

Tang Sect 411

Chapter 411.1: Black Dragon Reverse Scale

"Yuhao, Yuhao..." Huo Yuhao's consciousness was dragged back into his own spiritual world as his name was called.

"Brother Skydream, Ice Empress..." Huo Yuhao saw the Skydream Iceworm and Ice Empress drifting above his spiritual sea in their human forms after he entered his spiritual sea.

The Skydream Iceworm snorted and asked, "Do you know what Di Tian gave you?"

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, "I'm not sure. However, I can imagine that it's for my own protection. After all, my safety concerns the entire destiny of the Great Star Dou Forest."

The Skydream Iceworm sighed and said, "Foolish kid. That thing is both beneficial and harmful to you!"

Huo Yuhao was stunned, "It's both beneficial and harmful? What do you mean?"

The Ice Empress said, "Di Tian gave you his reverse scale."

"Reverse scale?" Huo Yuhao appeared to be thinking of something. "Dragons have a reverse scale, and they'll be enraged and even go berserk if their reverse scale is touched. That scale?"

The Ice Empress nodded and replied, "That's right. However, we discovered it too late. You've already worn it. Haih..."

Huo Yuhao asked, "What's the problem if I wear his reverse scale?"

The Skydream Iceworm sounded very furious. "Of course there's a problem! It's a huge problem, too! Dragons have a reverse scale. Whoever touches their reverse scale will incur their wrath, that is the truth! This piece of his reverse scale that he gave you can protect you. He forms a piece of reverse scale after a metamorphosis every hundred thousand years when he experiences Heaven's Wrath. It contains his origin strength!

"As for what kind of protection it can offer you, I'm really uncertain about that. However, it won't be weak. But you need to recognize that his reverse scale contains a trace of Heaven's Wrath. With this trace of Heaven's Wrath, you won't be able to obtain a Godly Seat."

"Godly Seat? What's a Godly Seat?" Huo Yuhao asked in confusion.

The Ice Empress replied, "We followed you in the hope that you'll reach that realm one day and become a true god. It is only then that we will be able to separate ourselves from your body. Furthermore, if we follow you into the godly realm, it'll be equivalent to us breaking the barriers of this world with your help. We will no longer be limited by our lifespans. Although the chance is very slim, we think that it is possible, given your current development and cultivation progress.

"Obtaining a Godly Seat is the most important stepping stone to your ascension to the godly realm. We don't know what the godly realm is like, but there have been legends about it. Among all of them, the legend about Godly Seats is the closest to the truth. In this world, humans are on the path towards the

godly realm the moment they become a Titled Douluo. Soul beasts are far less fortunate. Even if we reach a million-year cultivation, we'll still find it difficult to become a god. This is highly related to a Godly Seat.

"There are various explanations for what a Godly Seat is. The explanation that we agree on the most with is that the godly realm can only harbor a limited number of gods. Every god has a seat that belongs to him. One can only become a god after obtaining a Godly Seat. This is why all living creatures have to find a seat that belongs to them in the godly realm if they want to become a god. One can then overcome the restrictions of the Douluo Continent through their connection with his seat and reach another level. Eventually, they can then ascend into the godly realm through their powers at that level.

"This thing that Di Tian gave you basically acts as a barrier that prevents you from connecting to a Godly Seat."

Huo Yuhao was stunned, and asked, "Can't I just take it off?"

The Skydream Iceworm laughed coldly. "You can try to do so when you return. Unless you die, you won't be able to take it off."

Huo Yuhao quickly calmed down. "Is there any other way that I can obtain a Godly Seat?"

The Ice Empress said, "Yes. By killing Di Tian. Can you do that?"

"Another way is if your cultivation is beyond his. He is already at the limit of this world. You'll be a god if you can surpass him. How will you be able to do so?"

"Also, the seal of Di Tian's reverse scale can be removed if a true god descends and does it for you. You can obtain a Godly Seat if any of these three possibilities occur. Which one do you think will happen? No matter how talented you are, you'll still need a hundred years before you can reach Di Tian's level. However, you won't be able to defeat him, given that he possesses the Dragon King's Claw. Although Di Tian isn't far from his ninth metamorphosis, this 'far away' must be contextualized in the situation of a soul beast. Di Tian is currently suppressing his cultivation. Given his current aura, he'll be fine even if he suppresses it for another ten thousand years. Can you survive for another ten thousand years? Once you die of natural causes, your power of destiny will dissipate from your body, but it won't dissipate forever. As to what method he can use to accept this power of destiny, I am unsure. However, I believe there must be a way. This is why he wanted you to live near the Great Star Dou Forest after completing everything that you have to complete."

After hearing the Skydream Iceworm and Ice Empress' explanation, Huo Yuhao was completely shocked! Even though he knew that the conflict between soul beasts and humans was going to be very difficult to mediate, he didn't expect it to be so dangerous. He had been forgoing his sleep and diet over the past few months because he wanted to complete as many Spirit Transmissions as possible between humans and soul beasts. He had been completely selfless. However, he was 'gifted' with such a reward!

The Skydream Iceworm said, "It has always been rumored that a Godly Seat exists somewhere on the Douluo Continent. Did you forget how Shrek Academy's collection records this? Your ancestor, Tang San, eventually became a god after he was recognized by a Godly Seat and passed the test upon discovering the Sea God's Godly Seat. However, you are currently in a situation where you can't advance any further

even if you come across an opportunity. Di Tian used such a method to kill off any possibility of you becoming a god. While humans are sinister, soul beasts are... hehe..."

The Ice Empress sighed and said, "To a certain extent, Di Tian isn't wrong to do so. He is the king of soul beasts. He is only doing this for the Great Star Dou Forest's legacy."

The Skydream Iceworm cursed, "What do you mean he isn't wrong? We are all soul beasts. Things are going well on his side, but he still chose to turn around and diminish our hopes. Idiot, idiot!"

"Brother Skydream, Ice Empress." Huo Yuhao suddenly called. Hearing that his voice sounded a little weird, both of them couldn't help but turn their attention towards him.

Huo Yuhao drifted calmly above his spiritual sea. However, both the Ice Empress and Skydream Iceworm seemed to realize something different about him at this moment.

He quietly remained where he was, but there was a towering feel about him. His eyes were shining brightly, and the look in his eyes was very determined and persistent.

"Do the both of you believe me?" Huo Yuhao's voice sounded a little weird as it echoed in his spiritual sea. Instantly, his surging spiritual sea instantly became calm and peaceful. It was so calm that there weren't any ripples at all. It was like a still and sturdy surface.

Both soul beasts were stunned, and subconsciously nodded.

Huo Yuhao said, "Brother Skydream, if not for you, I wouldn't be here today. My martial soul would have remain disabled. Even if I followed eldest senior and Teacher Xiao Ya to Shrek Academy, I wouldn't have been able to achieve anything. I wouldn't have been able to fuse with the Ice Empress. You gave me four strong soul rings and a second martial soul. All my achievements are a result of my fusion with you.

"Ice Empress, it's the same for you. Your recognition of me allowed me to possess Ultimate Ice, such that I was able to develop a goal and outline in the aspect of assault. The soul rings and soul bones that you gave me have saved me on many occasions. The two of you are my benefactors. Without you, Huo Yuhao wouldn't exist today.

"Since the two of you believe in me, let me make a promise to you right now, today. Give me thirty years. Within thirty years, I'll do my best in my cultivation and attain powers that can rival the Beast God. I'll challenge him then. I'll use my own abilities to remove his Black Dragon reverse scale from my body. In the future, I might not be able to obtain a Godly Seat. However, I promise that I'll do my best to search for one. I won't give up even if there's only a glimmer of hope. I'll do my best to fulfil your wishes. Alright?"

Huo Yuhao wasn't very loud, but he spoke with vigor and determination. After hearing his words, the Ice Empress and Skydream Iceworm appeared much more at ease. They looked at each other, and the Skydream Iceworm took a deep breath before saying, "Yuhao, time isn't a problem. Given your current condition, as well as the Auspicious Emperor Beast's Sacrifice, you'll at least be able to live for more than three hundred years. It's too difficult for you to defeat the Beast God within thirty years. We won't restrict your goal. It's great as long as you have the determination to defeat him."

Huo Yuhao deeply said, "A man stays true to his word. Whatever I promise to do, I'll do my best to carry it out."

The Skydream Iceworm and Ice Empress nodded. "We'll do our best to help you, too."

Huo Yuhao calmed down as he regained awareness of his actual body. After that, he surveyed the Black Dragon reverse scale around his neck through his spiritual power. However, the reverse scale was like a deep valley as it absorbed his spiritual power, even though there was only minimum contact between his spiritual power and the reverse scale. There wasn't even any feedback. In addition, Huo Yuhao clearly discovered that this piece of reverse scale had completely stuck to the skin on his chest. It was as if it had become a part of his body.

Fortunately, Brother Skydream and the Ice Empress warned me. Otherwise, I would have thought that Di Tian was being nice to me. Huo Yuhao didn't blame Di Tian. Di Tian was only doing this for the future of the Great Star Dou Forest's destiny. From the perspective of his interests, Di Tian's actions were justified.

However, he had a different opinion of Di Tian right now. Originally, he had developed respect for Di Tian after a hearty talk with him. However, he now had only the intention of maintaining a professional partnership with the Beast God.

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Huo Yuhao silently left the Slaughtering Grounds after cultivating until the morning of the second day. The Three-Headed Scarlet Devil Mastiff was already waiting for him. The Scarlet King escorted him as he left the Great Star Dou Forest and rushed towards Shrek Academy.

As his cultivation increased, he was now able to fly using his soul power. However, using soul tools helped him to better conserve his soul power.

After fifteen minutes, he reached Shrek City.

From the sky, it was clear that the city was under busy re-construction. The original Shrek City had become a fortification, and the new city now expanded out from it. Far from the city, the Spirit Pagoda was already nearly complete. It was a huge tower! As the headquarters of the Spirit Pagoda, Shrek Academy had spent a lot of effort to construct the tower. The tower was in a hexagonal shape, and covered more than a thousand square meters. According to the plan, the tower would be thirteen stories and two hundred meters high. It would be big enough to hold more than ten thousand people.

This was all for the future development of the Spirit Pagoda. Currently, there weren't even a hundred staff members at the Spirit Pagoda, and this number was unlikely to change in the short-term.

Not far from the Spirit Pagoda was the new designated region of Shrek City. Right now, the outlines of the new city walls were already being constructed along the perimeter. As the scale was too large, the construction of the city walls wouldn't be complete anytime soon, only an area was being sketched out right now. However, even so, it was possible to tell how grand the city would be.

Hopefully Shrek City will become stronger and stronger in the future! Huo Yuhao revealed a smile on his face. At least my efforts have not been wasted over the past three months! If not for the fact that he had come to an agreement with the Great Star Dou Forest, how would Shrek City dare to carry out such a large expansion?

During the last beast tide, the Tang Sect's soul tools drew the most attention, especially those two thousand stationary soul cannon shells. Their value couldn't be measured with money.

After the beast tide ended, the Tang Sect was immediately promoted to a strategic partner of Shrek Academy after a decision was made during a conference of the Sea God's Pavilion. In addition, both the Sect and the Academy worked closely with each other. It was no longer like it was in the past, where the Sect was sort of a subsidiary of the Academy. The Tang Sect's position was recognized by the entire Academy for the first time.

To thank the Tang Sect for their contribution during the beast tide, the Sea God's Pavilion made an unprecedented decision: they offered the Sect a position in the Sea God's Pavilion! This position naturally wasn't offered to Huo Yuhao, since he was already a member of the Sea God's Pavilion. Rather, it was given to the leader of the sect, Bei Bei. no17e-1b(1n

As of now, the Tang Sect had two members in the Sea God's Pavilion!

This wasn't just beneficial in terms of reputation. Shrek Academy had already informed the Tang Sect that the Sect could pick a base of their own after Shrek City was rebuilt. This would allow the Tang Sect to expand their influence in Shrek City.

By the time the Spirit Pagoda was fully constructed, the scale of Shrek City and the effect of the pagoda on its prosperity was going to be very great. In such a prosperous city, Shrek Academy was very generous in allowing the Tang Sect to choose a base of their own in the city. Furthermore, the Academy had already fully paid off the debt that they owed the Tang Sect. While they hadn't paid for the two thousand stationary soul cannon shells, they gave the Tang Sect a form. After Xuan Ziwen received this form, he smiled very widely.

