse it," Huang Daniu continued, "However, even if you refuse, I'll still battle against you... although I know that I'll lose this match!"

At this time, the group of Five Element Sect's disciples who were watching turned quiet instantly.

Obviously, they were all eager to know whether Nangong Yi would agree to Huang Daniu's absurd request.

"Why should I refuse?" Nangong smiled in reply to Huang Daniu.

"As expected from Senior Brother Yi! Although he already knows that his opponent had comprehended the Earth Concept and would borrow the Earth Energy the moment they get close to the ground, he still agreed to this unreasonable request of his opponent!"

"How charming! I'm sure not everybody has that!"

"Of course! Who do you think Senior Brother Yi is?"

"All the best, Senior Brother Yi! I believe that even if your opponent borrows Earth Energy, he's still no match for you!"

"Senior Brother Yi, please make this Huang Daniu lose and let him acknowledge his defeat sincerely!"

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A group of Five Element Sect's disciples were shouting loudly in excitement. All of them had great faith in Nangong Yi.

Whoosh!

Huang Daniu flew away, and in just a blink of an eye, he had already reached the side of Gold Peak's sheer cliffs. He slowly closed his eyes, and he took in a long, deep breath. It was as if he was trying to sense something.

Instantly, waves of solid khaki-colored energy began to emit out of Huang Daniu's body. Without warning, it fluctuated vigorously like it was resonating with the Earth.

At this time, Nangong Yi appeared in front of him. When he saw the rippling power around Huang Daniu's body, he could not help but be taken aback.

"Looks like I've underestimated you," Nangong Yi murmured to himself.

Whish!

Nobody noticed when, but the solid khaki-colored energy around Huang Daniu's body seemed to have undergone a completely new transformation as it emanated ripples of bloodcurdling aura.

Immediately, Heaven and Earth Phenomenon began to solidify, and it took form on the space above his head.

Multiple silhouettes of ancient horned dragons appeared from thin air in a mighty formation. The number kept increasing, it was as if it would keep going on forever.

50.

70.

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— and it was still increasing. Gradually, the increase slowed down and finally stopped for good.

185 silhouettes of ancient horned dragons were hovering at the space above Huang Daniu's head. 185 pairs of sharp piercing eyes were looking at Nangong Yi as though they would pounce on him at any moment.

"How's this possible?!"

"This Huang Daniu is actually THIS strong?"

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The 185 silhouettes of the ancient horned dragons shook the group of Five Element Sect's disciples who were watching by the side to the core.

Even Tan Huan from Water Peak and Tian Zhen from Earth Peak were completely filled with dread.

"Sixth Level Void Interpretation, Sixth Level Intermediate Earth Concept, coupled with the Earth Energy that you borrowed from your Earth Concept... Hmm, you're indeed qualified to fight with me," Nangong Yi opened his mouth and directly spilled out Huang Daniu's background.

Sixth Level Void Interpretation and the full force of his Origin Energy was about the strength of 80 ancient horned dragons.

Six Level Intermediate Earth Concept was about the strength of 70 ancient horned dragons.

The amount of Earth Energy that he borrowed using this level of Earth Concept was about the strength of 35 ancient horned dragons — which was also half of the amount of the energy that the Earth Concept retained.

— adding all of them up together, the energy totaled up to 185 ancient horned dragons.

"I look forward to fighting you," Huang Daniu took in a deep breath. His eyes were staring fiercely at Nangong Yi, "Casting everything aside, just that charm of yours that's willing to let me borrow the Earth Energy using my Earth Concept alone is enough to gain my, Huang Daniu's admiration!"

"Haha, interesting! Interesting!" Faced with Huang Daniu's straightforwardness, Nangong Yi immediately felt a sense of liking towards him. As he laughed loudly, the Origin Energy in his body rose and formed waves of bluish turquoise-colored waves before it engulfed his entire body.

That was the fusion of both Origin Energy and Water Concept.