There was an inventory list on this form, which included all sorts of rare metals. It comprised roughly fifty percent of all the rare metals that the three empires were willing to supply to the Academy.

The benefits of Spirits for soul masters had been fully revealed after many experiments. Although Shrek Academy was very generous, they weren't overly generous! Shrek City's development required a large amount of money and resources.

As a result, the Sea God's Pavilion had already raised a few terms and conditions when they negotiated with the envoys of the three empires.

Huo Yuhao had yet to impart the contract of equals. These terms and conditions were naturally regarded as stepping stones for spiritual-type soul masters from the various empires to join the Spirit Pagoda.

Shrek Academy had indeed incurred huge losses resisting the beast tide. Furthermore, the three empires were also not affected at all, because Shrek Academy had resisted the beast tide for them. From the tragic state of the battlefield, it was obvious that Shrek Academy had utilized a lot of resources to fight. It was only right for the three empires to offer them some aid.

In this way, both parties were happy. As the Tang Sect had made very special contributions, they were offered half of the rare metals. Teacher Xuan was finally pleased, given that he was extremely heartbroken after losing more than two thousand stationary cannon shells.

Of course, the Academy did make a new request of the Sect, which was that they had to prioritize the supply of soul tools to equip Shrek City and the Shrek City Defense Army.

Tapping into this opportunity, the Shrek City Defense Army started to expand for the first time in its history. It originally consisted of ten thousand people, but it was about to be expanded to fifty thousand. Among these fifty thousand people, thirty-five thousand ordinary soldiers would be recruited, and the remaining slots were to be filled up by recruiting soul masters and soul engineers.

The City Defense Army had suffered huge losses during this battle and many were wounded. More than twenty-five hundred people lost their lives. Fortunately, the ratio of soul masters and soul engineers who had lost their lives was relatively low.

This time, the City Defense Army recruited people from all over the continent. The news was being disseminated, and interested applicants would be screened in batches and recruited within the next six months.

After the Shrek City Defense Army managed to fight off the beast tide, its reputation was greatly boosted. The minimum requirements needed to join the army were naturally raised. In addition, Shrek City treated its army very well. Many people started to arrive from different places to apply for a position in the City Defense Army.

Spirits had also become very popular among the three empires in the Douluo Continent. Shrek City and Shrek Academy's reputation improved greatly from all this talk about Spirits. The greatest pull factor for people wanting to join the City Defense Army was that they would be given priority to use the Spirit Pagoda.

Just this benefit alone was able to draw many soul masters to apply to join the City Defense Army!

Shrek Academy managed to greatly maximize their benefits because of this Spirits issue. The three empires didn't know what to say about this.

Not long ago, the Spirit Pagoda had announced that it could only cater to two hundred soul masters every month, as it had just been established. This number would increase in the future, but this was the best they could do now.

On the one hand, it was because of the lack of soul beasts being supplied by the Great Star Dou Forest. On the other, the Spirit Transmission Masters had only just learned about contracts, and they weren't very fluid with the process yet. They needed time to accumulate experience.

Furthermore, the pagoda was still under construction. As a result, the Spirit Pagoda decided that there could only be this number of Spirit Transmissions every month at Huo Yuhao's request. At the very least, this number wouldn't increase until after the pagoda was fully constructed.

At the same time, the Spirit Pagoda also disseminated another piece of information to reassure the Great Star Dou Forest. Huo Yuhao was the one who directly disseminated this information. It was very simple: it publicly announced Huo Yuhao's earlier guess, and informed all soul masters that Spirits could give them more than one soul ring. As a result, one could obtain more soul rings if they suppressed their soul power.

The point of this information was to make soul masters less anxious about obtaining soul rings, and to accumulate their abilities instead. In this way, they would be less inclined to hurt soul beasts.

After these two pieces of information were disseminated, the existence of the Spirit Pagoda was quickly made known to the three empires of the Douluo Continent. There was a sudden rush of soul masters into Shrek City as a result of this news.

Shrek Academy had yet to begin its recruitment of new students, but many sects had already sent their disciples over to participate in Shrek Academy's tests. Those who were over the age limit applied to the Shrek City Defense Army.

Their arrival caused Shrek City to become even more prosperous. Although it would take a long time to rebuild and develop the city, its bright future was evident from the people who had rushed over.

Huo Yuhao made some calculations, and came to a conclusion: it would take at most three years for Shrek City to rebuild. Even though only a portion of the soul masters that applied to join the City Defense Army would be retained, the entire city was bound to experience great changes if the Tang Sect and Shrek Academy's Soul Engineering Department were given three years. When the time came, Di Tian wouldn't be able to threaten Shrek Academy anymore, even if he unleashed another beast tide.

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As he was about to enter Shrek City's airspace, Huo Yuhao descended from the sky. Although Shrek City didn't have clear aerial restrictions like the three empires, no soul master or soul engineer would fly above Shrek City unless there was some kind of special situation, out of respect for Shrek.

Huo Yuhao entered Shrek Academy from the east gate.

Recently, he had become very reputable. When he entered the Academy, he was already recognized by the students. Before his juniors could come up to him, Huo Yuhao quickened his footsteps and hurried off. As he waved his hands to acknowledge them, he quickly rushed towards Sea God's Lake. He moved forward above the water's surface and reached the inner courtyard.

As a member of the Sea God's Pavilion, he could enter the pavilion freely, and this was what he did.

He stopped in his tracks when he arrived in front of the Sea God's Pavilion. When he saw the Golden Tree, which was glowing dimly, he kneeled down once again and kowtowed three times before walking into the Sea God's Pavilion.

"Yuhao? Di Tian was willing to let you out?" Elder Xuan was surprised. Very soon, a few elders in the Sea God's Pavilion rushed down to the main hall.

"Greetings, elders!" Huo Yuhao hailed them respectfully.

Elder Xuan chortled and said, "You don't have to stand on ceremony with us! Moreover, you are also a member of the Sea God's Pavilion. How's it going on Di Tian's side? Why was he willing to let you out? Didn't you say that you control the destiny of the entire Great Star Dou Forest? We were still discussing how we should go about saving you!"

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Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "The Beast God can imprison me, but he cannot stop me from taking my own life. He can't let me die, so naturally, he has no choice but to let me leave." He didn't talk about how Di Tian gave him the Black Dragon's reverse scale. The conflict between Shrek and the Great Star Dou Forest was just starting to soften and settle down, and he didn't want any new problems that could complicate things after he departed.

"I knew you always had an idea. Everything's fine, as long as you're back! You're already a Soul Sage, you should remain at the Sea God's Pavilion and rest up. You've almost finished handling matters with the Spirit Pagoda, and I won't let them disturb you if there are no special circumstances."

"Elder Xuan, can I speak to you in private? Sorry, elders." Huo Yuhao bowed respectfully at the other elders once more.

The elders smiled amicably before they nodded at him and left the two of them alone.

Elder Xuan's expression changed slightly as he sat down at the long table that the Sea God's Pavilion used for meetings and conferences. He pointed at a chair nearby and gestured for Huo Yuhao to sit down as well.

"Elder Xuan," Huo Yuhao called out softly after he sat down.

Elder Xuan smiled faintly and said, "If you intend to apologize to me, there's no need for that. The beast wave can't be entirely blamed on you. You're a smart kid, so stop wasting time on an insignificant issue. The Auspicious Beast's death was just a fuse, and even if this fuse wasn't there, the Great Star Dou Forest would probably have made a move within a few years anyway. Therefore, you don't have to blame yourself.

"Furthermore, your experiments with Spirits have given the Academy and Shrek City unprecedented opportunities for development. I trust that it won't take long for Shrek City to become one of the most famous cities on the Continent. Your contributions have been substantial! When that happens, we will be much more influential in the Continent, and we will be able to do so much more. This time, our main priority will be to expand the Academy and the Tang Sect, besides adding numbers to the city defense army. We will inject large amounts of manpower, resources, and money into the development of these projects. This will be a great positive force for the Tang Sect's future development!"

"Thank you." Huo Yuhao lowered his head and continued, "But no matter what, if not for what happened between Qiu'er and me, the beast wave wouldn't have come so early. If it had come after a few more years, and after our soul tools developed further, we wouldn't have suffered such heavy losses. I am responsible for this. Furthermore, you should know that I summoned an undead army to attack the beast wave in order to save and reinforce Shrek City."

When he said these words, a layer of gentle spiritual undulations emanated from Huo Yuhao's body and enveloped them both, blocking any sound from traveling out of it.

Elder Xuan's expression changed slightly. He hadn't expect Huo Yuhao to take the initiative in discussing this issue.

“Yuhao, I only hope that you understand one thing: no matter what, the Academy has unconditional trust in you. Don’t hold any burdens in your heart. Those circumstances were special, and you only did that in order to rescue the Academy, and you did that to target soul beasts.”

Huo Yuhao forced a laugh and said, “But that cannot change the fact that I possess an evil soul master’s abilities. However, Elder Xuan, I can promise you that these abilities that I possess are different from those of an evil soul master. I will never be affected by these abilities.”

Elder Xuan stared deeply at Huo Yuhao. He was full of admiration inside, “This child is just different!

Huo Yuhao continued, “These abilities of mine don’t belong in the boundaries of our world. Therefore, they are not considered abilities of an evil soul master. Instead, these abilities come from another plane. These abilities, along with the contract of equals, were passed down to me by that teacher of mine whose divine sense remnants I unintentionally fused with.”

Huo Yuhao no longer hid anything as he detailed everything that had to do with the Calamity Necromancer, Electrolux. His explanation was much different from what he told the soul beasts. He detailed everything from when he first fused with Electrolux, to the end after Electrolux had given him multiple things. Huo Yuhao’s explanation was very thorough.

Elder Xuan listened to his narration very intently, and surprised looks flashed across his face from time to time.

“Because of my fusion with the Snow Empress’ Spirit, my teacher used the last of his power and left this world forever. He left behind that spectral demiplane and his Necromancy, but I will never use these powers unless I have no other choice. Furthermore, my teacher’s Necromancy utilizes the Element of light. Therefore, it doesn’t contain any other evil powers in itself.”

Elder Xuan said, “Since that’s the case, then you don’t have to think about this anymore. I will keep your secret, and I will not leave any record about this in the Sea God’s Pavilion. Just as you’ve said, all you have to do is avoid using these powers in the future as much as possible.”

Huo Yuhao exhaled deeply and smiled as he said, “I feel so much better after telling all the secrets hidden in my heart.”

Elder Xuan patted him on the shoulder and said, “I know what you’re worried about, my child. The truth is, doubt has surfaced in my heart before, but my doubts disappeared since I returned to the Sea God’s Pavilion. Do you know why?”

“Why?” Huo Yuhao asked curiously.

Elder Xuan answered, “Because you have been chosen by Elder Mu.”

Huo Yuhao eyes turned red when Elder Xuan mentioned Elder Mu. He pursed his lips, and he tried his best not to let any tears fall from his eyes.

Elder Xuan smiled and said, “You’re a good child, and you’ve done enough for Shrek already. Do you know that Shaozhe came to me half a month ago and told me that he wanted to give up his opportunity to take over as the Master of the Sea God’s Pavilion, and he wanted to let you take over directly instead of letting you take over in the subsequent generation.”

“What?” Huo Yuhao was astonished, and he hurriedly waved his hands in the air and said, “That’s not going to work! I’m still so young, how can I become Master of the Sea God’s Pavilion?”

Elder Xuan smiled and said, “Don’t be hasty. Shaozhe’s suggestion is very reasonable. I worked together with Elder Mu and sealed Di Tian away, and even though he managed to break out in the end, I’ve gained a deeper understanding of a Titled Douluo’s strength after the experience. I will enter closed-door cultivation once these worldly and mundane affairs have been settled.”

Huo Yuhao’s eyes lit up. “Elder Xuan, you have a chance to try and break through into that level?”

Elder Xuan chuckled and said, “Yes! I can’t let Elder Mu’s painstaking efforts go to waste.”

“That’s fantastic!” Huo Yuhao exclaimed excitedly.

Huo Yuhao was naturally referring to the level of an Ultimate Douluo. Elder Xuan was a Rank 98 Transcendent Douluo, one step away from reaching humanity’s limit. Even though Ultimate Douluo had differences in strength, Shrek Academy would once again possess a powerful individual who was at the pinnacle of the Continent. This was great news for the Academy and for Shrek City.

Elder Xuan smiled and said, “If I’m successful, and according to an Ultimate Douluo’s circumstances, I predict that I can live for another hundred years or more. I will not remain as the Master of the Sea God’s Pavilion for the rest of my life, but I should have no problem staying in this position for another several decades. When that happens, you’ll be all grown up. With your current prospects, you can definitely become a Titled Douluo within ten years, and you should have no problem becoming a Transcendent Douluo within twenty years. I will help you hold on for a little while more.

“As for Shaozhe, he’s had some revelations and understandings because of the development of Spirits. He’s passed the Martial Soul Department’s reins over to Mei’er, and entered closed-door cultivation. He’s given up his position as successor to the Master of the Sea God’s Pavilion, and that’s equivalent to him letting go of the greatest burden in his heart. This is great news for him. Shaozhe is extremely talented, and I hope that he can achieve something after his closed-door cultivation.”

“But, Elder Xuan, how can I become Master of the Sea God’s Pavilion? I...” Huo Yuhao said with some concern.

Elder Xuan waved him away and said, “Why are you worrying about this now? I’m not asking you to take up this responsibility right away. You should work hard at improving yourself, and we can talk about who gets to succeed me as Master of the Sea God’s Pavilion in the future. Did you look for me to open your heart to me?”

Huo Yuhao said, “I’m here to say goodbye.” A thread of grief flickered in his eyes when he said the last word of his sentence.

“Goodbye? You’re leaving?” Elder Xuan was taken aback. Huo Yuhao had become a Soul Sage, and his spiritual power had improved exponentially, so he did have the ability to protect himself. However, he was far too important to Shrek Academy’s future. Elder Xuan didn’t want to let Huo Yuhao out of his sight if he could help it.

Huo Yuhao nodded and continued, “There are some things I need to do. I might leave for a relatively long time this time around, so I’m coming here especially to bid farewell to you.”

Elder Xuan lowered his voice and said, "If this is because you've summoned the undead army, then that is very unnecessary. I've said before that this matter ends here, and nobody will talk about this publicly. We will all keep your secret."

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, "No, I'm not doing this because of that. There are some things that I must do. Furthermore, I want to visit Dong'er and see if she's awake."

Huo Yuhao's emotions changed a little when he mentioned Dong'er. After Wang Qiu'er sacrificed herself for him back then, the first thing he wanted to do as quickly as possible was visit Dong'er! Dong'er had been in a coma for so long, and he didn't know what circumstances she was in. One could say that the fact that Wang Dong'er was still alive, even though she was in deep slumber, was Huo Yuhao's emotional support. There was nothing more important than Dong'er to him.

Elder Xuan couldn't help but nod when Huo Yuhao talked about Dong'er. "Yes! I can't just forbid him from visiting Dong'er."

A smile appeared on his face. "I'm really getting old, and I can't bear for you to leave. Furthermore, some things are bound to happen every time you leave, and I'm really afraid of hearing any more bad news that concern you."

Huo Yuhao scratched his head sheepishly and said, "Don't worry, that won't happen this time. I will be very careful about everything. After I visit Dong'er, I will bring her back if she's awake, but if she's still sleeping, I want to..."

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Huo Yuhao whispered a few words, and Elder Xuan was stunned for a moment. His smile widened a little. "If you are trying to play dumb, take good care to ensure that you don't become the dumb one. Honestly speaking, the Academy has nothing else to teach you anymore. Since you want to leave, just leave. I only have one request: please send news of your safety once every three months, regardless of what method you use."

Huo Yuhao chortled. "Definitely. I won't be impatient when I deal with things in the future. I'll be steadier, and won't make you worry."

Elder Xuan said, "Remember, no matter what trouble you face, the Academy will always back you up. Always stay true to yourself."

"Okay."

Elder Xuan leaned back into his chair as he retrieved a huge wine gourd. As he opened it, a strong fragrance of wine filled the air.

Huo Yuhao was stunned. Ever since Elder Xuan became the Master of the Sea God's Pavilion, Huo Yuhao had not seen him drink like this. He couldn't help but recall the days when Elder Xuan would hold a wine gourd in one hand and a chicken drumstick in the other hand. He had been under huge pressure over the past few years in the Sea God's Pavilion.

After downing a few mouthfuls of wine, Elder Xuan looked more vibrant, "It feels great! I haven't drunk like this in a long time. Over these few years, the situation in the continent has been very uncertain. The

Sun Moon Empire has grown to be very strong, and Xu Tianran dared to ignore all considerations, going as far as to lay his hands on the competitors of the Youth Soul Master Tournament. This shows how confident he is in his own abilities.

“Originally, I didn’t think too much about it. No matter how strong the Sun Moon Empire was, I thought that it was only slightly stronger than the Star Luo Empire. Even so, the Sun Moon Empire shouldn’t be too strong. If the three empires in the Douluo Continent teamed up, along with the presence of Heaven’s Wrath to defend us, what could they do?”

“However, I only realized I was wrong after this war. The presence of soul tools is indeed an important factor affecting how wars are fought. As the beast wave raged and the soul beast army charged towards Shrek City, we managed to survive for two days with only ten thousand people, three thousand soul masters, and soul tools. We weren’t even fully equipped with soul tools then! In such a large-scale war, one’s individual abilities are unlikely to affect the outcome unless they are as powerful as Di Tian. How were we able to survive? We survived because of soul tools!”

“In total, we had less than fifty Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons. With the Tang Sect’s All-Terrain Self-Driving Forts and all types of soul tools from the Academy, we formed a crossfire that managed to resist the onslaught of the soul beast army. Those stationary soul cannon shells that the Tang Sect provided even caused greater losses to the soul beasts. If they hadn’t been battered so heavily, I believe the Great Star Dou Forest wouldn’t have compromised, even with our Spirits. Their goal was very simple: launch an all-out attack to weaken our abilities! The more soul masters they killed, the safer the soul beasts would be for a period of time!”

“I originally looked down on soul tools, as I felt that the strength of a soul tool, even if it was Class 9, might not be as strong as an all-out attack from a Titled Douluo. However, I discovered that I was wrong. If a hundred soul masters attack at the same time, it’s very difficult for their power to add up together. However, the attacks of a hundred soul tools can be extremely destructive if they’re coordinated well. Furthermore, the future of soul tools is that they’ll be controlled by ordinary people, according to the Tang Sect’s research. If this really comes true, humans will still rule the Douluo Continent, even if soul masters cease to exist.”

Huo Yuhao understood what Elder Xuan meant through his tone. He was stunned as he asked, “Elder Xuan, are you adopting a pessimistic attitude towards the war between the three empires and the Sun Moon Empire?”

Elder Xuan laughed slightly. “I’m not pessimistic. It’s just difficult to judge. However, it’ll depend on the younger people from the three empires to defeat the Sun Moon Empire. Go on, your experiences in the outside world will be very beneficial to your growth. Don’t worry about the Tang Sect. The Academy will do its best to support the sect. The growth of the Tang Sect might actually be what we need to resist the Sun Moon Empire in the future.”

“That’s great. Elder Xuan, I’ll leave first. I hope that you can achieve success.” Huo Yuhao stood up and bowed respectfully to Elder Xuan. He only left the Sea God’s Pavilion after Elder Xuan gave him the signal to.

He didn’t rush to leave. He turned around before kneeling towards the Golden Tree again. After kowtowing three times, he drifted away.

A teacher for a day, a father for a life. No matter the time, his respect for Elder Mu would never change.

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School was in session now, and the Academy was much quieter. Huo Yuhao quickly left the Academy and rushed over to the Tang Sect.

The thing he wanted to do the most now was to see Wang Dong'er. If the Clear Sky Sect allowed it, he would remain there to take care of Wang Dong'er.

As a result, he had to settle many things before that.

When Huo Yuhao returned to the Tang Sect, the sect was extremely crowded. There were many more disciples in the Sect right now. Huo Yuhao felt that many of them were very familiar, they were probably from the Academy. Furthermore, there weren't just students from the Soul Tool Department, there were also students from the Martial Soul Department. Of course, there were some unfamiliar faces, too!

The outer wall of the Sect had already been torn down. It seemed like their territory had been expanded once again.

Huo Yuhao was extremely notable in Shrek City right now. To avoid unnecessary trouble, he used his Imitation, concealed himself in the air, and entered the inner hall of the Tang Sect.

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"Alright, let's follow the original plan for this side. Oh yes, proceed according to the blueprint for this side too. Use the best materials and don't cut any corners. Otherwise, Teacher Xuan will 'take care' of all of you. Alright, that's all. Get busy."

As he entered, Huo Yuhao heard He Caitou's voice. He Caitou had retained his original appearance and seemed to be very busy. There were a few people dressed in construction gear beside him.

As he smiled, Huo Yuhao stopped using his Imitation.

He Caitou subconsciously turned in his direction. When he saw Huo Yuhao, he couldn't help but rub his eyes, wanting to ensure that he wasn't seeing things. It was only after he confirmed that it was really Huo Yuhao that he shouted in delight, "Little junior, you're finally back!"

As he spoke, he charged forward and hugged Huo Yuhao.

Everyone from the Tang Sect was anxious after Huo Yuhao was taken away by Di Tian. However, even Elder Xuan was helpless, given Di Tian's cultivation. The Tang Sect could only choose to wait. Fortunately, they knew that Huo Yuhao wasn't in any immediate danger due to the presence of Spirits. Right now, He Caitou was delighted because Huo Yuhao had returned.

"Little junior, are you fine?" He Caitou looked very concerned.

Huo Yuhao chortled, "Second senior, do I look like I'm not fine? Didn't you say that the Tang Sect was given a larger plot of land in the outer city? Why are you still renovating this place?"

He Caitou chuckled and replied, "We planned this after discussing it with the Academy. Yes, we were given a larger plot of land in the outer city. However, it's much safer here, since it's close to the

Academy! We decided to renovate this place and turn it into a Soul Tool Research Institute. After this, we'll move the other things, such as our working area and soul tool manufacturing factory, to the outer city. We'll leave everything important in the inner city. In the future, Teacher Xuan will hold the fort inside the city and conduct holistic research.

"This time, the Academy has become much more invested in the Sect. They've shared all their resources in the Soul Tool Department with us, especially in the area of soul tool research. They've given unconditional support to Teacher Xuan. Whatever Teacher Xuan needs, the Academy will try its best to gather."

Huo Yuhao laughed, "That's great, then! I'm relieved. Second senior, where's eldest senior?"

He Caitou answered, "He's around. He has been very worried about you these few days. He keeps going to the Academy to try to find a way to save you. Now that you're back, I'm sure he'll be delighted. Let's go and find him."

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Right now, only He Caitou and Bei Bei were in the Tang Sect among Shrek's Seven Monsters. Xu Sanshi, Jiang Nannan and Xiao Xiao were all in the outer city, overseeing the construction of the Tang Sect's new building.

Huo Yuhao found Bei Bei quickly. When he saw Huo Yuhao, Bei Bei was naturally extremely delighted. Huo Yuhao recounted everything he had experienced in the Great Star Dou Forest to Bei Bei. He only concealed the future influence of Di Tian's Black Dragon reverse scale on him. After all, it was unimportant to the Tang Sect, and it was only a problem that would slowly arise once he became a Titled Douluo. He didn't want to make Bei Bei worry about him.

Huo Yuhao smiled as he said, "Eldest senior, settle things here at the sect before following me."

Bei Bei immediately understood what he meant, and seemed slightly agitated. He nodded quickly.

Huo Yuhao said, "Have we had no news about Sister Xiaotao over the past few days?"

Bei Bei shook his head and said, "No, she hasn't appeared at all. It's the same situation with the Academy. If she's fine, she'll still be in the Sun Moon Empire. It's just that the evil energy that you helped to dispel from her body..."

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, "I don't know if she can hold on, either. It'll depend on her willpower. I believe she'll be fine. It's just that I don't know why she hasn't returned." Ma Xiaotao was still the Holy Lady of the Holy Ghost Church, and a Soul Douluo with an Ultimate martial soul. As long as she didn't expose her identity, no one could easily harm her inside the Sun Moon Empire.

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Bei Bei said, "Little junior, go and rest first. We'll leave first thing tomorrow morning. How long do you think it will take before we return?"

Huo Yuhao replied, "If we're fast, we'll take three to five days. Even if we're slow, we shouldn't take more than half a month."

After pondering for a moment, Bei Bei said, "Alright, it's better to finish it as quickly as possible. I'll go and settle things first."

As he spoke, Bei Bei charged out. In addition to the anxious look in his eyes, he was also excited.

He Caitou was confused as he asked Huo Yuhao, "Little junior, what's with eldest senior? What are you bringing him to do? He seems very agitated!"

Huo Yuhao smiled and whispered a few words in his ears. He Caitou was only enlightened after that. After sighing, he said, "Yes! No matter what, we have to help him!"

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On the second morning, dawn had only just arrived before two figures left the Tang Sect. After they quickly left Shrek City, they immediately used their flying-type soul tools to ascend into the air, and rapidly headed north.

Huo Yuhao looked at Bei Bei and couldn't help but say, "Eldest senior, you seem to have languished recently. You must watch your body!"

Bei Bei laughed bitterly. "There are so many things to settle in the sect. How do I have time to rest?"

He was right. Rescuing the hostages, Huo Yuhao's disappearance, the surge of the beast wave, and the Tang Sect's expansion came one after another. As the sect leader of the Tang Sect, he had to settle everything. Under such a situation, he didn't have time to rest.

Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "Eldest senior, I have to help you find those things no matter what."

There was naturally only one reason why Bei Bei would take time off from his busy schedule to leave Shrek City...Tang Ya!

Bei Bei's reward in the Yin-Yang Love Querying Valley was learning the two types of plants that could help Tang Ya recover. Huo Yuhao had seen one of them before, the Delicate Silk Immortal, and he was certain that the Delicate Silk Immortal knew the other type of plant.

Before he went to see Wang Dong'er, he wanted to help Bei Bei fulfill his wish first. After all, he didn't know how long he would take to return after going to the Clear Sky Sect. This was because he had something else to do apart from accompanying Wang Dong'er. This issue was bound to take up a lot of his time.

Now that the construction of the Tang Sect was on the right track, and the Soul Tool Research Institute was helmed by Teacher Xuan, Huo Yuhao had enough time to get away from the Sect. However, he understood how tormented Bei Bei was feeling, so he wanted to bring Bei Bei to the Setting Sun Forest before he went to the Clear Sky Sect.

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As he flew in the direction of the Setting Sun Forest, Huo Yuhao felt a little emotional. The last time he went to the Setting Sun Forest, he was there to seek a Yearning Heartbroken Grass for Wang Dong'er. Wang Qiu'er was the one who had accompanied him there.

Wang Dong'er and Wang Qiu'er were no longer by his side. Wang Dong'er was in a deep sleep, while Wang Qiu'er had sacrificed herself for him. As he thought of this, Huo Yuhao felt a pain in his heart.

He bit his tongue in a bid to use the pain that he felt to distract himself from the torment in his heart. He kept on reminding himself that he had to be resilient. It was only by remaining resilient that he could continue to walk this rough road. He believed that there was light at the end of the tunnel, and Wang Dong'er would eventually wake up.

That day, he had promised the Ice Empress and Skydream Iceworm that he would try to become a god in the future. It wasn't just to help them; he was also helping himself. This was because Wang Qiu'er might also have the possibility of being revived if he became a god.

Right now, Huo Yuhao's greatest hope, apart from avenging his mother, was to have Wang Dong'er and Wang Qiu'er alive by his side.

He was now a Soul Sage, and the only Soul Sage among the members of Shrek's Seven Monsters. In terms of cultivation, he had caught up with the rest and overtaken them.

However, Bei Bei wasn't lousy, either. He wasn't far from being a Soul Sage. As the eldest senior of the Tang Sect, his soul power had greatly increased since he exited the Yin-Yang Love Querying Valley. Along with his daily, tireless cultivation, he was now around Rank 68. Apart from Huo Yuhao, he was the strongest member of Shrek's Seven Monsters.

Both of them were using Class 6 flying-type soul tools right now, and flying incredibly fast.

They only landed and rested after flying for close to four hours. After resting, they continued on their journey again.

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They approached the Setting Sun Forest before noon.

Huo Yuhao led Bei Bei into the Setting Sun Forest. With his previous experience, he knew that there were very few soul beasts residing in this forest. In terms of strong soul beasts, they were mostly in the Icefire Yin Yang Well. Although those soul beasts were plant-type, their cultivations weren't low.

The poisonous miasma released by the Jade Phosphorus Flower of the Seven Absolutes was ineffective against Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice. Huo Yuhao proceeded in a straight line directly towards the mountain valley where the Icefire Yin Yang Well was located.

Bei Bei was astonished when he saw the seven-colored poisonous miasma around him slowly turn jade-green. If not for Huo Yuhao's Domain of Perpetual Ice as protection, even a Titled Douluo would have been completely corroded by the poison!

"Little junior, how did you enter the last time? This place is too dangerous!" Bei Bei exclaimed in shock when he saw nothing growing around this place; even the soil was seven-colored!

Huo Yuhao forced a laugh. "Ultimate Ice is the jinx of all poisons. Don't worry, eldest senior. We'll be fine. Let's go in."

Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice created a path for them to enter, and the Jade Phosphorous Flowers of the Seven and Nine Absolutes shrank back into buds under the control of Huo Yuhao's immense spiritual power. After that, he flew along towards the Icefire Yin Yang Well with Bei Bei.

From the air, the view of the Icefire Yin Yang Well, which resembled a mortal paradise, was presented in front of them.

Even though this place wasn't filled with prosperous life energy like the Slaughtering Grounds in the Great Star Dou Forest, it was still a miraculous place.

Ice and fire co-existed in this place, and there were all types of valuable plants that filled every corner of the mountain valley. This was the first time Bei Bei had seen this, and he was completely in a daze.

All the plant-type soul beasts around the well started to react when they sensed outsiders approaching. However, they soon felt the spiritual aura that Huo Yuhao released.

Huo Yuhao was no longer like before. There were many hundred-thousand-year plant-type soul beasts here. However, their cultivation was different from hundred-thousand-year animal-type soul beasts, as they only had great strength in their own domains. In terms of fighting strength, they were far inferior to hundred-thousand-year animal-type soul beasts. They were only strong because of the Icefire Yin Yang well.

With Huo Yuhao's current abilities, he wasn't afraid of these soul beasts. In addition, he even controlled the power of destiny.

Initially, Wang Qiu'er had once threatened the Delicate Silk Immortal. As the Emperor Beast, she controlled the destiny of all the soul beast habitats on the continent. She used this to threaten the Delicate Silk Immortal. Even though the Great Star Dou Forest was the main place, it was still possible for her to destroy the destiny of the Icefire Yin Yang Well. She only had to pay a certain price for that to happen.

Given that, how would the soul beasts here dare to rile Wang Qiu'er? If not for her threat, she wouldn't have found the second Yearning Heartbroken Grass.

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"Why are you here again?" The Delicate Silk Immortal sounded slightly annoyed.

No plants liked humans that were aggressive or destructive. This was even more applicable for valuable immortal herbs like them.

Seeing that Huo Yuhao had brought a stranger too, the Delicate Silk Immortal wasn't very happy.

Huo Yuhao didn't utter a sound. His Eye of Destiny slowly opened, and rose-gold sunray patterns caused his forehead to turn extremely dazzling. A weird rose-gold ring started to spread from his forehead. After he came the last time, Huo Yuhao had developed some understanding of these plant-type soul beasts. He knew he had to go hard on them. Without threatening them with his abilities, it was impossible to obtain their help.

Indeed, all the immortal and medicinal herbs that had turned into plant-type soul beasts were jolted awake when they sensed the immense spiritual undulations that were filled with the aura of destiny. Suddenly, there were several spiritual intents filled with fear that spreading towards Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao and Bei Bei descended, and the plants opened a path for them to land.

“You You, we meet again,” Huo Yuhao said to the Delicate Silk Immortal. Bei Bei’s eyes had already brightened by this point. Wasn’t this Delicate Silk Immortal one of the plants that the Yin-Yang Love Querying Valley had mentioned? Furthermore, this Delicate Silk Immortal seemed even larger than the image he saw.

The Delicate Silk Immortal was astonished, “You, why do you control the power of destiny now? Impossible! The power of destiny can’t be taken away. You, you, you...”

She wasn’t the only one who was shocked. All the surrounding plant-type soul beasts started to panic.

Huo Yuhao replied calmly, “You don’t need to know this, and I don’t want to be reminded, either. If I’m not wrong, you said that I could take away seven types of plants from here the last time I was here. Am I right?”

The Delicate Silk Immortal nodded gently. “Yes, you can take away seven types of plants since you passed Tang San’s test.”

Huo Yuhao replied, “Good. I’m here today to take away another five types of plants. We took two stalks of Yearning Heartbroken Grass last time, so this means I’m left with five types of plants to take. Am I right?”

“No, you are not!” the Delicate Silk Immortal immediately answered. “You also consumed a Fullmoon Autumn Dew!”

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Huo Yuhao calmly replied, “I remember you mentioning before that that one didn’t count. It was part of your test for me. After that, I was seriously hurt because of your test. I had no choice but to use the water from the Blazing Sunspring to warm my blood and pluck that Yearning Heartbroken Grass. In fact, I only took one stalk of Yearning Heartbroken Grass. The other stalk was taken by Qiu’er in order to save me. It shouldn’t be counted. This is why taking five types of plants this time is already considered less than what I’m entitled to. I should leave with six types of plants instead.”

“How, how can you be like this?” The Delicate Silk Immortal was immediately furious.

Huo Yuhao’s soul rings slowly rose from his feet, and the sixth soul ring that Wang Qiu’er had given him appeared. The moment it appeared, all the soul beasts were shocked.

Huo Yuhao said, “You You, Qiu’er sacrificed herself for me in order to save me. I’m sure you know who she is. This means that I’ve inherited her power of destiny. I’m not an unreasonable person, but I really need to leave with some valuable plants today. Among all these plants, I’ll first need you to follow me. If you aren’t willing, I can take away just your destiny.”

“What, what are you saying? You want to take me away? No, no way. That’s impossible. I’m not leaving this place. You can’t eat me! I’m useless to you!” The Delicate Silk Immortal instantly panicked.

Just like Huo Yuhao mentioned, they were more afraid of Wang Qiu'er than the entire Great Star Dou Forest. This was because the Icefire Yin Yang Well was one of the places in the world where destiny congregated. It was also the reason why this place looked so magical. If the destiny of this place was ruined, the Icefire Yin Yang Well would be damaged. When that happened, all the plants here would be doomed. If they left the Icefire Yin Yang Well, they wouldn't be able to grow as fast as they did now.

Huo Yuhao said, "You don't have a say in this matter. I'm leaving with you. I'm not violating any restrictions that ancestor Tang San came up with. You are also one of the plants here, right?" As he spoke, he was already slowly walking towards the Delicate Silk Immortal.

"No, don't! Don't take me away. I can only curb all sorts of poison. You possess the strength of Ultimate Ice, which means that you aren't afraid of lethal poisons anyway! Bringing me away won't do you any good!" The Delicate Silk Immortal was extremely anxious right now. She wasn't adept at fighting either, and had no chance of resisting Huo Yuhao.

At this point, the lack of unity between the plant-type soul beasts was demonstrated. Every one of them was scared of being taken away by Huo Yuhao, and didn't dare to make a sound. Naturally, they didn't come to You You's aid.

The last time Huo Yuhao was here, he had activated the Snow Empress' help. Given how strong the Snow Empress was, these soul beasts weren't able to resist her.

Huo Yuhao only stopped when he reached the pink halo that the Delicate Silk Immortal released from her body. Bei Bei, who followed behind him, could smell the refreshing fragrance, and was jolted awake immediately.

Huo Yuhao looked thoughtful, and said, "You seem to be right. I don't really need you to neutralize any poison. Let's do it this way: help me locate one type of plant. If I'm satisfied, I'll consider letting you off."

As he spoke, Huo Yuhao took out the scroll that Bei Bei had drawn for him before.

"Alright, alright, I'll help you. There's no plant that I can't recognize in this world." You You was delighted, and immediately agreed to Huo Yuhao's request.

Huo Yuhao didn't stop, and directly opened the scroll before presenting it to You You.

"Do you see it? You are actually included in this scroll. It's not a lie when I said that I wanted to leave with you. Tell me what the other plant is, and I'll consider letting you remain here."

From the start, Huo Yuhao had already set this trap for the Delicate Silk Immortal. These plant-type soul beasts were very clever. He might not get an answer if he asked directly. He also didn't have time to slowly get an answer out of them. He had no choice but to threaten them in order to find out what he wanted.

"Yes, I recognize what plant this is. However, can you really not leave with me if I tell you what it is? How can you guarantee that?" The Delicate Silk Immortal was indeed clever. She immediately stated her condition.

Huo Yuhao didn't make a sound. He lifted his right hand and his Ice Empress' Pincer was instantly unleashed. He immediately grabbed onto her, and a streak of rose-gold light shot out from his Eye of Destiny.

This was one of the two soul skills from his sixth soul ring, Destiny's Demise. Once struck by this Destiny's Demise, all defenses that weren't formed using soul power would lose their effect. One's body would also become extremely fragile. Under the guidance of destiny, it was impossible not to be struck by it. Unless one's soul power attack could directly destroy Huo Yuhao, his Destiny's Demise would last for a full minute.

"Ah! No, I'll tell you, I'll tell you, okay?!" the Delicate Silk Immortal immediately screamed wildly after being struck by the Destiny's Demise. He didn't give her a chance to play any tricks at all!

Huo Yuhao's hand stopped in mid-air, and he said coldly, "Given your abilities, your life energy won't dissipate any time soon even if I pluck you and leave. I can still slowly interrogate you even after we leave with you. So, you can choose to answer me here, or answer me after we leave."

"I'll, I'll tell you. I need to sense that plant you're referring to. I can't see your scroll. After all, I'm only just a plant. Can you describe what it looks like?" You You was trembling as she spoke.

Huo Yuhao's lips twisted a little. Bei Bei, who originally had some sympathy for her, also turned cold when he heard her words. She was simply too cunning.

Huo Yuhao twisted his head to Bei Bei and said, "Eldest senior, can you show her what it looks like?"

The Yin-Yang Love Querying Valley had given Bei Bei three opportunities to present the image, which included the aura of the two plants as shown in the image. This was also why You You was much larger than what she looked like in the image.

"Alright."

Bei Bei acknowledged his words and shut his eyes. An illusory streak of light appeared in the air under his mental control. The appearances and auras of two different types of plants were presented in the form of projections in the air.

This time, the Delicate Silk Immortal didn't dare to delay any more. She was certain that Huo Yuhao would really lay his hands on her.

Rings of pinkish light started to spread from her head as she sensed the projections.

After a brief moment, the projections vanished, and everything returned to normal.

"So?" Huo Yuhao asked. Although Bei Bei was very anxious now, he didn't make a sound, and let Huo Yuhao do all the talking.

"Weird. It's very small and weak, but it's very strong." The Delicate Silk Immortal seemed to be in deep thought.

"Don't try any tricks," Huo Yuhao said coldly, "Otherwise, I'll bring you to another place and let you think over it slowly."

The Delicate Silk Immortal rushed to say, “No, no! Ah! I’ve figured it out. I know what it is. It’s small and weak because of its size, but it’s strong because it comes from that species. It’s the Bluesilver Emperor.”

“Bluesilver Emperor? What’s that?” Huo Yuhao and Bei Bei were both lost when they heard the Delicate Silk Immortal mention this name.

The Delicate Silk Immortal quickly said, “The Bluesilver Emperor is the emperor of Bluesilver Grasses. It’s the strongest Bluesilver Grass. While Bluesilver Grass looks small and weak, their emperor is extremely strong. The Bluesilver Emperor is also a true, hundred-thousand-year soul beast. I know what’s going on. Your friend must be poisoned, and needs my abilities to neutralize her poison before the Bluesilver Emperor can help her Awaken by guiding the strength of her bloodline. Your friend’s martial soul should be a Bluesilver Grass.”

After hearing her words, Huo Yuhao and Bei Bei’s eyes brightened.

Yes! Tang Ya’s martial soul was a Bluesilver Grass. The Delicate Silk Immortal’s analysis was on point. If this was the case, she really had hope.

Huo Yuhao said, “Since this is the case, what we need to do is to help her neutralize her poison and recover?”

The Delicate Silk Immortal replied, “Regarding this, hmm...it’s certain that you don’t have to feed me to her. You just need to bring her and the Bluesilver Emperor here. I’m sure I can neutralize her poison, but I won’t be able to remove it from her body. I have no way of doing so if the source of the poison is deep within her body. I can’t remove poison from a person’s blood. I can only neutralize the poison in her body after the Bluesilver Emperor forces it out of her blood.”

Huo Yuhao asked, “Are you saying that the Bluesilver Grass is a soul beast?”

The Delicate Silk Immortal replied, “He’s not just a soul beast. He’s a hundred-thousand-year soul beast. Only a hundred-thousand-year Bluesilver Grass can become an emperor.”

Huo Yuhao asked, “Do you know where the Bluesilver Emperor is?”

The Delicate Silk Immortal answered, “About this...”

Seeing how hesitant she appeared to be, Huo Yuhao laughed coldly. “It seems like you don’t know, either. You’ve never left this Icefire Yin Yang Well. It’s logical that you don’t know. I’ll bring you out of here and we can neutralize the poison when we see him.”

“No, you can’t do that!” the Delicate Silk Immortal wailed. “Don’t do it! I don’t want to leave this place. I’ll die if I leave this place. I won’t be able to survive. My roots are here. I’m not leaving. I don’t know where the Bluesilver Emperor is.

“But, think about it, he has to be willing to help your friend first. If you bring him here, he’ll be delighted, considering this is a place suitable for plant growth. He’ll help you then. If I leave this place, I’ll wither quickly. How will I be able to help the both of you if that happens? Leave me here. As long as you bring the Bluesilver Emperor here, I’ll help to neutralize your friend’s poison any time. Will that do?”

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“Oh, oh, I still have more to say. Although I’ve never left this valley before, I can roughly guess where the Bluesilver Emperor is. A hundred-thousand-year Bluesilver Emperor can only grow in the very center of the continent. I believe you can find him around there.”

The very center of the continent??Bei Bei and Huo Yuhao looked at each other, and their expressions turned weird.

The very center of the continent was undoubtedly the Great Star Dou Forest. That was also the place with the most types of soul beasts.

Did the Bluesilver Emperor really reside in the Great Star Dou Forest?

Huo Yuhao said, “I hope you’re not lying to me. Since this is the case, I’ll leave you here for now. I’ll also only choose one type of medicinal herb to take away. Oh yes, You You, is there anything here that can help someone in a deep sleep to wake up?”

You You immediately swayed her huge flower head, “No. It also depends on what type of deep sleep that person is in. Plants don’t know the body structure of humans. If that person isn’t poisoned, we won’t be able to do anything.”

Huo Yuhao furrowed his brow and said, “Alright then. I’ll leave with some stuff first.” As he spoke, he turned around and walked towards the Blazing Delicate Apricot.

The Blazing Delicate Apricot was watching from one side earlier but didn’t make a sound. She was afraid of being noticed by Huo Yuhao. She had suffered greatly when Huo Yuhao came here the last time. After that, she had also sustained serious injuries. Seeing that Huo Yuhao was walking over now, she immediately shrank tightly.

“You, what are you doing? I’m not suitable for you. I’m fire-type, so I won’t be useful for you!” The Blazing Delicate Apricot’s voice was trembling.

Huo Yuhao calmly said, “Of course I know you’re useless to me. I only want something from you. Either I uproot you and leave, or you give me a piece of your Blazing Rubber. I need it to save someone.”

The Blazing Delicate Apricot was furious as she shouted, “This is robbery!”

“Yes, I’m robbing you,” Huo Yuhao said coldly, “You better give me an answer soon, as I have limited patience. Don’t make me bring up our unpleasant past.” As he spoke, his Eye of Destiny lit up, and immense spiritual undulations surged out like tidal waves.

Although Huo Yuhao was still a Soul Sage, he was equivalent to a Soul Douluo in terms of his overall fighting strength. It wouldn’t be a problem to fight a hundred-thousand-year soul beast on his own. Moreover, he even had the Snow Lady as a weapon!

The Blazing Delicate Apricot was sorrowful and furious as she said, “Alright, I’ll give it to you.” ?Following this, a piece of Blazing Rubber the size of a fingernail drifted out from his core.

Huo Yuhao didn’t even look at this piece of Blazing Rubber. “I remember the Snow Empress managed to get a fist-sized piece of Blazing Rubber the other time, and still left half for you. Hurry up, or I’ll get the Snow Empress to demand more from you again.”

As he spoke, a streak of white light flashed by, and the Snow Lady crawled out of his Eye of Destiny. She didn't bother with the Blazing Delicate Apricot, and flew directly above the Extreme Chill Icespring, silently absorbing the concentrated ice element there. As long as Huo Yuhao wanted, he could help the Snow Empress temporarily regain her memory through the stimulation of the Icespring.

"I'll give, I'll give!" If the Blazing Delicate Apricot had teeth, she would have gnashed them until they were broken.

A piece of Blazing Rubber half the size of a fist flew out from the extremely reluctant Blazing Delicate Apricot.

Huo Yuhao retrieved a dark-green jade box from his storage-type soul tool and put this piece of Blazing Rubber inside. Its extremely high temperature was sealed using this method.

Tang San's Poison Scripture had recorded the method of preserving a piece of a Blazing Rubber from a Blazing Delicate Apricot. It wasn't viable to use extreme chill to resist the high heat, as that might cause an explosion. Using a piece of warm jade was the most suitable.

Huo Yuhao's warm jade box came from Shrek Academy. He naturally took this piece of Blazing Rubber for Ma Xiaotao. Only Blazing Rubber was able to purify Ma Xiaotao's Evil Phoenix. Along with his Ultimate Ice, he should be able to dispel the impurities and evil energy within her Ultimate Fire.

After putting the piece of Blazing Rubber away, Huo Yuhao ignored the Blazing Delicate Apricot and returned to the Delicate Silk Immortal. He said, "We're leaving. I only took a piece of Blazing Rubber this time and didn't touch any of the medicinal herbs here. If I come here again, I should still be able to take six different types of plants."

"You..." You You didn't know what to say by now. She also didn't dare to rage, as she was afraid of agitating Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao's original plan was to take six types of medicinal herbs for his compatriots the second time he was here. However, he immediately changed this plan after listening to how the Delicate Silk Immortal described the method to neutralize Tang Ya's poison.

If he didn't take anything from this place, it meant that he could come back again. Furthermore, the medicinal herbs in this place were all top-quality things. He might need them some other time. What if his compatriots were hurt, and needed some special medicinal herb? It wouldn't be too late to come back for it. They were all some of the strongest soul masters among their peers. They didn't need medicinal herbs to become stronger. The six medicinal herbs that he was entitled to could be lifesavers in the future.

After adopting such thoughts, he decided to only leave with a piece of Blazing Rubber.

After Bei Bei learned about the Bluesilver Emperor and witnessed the existence of the Delicate Silk Immortal, he felt extremely good. This meant that Tang Ya had a chance to recover! What he had to do next was locate the Bluesilver Emperor, and then save Tang Ya. Although it was still a long shot, it was better than having no chance at all.

"Eldest senior, let's go. Let's return after finding the Bluesilver Emperor."

Bei Bei nodded before opening up his flying-type soul tool, which was still on his back.

At this moment, two voices sounded at the same time, "Don't leave yet."

Of these two voices, one evidently belonged to the Delicate Silk Immortal. The other voice sounded a little cold, and it came from the Extreme Chill Icespring.

"Oh? They can't bear for us to leave?" Huo Yuhao turned towards the Extreme Chill Icespring. It was another plant that had let out that cold voice, and he had seen this plant the last time he was here. It was the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass, which grew at the center of the Icespring. The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass was bitter enemies with the Blazing Delicate Apricot.

"You You, you can speak first." This Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass took the initiative to let the Delicate Silk Immortal speak first.

The Delicate Silk Immortal seemed to be determined, and said, "Huo Yuhao, don't go just yet. I have something else for you."

"So good to me?" Huo Yuhao was curious as he came before her.

She said, "Use a jade bottle to store it before sealing it." As she spoke, a trace of pinkish fog drifted from her flower head.

Huo Yuhao rushed to retrieve a huge jade bottle a foot high and opened the cork.

Under the control of the Delicate Silk Bottle, the pinkish fog drifted towards the opening of the bottle before entering it. Slowly, it sank down. From the looks of it, it seemed like pollen.

In a few seconds, all the fog was inside the bottle. As Huo Yuhao's bottle was too big, only the bottom of the bottle had a bit of pollen in it.

"Is this your pollen?" Huo Yuhao asked the Delicate Silk Immortal.

You You replied, "Yes! Its effect is the same as my fragrance."

"With my pollen, you don't have to come to me when you want to save someone. As long as you can persuade the Bluesilver Emperor to help, you'll be fine. Dip a finger into my pollen and flick it into the air. My fragrance will last for two hours within a three-meter region." She was scared of Huo Yuhao and didn't want to see him anymore. She tolerated the pain and sacrificed her own pollen.

Huo Yuhao said, "I remember you still have that pearl..."

"Don't go overboard! Why are you so different from the last time you were here? I remember you were quite kind the last time!" You You was infuriated.

Huo Yuhao said, "Being too kind will cause one to be unable to protect his loved ones. I can forgo your pearl, but give me more pollen. I'm using it to save someone. You can consider this a way of accumulating good deeds."

The Delicate Silk Immortal tolerated the pain once again and released some more pollen, then said "I've no more left. This is all I've got."

“Alright, thank you. Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass, what do you want?” After storing the additional pollen, Huo Yuhao passed the bottle to Bei Bei before turning to the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass.

The Ice Grass coldly replied, “I want to leave with you.”

“What?” Huo Yuhao was stunned. All the other medicinal herbs were afraid of him and shunned him. However, this Ice Grass wanted to leave with him. Wasn’t this weird?

Huo Yuhao was thus curious as he asked, “You want to leave with me? Why?”

The Ice Grass replied, “Since you can fuse with the Snow Empress in that way, you should be able to do the same with me. I’m a hundred-thousand-year soul beast. I should be able to help you. Turn me into that form too.”

Huo Yuhao was shocked as he looked at the Ice Grass. “Why? Why do you want to become my Spirit for no rhyme or reason?”

The Ice Grass calmly replied, “I want to leave this place to see the outside world. I’ve lived in this place for too long. Furthermore, I can sense your aura. To me, it’s better than this Icespring.”

“Just because of this?” Huo Yuhao was a little doubtful.

The Ice Grass said, “When the Snow Empress appeared, she once told me that following you could grant me eternal life. I didn’t believe it then. However, her words seem to be true. The Auspicious God Beast sacrificed herself for you, and you carry her aura now, and your abilities have grown so quickly. If I stay here, I’ll just become medicine to humans one day. If I follow you, I might achieve eternal life. There’s only loneliness here. What’s the point even if I live for so long? I want to leave with you, but I won’t be counted among the six types of herbs that you can leave with. I’m doing this of my own accord. I only have one condition: you must preserve my consciousness. If you can do that, I swear that I’ll follow you.”

Huo Yuhao hadn’t expected anything like this. He had scammed and threatened the Delicate Silk Immortal earlier, mainly because he wanted to find a method to save Tang Ya. He wouldn’t easily destroy this treasure ground that Tang San had left behind. However, he hadn’t expected the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass to take the initiative to choose him, and even want to become his Spirit. It was a delightful surprise.

All the other plant-type soul beasts were perplexed, especially the Blazing Delicate Apricot. She showed her emotions clearly, and it was clear that she was mocking the Ice Grass.

Huo Yuhao drifted up and went over to the Ice Grass before saying, “I can maintain your consciousness if you fuse with me. What you are wagering on is whether I’ll be able to overcome the barrier of this world and become a God before I die. This must be the eternal life that the Snow Empress was talking about. I can’t guarantee that I can do that in the future. However, what I can guarantee is that you’ll see many exciting things you’ve never seen here if you follow me, and your consciousness will be preserved along with your abilities. Think about it carefully. Once you become my Spirit, it’s equivalent to giving up your actual body. There’s no turning back.”

“I’ve thought it through. You can swear now.” The Ice Grass was very steadfast.

Huo Yuhao took a deep breath before he nodded and said, "I, Huo Yuhao, swear that I'll do my best to preserve the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass' consciousness as I sign this equal contract. The success rate is above ninety percent. If I'm lying, I'll freeze to death and never reincarnate."

After he swore his oath, the Ice Grass said, "Very good. You can tell me what to do now."

Inside the Icefire Yin Yang Well, all the soul beasts were watching Huo Yuhao and the Ice Grass. They were curious as to why the Ice Grass would choose to become Huo Yuhao's Spirit.

In front of these soul beasts, Huo Yuhao explained the meaning and effect of an equal contract used to fuse with Spirits.

"I understand. Wait a minute." The Ice Grass released icy-blue light, and halos started to slowly surge upward from the soil he was rooted in. Gradually, they turned into icy-blue light rings.

The star anise leaves that were already very beautiful slowly turned into extremely eye-catching blue crystals. Amid the magnificent flashing lights, these blue crystals looked like perfect art pieces.

"He's crazy. He really wants to give up everything to follow a human. Star Anise is crazy!" the Blazing Delicate Apricot nagged.

The Delicate Silk Immortal's flower head also fully opened as she sensed what the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass was doing.

It didn't take long for a diamond-shaped crystal entity to slowly rise from the core of the Ice Grass. The two tips and sides of this crystal entity were very obvious. However, there was a ridgeline on every corner of the center of this crystal entity. Naturally, it made it seem as if every corner had two tips. There were a total of eight corners, which was why this Ice Grass was called the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass. Even the special products that it formed had eight corners.

When this crystal entity appeared, an extremely pure chilly intent started to spread out. Even Huo Yuhao couldn't help but shiver when he sensed this chill.

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The diamond-shaped star anise crystal entity was completely revealed on the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass' body, exuding a pure chilly intent.

In Huo Yuhao's spiritual sea, the Skydream Iceworm exclaimed, "What an excellent guy! The purity and concentration of the ice element in that far exceeds the Ten Thousand Year Ice Pith that I absorbed years ago. This must be the essence of the Extreme Chill Icespring that he has refined over ten thousand years."

The Ice Grass' weak voice sounded, "Since I'm leaving with you, I don't need this anymore. This is the Star Anise Ice Crystal that I've cultivated for over ten thousand years. Keep it. It'll increase your cultivation speed if you carry it along with you. If it's embedded into a weapon, it can confer the strength of Ultimate Ice to any metal. The essence of my ten thousand years of cultivation lies in it."

After hearing his words, Huo Yuhao's expression turned serious. He hadn't expected the Ice Grass to offer his most valuable item to him so sincerely. At this point, he was no longer doubtful. As he received

the Ice Crystal, he sensed the extreme chill on it. He said seriously, "Star Anise, thanks for your trust. I believe you won't be disappointed. Let's start."

Huo Yuhao was by this point extremely familiar with the process of Spirit Transmission, having been completely occupied with it over the past few months.

His Eye of Destiny shone brightly on his forehead, and rose-gold sunray patterns slowly released halos out from it.

The hexagram beneath Huo Yuhao's feet was also rose-gold. His martial soul immediately switched, and the original seven rings turned into five rings – one red and four orange-gold. All five soul rings represented immense strength and ultimate power.

Huo Yuhao raised his right hand, a ball of rose-gold light shining there. His low-pitched yet awe-inspiring voice could be heard as he recited the incantation of the equal contract.

A streak of rose-gold light shot out from his Eye of Destiny and landed on the Ice Grass' body. It was guiding his spiritual origin and soul power.

The uppermost leaf on the Ice Grass was suddenly stained bluish-gold, but he started to wither.

The Extreme Chill Icespring surged gently, and waves of pure chilly intent were released. It was like the Icespring couldn't bear to let the Ice Grass go.

The Snow Lady silently flew to the side of the spring and used her body to block these waves of chilling intent. The origin energy of Ultimate Ice that she absorbed was used to supplement Huo Yuhao through her connection with him.

Behind Huo Yuhao, his huge Eye of the Asura silently rose. It had nothing to do with his Spirit Eyes but came under the guidance of his Eye of Destiny.

His incantation was working more smoothly now, compared to the past. Streaks of elegant light started to shine from Huo Yuhao's body and brushed across the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass.

As of now, Huo Yuhao already had two Spirits, the Skydream Iceworm, and Snow Empress. The Ice Empress was his second martial soul.

Initially, Huo Yuhao had drained almost all of his spiritual power when he fused with the Snow Empress. As for the Skydream Iceworm, changing into Huo Yuhao's Spirit only required him to alter his form slightly, given that he was already Huo Yuhao's soul ring and possessed great spiritual power. As a result, Huo Yuhao wasn't drained too much when he fused with the Skydream Iceworm.

No matter what, Huo Yuhao already possessed two Spirits that had greater than hundred-thousand-year cultivations. If not for the fact that his spiritual power had reached the concrete-material realm, he wouldn't have dared to fuse with a third-hundred-thousand year Spirit. However, he was filled with confidence right now.

His spiritual power surged out and fused with the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass' spiritual origin. They guided each other and drew closer.

The Ice Grass was also astonished right now. Although he could sense how strong Huo Yuhao was earlier, he didn't realize that Huo Yuhao's spiritual power was actually so great. He had never seen spiritual power as pure as this; it completely surpassed all the plant-type soul beasts living near the Icefire Yin Yang Well.

The contract proceeded very smoothly. When Huo Yuhao's spiritual power was drained by about forty percent, the Ice Grass' body finally withered completely. ~~nDve-L&.~~In

A small and delicate Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass, completely icy-blue and seemingly formed from crystals, drifted in front of him. After this, this Ice Grass slowly stuck to his right leg before it silently disappeared.

All the strange phenomena flashed, then disappeared. It was also at this point that Huo Yuhao's five soul rings started to tremble.

Following this, a blood-red soul ring appeared as his sixth soul ring.

A weird force started to move towards Huo Yuhao's body from the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass. Huo Yuhao only felt his legs suddenly fill with strength as red halos rushed out from his right leg.

This was...

This was the strength of a soul bone!

A hundred-thousand-year soul beast was bound to produce a soul bone. This was true even for a plant-type soul beast. After becoming Huo Yuhao's Spirit, the soul bone that the Ice Grass produced directly became the right leg soul bone that Huo Yuhao lacked.

Although he didn't know what soul skills it contained, Huo Yuhao immediately sensed the extremely strong aura brought about by his right leg soul bone. Two soul skills! He was confident that this soul bone would give him two extra soul skills!

Just as all the plant-type soul beasts and Bei Bei thought the fusion had ended, Huo Yuhao's body suddenly shone brightly with azure light. His clothes burst apart, and the image of the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion surfaced in the air. After this, Huo Yuhao's form started to change.

His body turned translucent as if he were a jade sculpture. An indescribable force mixed with the extreme chill from his Ultimate Ice silenced the Extreme Chill Icespring.

He took a step out in the air, and Huo Yuhao strode directly above the Icespring. Vigorous origin energy of Ultimate Ice instantly surged out from his body.

Another red soul ring rose from Huo Yuhao's feet and slowly took form. It was a red that represented a hundred thousand years!

The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass wasn't the first hundred-thousand-year Spirit. More accurately speaking, the Snow Empress was the first. It was just that the Snow Empress' cultivation was too great, and her body almost blew apart, as things weren't going too well then. That was why she experienced a strange mutation.

The Snow Empress gave Huo Yuhao four unprecedented orange-gold soul rings. Every orange-gold soul ring only contained one soul skill, but they were already very helpful for Huo Yuhao. However, he didn't completely fuse with a hundred-thousand-year soul beast. Without a soul bone and a soul ring that gave him two soul skills, Huo Yuhao's soul power was only slightly boosted, though the purity of his Ultimate Ice had reached a peak. After all, it was a combination of the Snow and Ice Empresses! The combination of the Snow Empress and the Ice Empress' strength even produced Huo Yuhao's strongest soul skill (apart from his Three Ultimate Haodong Skills), the Pride of the Ice and Snow Empresses.

The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass chose Huo Yuhao without any hesitation due to the presence of Huo Yuhao's pure Ultimate Ice. In terms of purity and tier, Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice had already surpassed the Extreme Chill Icespring.

However, the Snow Empress' Spirit couldn't be considered a full hundred-thousand-year Spirit because it had mutated, and so this Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass could be considered his first hundred-thousand-year Spirit.

The advantage that a Spirit had over a soul ring was magnified when it had a hundred-thousand-year cultivation. Given that Huo Yuhao's soul power was sufficiently strong, it was equivalent to him adding two hundred-thousand-year soul rings!

Undoubtedly, his sixth soul ring provided him two extra soul skills. However, no ordinary soul master would add a hundred-thousand-year soul ring to his seventh spot, given that his seventh soul ring was bound to be his Martial Soul True Body. Despite this, Huo Yuhao still did it. The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass also became the seventh soul ring of his Ice Jade Empress Scorpion. This completed his hundred-thousand-year Martial Soul True Body, the Ice Empress' True Body.

Furthermore, Huo Yuhao could subtly sense that this Martial Soul True Body would be completely different from that of his Spirit Eyes because the Ice Empress possessed her own intelligence. It seemed like the Ice Empress' aura had increased exponentially after his seventh soul ring appeared.

Apart from all these, Huo Yuhao had also gained a right leg soul bone. Right now, he had six soul bones!

They included the Three-Eyed Golden Lion's Skull of Destiny, the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion's backbone, the Ice Jade Scorpion Left Arm Bone, the Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's Right Palm Bone, the Instant Teleportation Left Leg Bone, and this newly added Star Anise Right Leg Bone.

Six soul bones! In the current world of soul masters, this was a shocking number. Even the elders of the Sea God's Pavilion didn't have this many soul bones.

Moreover, Huo Yuhao's six soul bones were all top-tier soul bones, normal soul bones couldn't compare to them. The Three-Eyed Golden Lion's Skull of Destiny was even more special! It controlled the power of destiny, and greatly increased Huo Yuhao's spiritual power. It also helped Huo Yuhao increase his spiritual power capacity. The Ice Jade Empress Scorpion's backbone and the Star Anise Right Leg Bone were hundred-thousand-year soul bones that each came with two soul skills!

Huo Yuhao's Ice Jade Scorpion Left Arm Bone carried the Ice Explosion Technique, while his Instant Teleportation from his Left Leg Bone was an ultimate technique that could help him preserve his life. As for his Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's Right Palm Bone, it was one of the strongest offensive soul bones in the world.

Right now, Huo Yuhao already had five out of the six main soul bones, missing only a right arm bone. He even had an external soul bone in the Darkgolden Terroclaw's Bear Right Palm Bone, which was very strong.

He had twin martial souls, and both martial souls had seven soul rings. After fusing with the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass, Huo Yuhao's abilities had increased to a level that his current cultivation couldn't compare to.

Lights flashed from the image of the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion on his body, making it seem very lifelike. The glow from it also became stronger, as if it could come to life at any time.

The aura of Ultimate Ice shot towards the sky. In the sky above the mountain valley that contained the Icefire Yin Yang Well, the poisonous miasma released by the Jade Phosphorous Flowers of the Nine Absolutes gave way, and the temperature in the entire valley dropped significantly.

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The Blazing Sunspring was suppressed, which caused the water in the spring to undulate vigorously. It released waves of heat that maintained a certain temperature around the Icefire Yin Yang Well.

After letting out a breath, Huo Yuhao slowly retracted his aura, and his eyes slowly brightened. He thought of something and raised his right hand. A strange stalk of icy-blue grass surfaced in his hand. It was a smaller version of the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass.

Huo Yuhao revealed a delighted smile after sensing the difference it brought to his body.

"Congratulations, little junior!" Bei Bei chortled.

Huo Yuhao chuckled and said, "This proves that a hundred-thousand-year Spirit is indeed very effective. Eldest senior, you must work harder in your cultivation." As he spoke, he scanned his surroundings and looked at the rest of the plants around the Icefire Yin Yang Well.

Bei Bei smiled and said, "A Spirit has to be willing to complete a contract. Let's go, little junior."

Huo Yuhao looked at all the medicinal herbs and said, "Guys, the Star Anise has already fused with me and become my Spirit. All of you should be able to sense the condition that he's in right now. I won't say anything else. Goodbye."

After he finished speaking, Huo Yuhao and Bei Bei used their flying-type soul tools and flew out of the mountain valley before the poisonous miasma could return.

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The Icefire Yin Yang Well was silent at this moment. All the medicinal herbs that had their own consciousness became very thoughtful right now.

Huo Yuhao was right. After fusing with him, the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass was different. Even though he had abandoned his body, his aura had become extremely pure. After fusing with Huo Yuhao, Huo Yuhao wasn't the only who benefitted.

They had formed an equal contract! The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass also completed his evolution under the influence of Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice. He turned from a plant to an energy body, and he even became an extremely pure energy body. The change in his aura greatly tempted all the plant-type soul beasts.

They were even more moved by the fact that Huo Yuhao mentioned he might become a God, and could give his Spirits eternal life.

Compared to animal-type soul beasts, plant-type soul beasts were much lonelier. Before they possessed their own intelligence, they couldn't move at all. Even a hundred-thousand-year plant-type soul beast was unwilling to leave the Icefire Yin Yang Well, as it was too reliant on it. The poisonous miasmas of the Jade Phosphorous Flowers of the Seven and Nine Absolutes also covered the area outside the well. Apart from the Delicate Silk Immortal, the other immortal and medicinal herbs couldn't leave the well even if they wanted to. This was an important reason why You You was able to take charge of the well.

When the Ice Grass made his decision, all the plant-type soul beasts were shocked. However, they were all moved after he completed his fusion with Huo Yuhao and managed to evolve.

He was able to leave this place and proceed to the human world with a human soul master. He could also experience the beauty of the human world.

He might even have a chance to attain eternal life!

These weren't the biggest reason why they were moved, however. They were most moved by the fact that the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass managed to evolve into an extremely pure energy state. In that way, he could regrow using that pure energy even if Huo Yuhao died! Furthermore, his cultivation would only become stronger. All of the plants here were very valuable, formed after absorbing the origin energy of heaven and earth. If they went through everything that the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass went through, and the soul masters that fused with them died, they could still reabsorb their origin energy. It wouldn't be very difficult.

Suddenly, the atmosphere in the Icefire Yin Yang Well was no longer peaceful. All the plant-type soul beasts with their own intelligence, especially the hundred-thousand-year soul beasts, started to become very restless...

Huo Yuhao knew what they were thinking. After he completed his fusion with the Ice Grass, the Ice Grass told him about how he was unable to live independently. He didn't conceal anything from Huo Yuhao.

Plant-type soul beasts were greatly disadvantaged compared to animal-type soul beasts. However, they had their own advantages, which was that they were purely nurtured from the origin energy of heaven and earth. They didn't have any bloodlines; they only had spiritual energy.

The Ice Empress, Skydream Iceworm, and Snow Empress were all stronger than the Star Anise. However, they were bound to die if Huo Yuhao died, as they would lose their only source of energy. However, the Star Anise would be able to continue living based on his close connection to the origin energy of heaven and earth. This was the advantage of a plant. The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass was already satisfied

even though he had only been fused for such a short period of time. Yes, he was extremely satisfied. Furthermore, his future was going to be extremely bright. Perhaps he might really gain eternal life?

The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass was the quietest among all the medicinal herbs in the Icefire Yin Yang Well. However, he was also the wisest.

It might seem his decision to follow Huo Yuhao was very sudden. However, he had in fact pondered it meticulously. Huo Yuhao didn't hesitate to swallow the water from the Blazing Sunspring to save his loved one and almost lost his life. After going through countless tests from the Delicate Silk Immortal and the Blazing Delicate Apricot, the qualities that he demonstrated proved that he was one of the most outstanding humans in terms of character and abilities. Along with the temptation of Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice, the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass knew that his decision was unlikely to backfire on him.

Both Huo Yuhao and the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass were winners after this fusion. In terms of Spirit Fusion, a win-win situation was always the best start.

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After flying out of the Setting Sun Forest, Huo Yuhao controlled his body and said to Bei Bei while facing him, "Eldest senior, I can't return to the Tang Sect with you."

Bei Bei wasn't surprised. He smiled and said, "You are going to find Dong'er, am I right?"

Huo Yuhao nodded and replied, "Yes! It's been so long. I wonder how she's doing. I've done most of the things I was supposed to do. I'm going to see her now. When you return, you can also communicate with the soul beasts through the Spirit Pagoda. Bi Ji is a nice soul beast to talk to. Ask her for help seeking out the Bluesilver Emperor. After I finish visiting Dong'er, I might go to the border between the Star Luo Empire and Sun Moon Empire. At the same time, I'll try to find out where Teacher Xiao Ya is. If possible, I'll save her."

Bei Bei took a deep breath and opened his arms wide, hugging Huo Yuhao tightly. "You are my good brother. I'll skip the thanks between us. Don't worry about the Tang Sect. If there's anything you need, send a letter back. No matter what your choices are, the Tang Sect will always be your ardent backer."

The two of them separated like this. Huo Yuhao watched as Bei Bei disappeared into the distance. After he saw him off, he turned around and peered in the direction that he was going to go. He muttered to himself, "I can finally live for myself. Dong'er, have you awoken? I'm coming!"

Blinding lights shone from Huo Yuhao's body, and he released his soul power without reservation. His speed increased to its maximum as he powered his flying-type soul tool, shooting towards the Clear Sky Sect.

He had settled most of the things that he was supposed to settle. Right now, he was set on going home. He couldn't wait to get to the Clear Sky Sect, and hoped that Wang Dong'er would be standing at the gate, waiting to receive him.

He knew that Wang Dong'er was unlikely to have awoken. Otherwise, she would have returned to Shrek Academy to find him! But right now, he hoped that the two sect leaders of the Clear Sky Sect had grounded her, and hadn't allowed her to find him, instead of her still being in a deep sleep.

He could finally go find her after completing the other matters that he had to attend to. Right now, Huo Yuhao was in a state where he was ready to unleash his Three Ultimate Haodong Skills at any time.

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As Huo Yuhao flew toward the top of Clear Sky Peak and quickly began to climb it, he was already panting. It wasn't just because he didn't rest at all, and was drained. It was also because he was nervous.

How was Wang Dong'er? This was simply too important to him. No matter how resilient or mature he was, he still had a weak spot, and that weak spot was Wang Dong'er.

With every step he took, he would pray in his heart. He prayed that Wang Dong'er would be awake, and could be by his side again. He didn't care about anything else. If she wasn't awake, he wouldn't leave easily even if the two sect leaders forced him to leave. He wanted to accompany her.

"Who dares to step onto Clear Sky Peak?" a loud voice sounded. Following this, Huo Yuhao could sense the clouds around him moving. It felt like everything was changing.

He clearly recalled how Wang Dong'er had mentioned how dangerous the clouds around Clear Sky Peak were. He couldn't fly, otherwise, he would be attacked by soul beasts. These clouds were a formation!

He quietly crept close to walls of the mountain peak. His voice rang out, "I'm Huo Yuhao. I'm here to see Dong'er."

The voice went silent for a moment before it replied, "The Clear Sky Sect doesn't welcome you. Leave."

Huo Yuhao said, "I want to see Dong'er." After he finished speaking, he lifted his head. His eyes were already filled with purplish-gold light. It was like countless stars were shining in his Spirit Eyes.

His immense spiritual power started to spread into his surroundings from his forehead. He extended his right hand, and the smooth and shiny Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass surfaced. Layers of jade-blue light started to spread from the leaf of this Ice Grass.

An extreme chill started to rise. The layers of jade-blue light seemed to have their own lives. As they spread, the surrounding clouds quickly dispersed. The bizarre sense contained within these clouds was quickly stirred up.

Intense soul power undulations raged, but there was some sort of spiritual confusion that appeared to be even stronger. However, it wasn't able to affect Huo Yuhao, given his immense spiritual power.

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Huo Yuhao remained rooted to the ground and continued to release the aura of his Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass. The chilly air within the clouds was slowly and continuously being sucked in by the Ice Grass. Patches of clouds around started to rise, and the concentrated origin energy of heaven and earth started to surge towards Huo Yuhao, with the Ice Grass as its center.

The origin energy that was sucked into the Ice Grass was filtered and started to pass into Huo Yuhao's body and quickly replenished his soul power, which had been depleted in his rush to Clear Sky Peak.

This origin energy wasn't very domineering but was instead very gentle and pure. After entering his body, it immediately fused with his Mysterious Heaven Technique and became inseparable. It seemed as if Huo Yuhao's spiritual power was being nourished by the origin energy of heaven and earth. Huo Yuhao was a little stunned as he looked at his Ice Grass and said softly, "Thanks, Star Anise."

The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass had given him a total of four soul skills. Two came from the soul bone, and two were added to the sixth soul ring of his Ice Empress. Right now, the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass was not demonstrating any of these four soul skills. Rather, he had already fused with Huo Yuhao's body.

More accurately speaking, the soul skill that the Ice Grass was unleashing right now seemed to belong to Huo Yuhao's seventh soul ring. It was just that Huo Yuhao couldn't use this soul skill on his own. His seventh soul ring was his Martial Soul True Body, but the Ice Grass could control it alone and unleashed this soul skill to help him.

This was an auxiliary-type soul skill that helped him absorb the origin energy of heaven and earth, which was something plant-type soul beasts were very adept at. Furthermore, the Ice Grass even churned the origin energy of heaven and earth around during this absorption process and broke the Clear Sky Sect's mountain-guarding formation. In terms of fighting strength, plant-type soul beasts were inferior to animal-type soul beasts. However, plants had a deeper mastery of the principles of heaven and earth.

"Eh?" the earlier voice exclaimed slightly. Following this, Huo Yuhao saw several disciples in the Clear Sky Sect's uniform block the path in front of him.

The road to the top of the Clear Sky Peak was precipitous. People had to use their hands and legs in order to reach the top. Right now, these disciples stuck close to the walls and looked very unfriendly as they looked at Huo Yuhao.

"Guys, I'm only here to see Dong'er. I have no ill-intentions." Huo Yuhao said sincerely after putting the Ice Grass away.

A middle-aged man who was around thirty years old said, "Go back. I said earlier that the Clear Sky Sect doesn't welcome you."

Huo Yuhao furrowed his brow. "I only want to see Dong'er."

"Please return." The burly middle-aged man from the Clear Sky Sect glared, and a strong aura was released from his body. Two yellow, three purple and three black soul rings rose from his body. He was a Soul Sage!

The other six soul masters also released their soul rings. They were all five-ringed Soul Kings, and they all held a pitch-black hammer in their hands. These hammers were called Clear Sky Hammers, the powerful tool soul of the Clear Sky Sect.

Huo Yuhao had almost never seen Wang Dong'er use her Clear Sky Hammer before. However, Wang Dong'er had twin martial souls. Her Clear Sky Hammer was her second martial soul, and thus she didn't use it very often. She mostly used her Radiant Butterfly Goddess to fight.

Huo Yuhao was stunned as he faced the strong aura released by these seven Clear Sky Hammers.

“Leave now. If you don’t, don’t blame us for chasing you away,” the burly man snorted.

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, “I can’t leave. I’m here to see Dong’er. I won’t leave before I see her. Guys, please give way to me.” The amiable look on his face also retracted. He didn’t know whether these disciples were acting of their own accord, or if they were instructed by their sect leaders. However, Wang Dong’er must not be in good condition if they were trying to stop him.

Huo Yuhao, who was normally very calm, would start to get emotional whenever something concerned Wang Dong’er. His eyes shone with purplish-gold light, and seven soul rings rose from his feet.

When everyone from the Clear Sky Sect saw the color of his soul rings, their expressions changed slightly. The colors of his soul rings aren’t what a normal soul master is supposed to have! What kind of power does this person possess?

Huo Yuhao repeated, “Guys, please give way.”

“Attack!” the burly man shouted and lifted his Clear Sky Hammer. His first and third soul rings shone brightly. His Clear Sky Hammer rapidly increased in size as he lifted it up, and instantly turned into a huge hammer more than ten meters in length. The cross-section of the hammer’s head was already more than two meters in diameter. ~~nDve-L&.In~~

The huge hammer was lifted up, then crashed down on Huo Yuhao with a terrifying aura.

A cold look surfaced on Huo Yuhao’s face. He didn’t dodge the attack. Instead, he lifted his right hand to punch this hammer.

Without using any soul skills, Huo Yuhao actually used his own fist to resist the powerful Clear Sky Hammer.

A loud boom echoed across the entire Clear Sky Peak. Not far away, a huge drift of snow suddenly slid down, causing snowflakes to scatter into the air.

The six Clear Sky Sect disciples who were charging down stopped for a moment. The shock from that sound affected them quite badly. All of them were affected as they glared at Huo Yuhao. Huo Yuhao’s legs had sunk slightly into the ground. However, the Clear Sky Hammer that had hammered down on him was instantly deflected away. The burly man’s legs were slightly unstable, and he almost fell off the mountain.

What strength is this? He used his fist to resist a Clear Sky Hammer? How is this possible?? All the Clear Sky Sect’s disciples couldn’t believe their eyes.

Was that even a human’s hand?

Huo Yuhao’s right hand had turned jade-green, and there was even a golden glow on it.

In front of the Beast God Di Tian, he was so small and weak that he couldn’t do anything. However, how could he lose against opponents that were either at the same level or inferior to him in terms of cultivation? This was even true if his opponents came from the Clear Sky Sect, which was the number one tool soul sect on the continent.

With the strength of his Mysterious Jade Hands and the Golden Dragon, Huo Yuhao could compare to Wang Qiu'er. This was the legacy of the Emperor Beast!

He forced the burly man's Clear Sky Hammer away with his fist, and his eyes shone with a bright light. The surrounding air distorted strangely. In the eyes of all the Clear Sky Sect's disciples and that burly man, everything in front of them had turned illusory. Fog seemed to appear again, but it wasn't the cloudy fog that they were familiar with. Huo Yuhao vanished into thin air, just like that.

Huo Yuhao had no intention of fighting it out with these Clear Sky Sect disciples. He wanted to find Wang Dong'er!

He unleashed his Spiritual Interference Domain to confuse these disciples, whose spiritual power was far weaker than his.

"Trash!" a low-pitched, furious roar sounded out. Huo Yuhao was shocked, and his Spiritual Interference Domain lost its effect for a moment, revealing his body.

The second sect leader of the Clear Sky Sect, Tai Tan, was standing on the path to Clear Sky Castle with his hands behind his back and looking down coldly at Huo Yuhao, who was trying to climb up.

"Uncle Tai Tan." After seeing him, Huo Yuhao rushed forward a few steps and greeted him respectfully.

"Don't call me uncle. I don't have a nephew like you. Leave now. I won't let you see Dong'er," Tai Tan said coldly.

Huo Yuhao bit his lower lip and said, "Uncle Tai Tan, how is Dong'er? Has she awoken?"

"None of that has anything to do with you. You can't even protect her. Why are you here?" Tai Tan said coldly.

The gate of the Clear Sky Castle was not far behind Tai Tan. However, Huo Yuhao knew that he couldn't enter without Tai Tan's permission.

He had experienced Tai Tan's abilities once. He was a Transcendent Douluo who possessed terrifying strength and suppression. His spiritual power couldn't mend the gap between them no matter how strong it was. Moreover, he was here to see Dong'er. He wasn't here to fight!

"Uncle Tai Tan, everything's my fault. I only want to see Dong'er. Please let me take a look at her." As he spoke, Huo Yuhao grit his teeth and kneeled down on one knee in front of Tai Tan.

Tai Tan's brow moved slightly, but he soon returned to normal. He snapped, "You are a fellow without any backbone. A man's knee can only touch the ground for heaven, earth, and his parents. Don't you have a kneecap? You are turning more and more into a good-for-nothing. How dare you demand to see Dong'er like that? Scram."

Huo Yuhao raised his head suddenly and looked at Tai Tan seriously. He said, "Uncle Tai Tan, what must I do before you'll let me see her?"

Tai Tan snorted in disdain. "If you want to see her, you must defeat me. When you can defeat me, I'll trust that you can protect her. If that happens, I'll let you see her."

After he finished speaking, he turned around and walked towards Clear Sky Castle. It was like he couldn't be bothered to talk to Huo Yuhao anymore.

"Uncle Tai Tan, wait a minute." Huo Yuhao suddenly called out as he continued to kneel on the ground. However, he still lowered his head.

Tai Tan turned around and asked, "Why? Do you think you can defeat me now? Are you trying to challenge me?"

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, "No, I know there's a huge gap between us."

"Great that you know. Now scram," Tai Tan said coldly.

Huo Yuhao slowly lifted his head. The purplish-gold light in his eyes had already turned rose-gold. His Eye of Destiny also slowly opened.

"But I want to try. I want to know how far away I am from you."

His yearning for Wang Dong'er had been torturing him. It wasn't an easy thing for him to come here, but he was being stopped by Tai Tan. He finally couldn't remain composed anymore. Right now, there was only Wang Dong'er in his mind. He could finally see her if he defeated Tai Tan.

While he knew that there was a huge gap between him and Tai Tan, Huo Yuhao still couldn't help but want to try. If he didn't vent, he felt that he might go crazy because he missed Wang Dong'er too much. Furthermore, Tai Tan had already stated his condition. If he didn't try, how would he know how wide the gap between them was?

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"Try? Haha, alright. Seeing that you've still got a little bit of courage, I shall let you try. Come on!" Tai Tan laughed, striding towards Huo Yuhao.

He didn't unleash his martial soul. He just strode proudly over. In this manner, there appeared to be many flaws about him that could be exposed. However, Huo Yuhao felt as if he were facing a huge beast right now. The terrifying pressure that he was being subjected to left him breathless.

Powerful!

Huo Yuhao had once sparred with Tai Tan. However, Tai Tan was only testing him then. Right now, Huo Yuhao could really feel the terrifying abilities Tai Tan possessed.

Pitch-black soul rings rose from Tai Tan's feet. All of them were black, apart from his ninth soul ring, which was red.

He had eight black and one red soul ring. The weakest of all his soul rings were ten thousand year soul rings. What situation was Huo Yuhao facing?

Behind Tai Tan, a gust of black air surged out and slowly took form, transforming into a huge ape a hundred meters tall. Tai Tan's terrifying suppression caused the clouds around Clear Sky Peak to be pushed thousands of meters away, and it seemed like Clear Sky Peak itself had become haughtier.

Against the pressure brought about by Tai Tan, Huo Yuhao grit his teeth and slowly stood up. His Eye of Destiny shone brightly, and a huge rose-gold, vertical eye instantly shone behind his back. n).OV&ℓ&1n

The seven soul rings that belonged to his Spirit Eyes all rose. He didn't stop at all. As he leapt backwards, he instantly turned into a streak of flowing rose-gold light and fused completely with the vertical eye behind him. Just as he disappeared, his seventh soul ring shone brightly!

This was the seventh soul skill and Martial Soul True Body of his Spirit Eyes, called the Eye of the Asura!

After Huo Yuhao's fusion, the huge vertical eye no longer seemed illusory. It appeared to have materialized. Countless streaks of starlight flashed inside this huge eye, as well as dazzling rays that seemed to determine destiny. Even just glancing at it, one could feel their spirit being dragged into it.

Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura flashed slightly, and Tai Tan shook as he advanced. He was astonished, and the ape projection behind him dimmed slightly.

It was the sixth soul skill of Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura: Destiny's Demise, Spiritual Reaving.

Right now, Tai Tan felt as if all color in front of the Eye of the Asura had disappeared, there was only black and white left. Everything slowed down, and time and space seemed to stop. He even saw double images of Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura in front of him.

His spiritual power has already reached a stage where he can influence me? No, this isn't pure spiritual power...

Just as Tai Tan hesitated, Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura lit up, and a beam of rose-gold light with a cross-section as large as its actual form shot out towards Tai Tan.

It was a Spiritual Shock from Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura!

A strong sense of crisis instantly filled Tai Tan's mind. He was very experienced in combat, and once he discovered something was wrong, he immediately reacted.

He stopped advancing and opened his arms, letting out a deafening roar in the direction of Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura.

A projection of the head of a huge ape was released, and it shot straight towards Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Shock.

At that instant, rose-gold light shone brightly.

However, this black ape head was like a shield designed specifically to block spiritual power. It managed to resist the effect of Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Shock.

Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura shone once again. This time, the air started to distort tremendously. A strange blast, invisible and inaudible, occurred within an area of several dozen square meters.

This time, Tai Tan was unable to avoid it. His body stiffened, and there was a look of confusion and pain in his eyes.

It was a Spiritual Blast from Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura!

Huo Yuhao didn't dare to hold back against Tai Tan. He immediately unleashed all his abilities.

His Destiny's Demise, Spiritual Reaving was a powerful soul skill that couldn't be avoided. Tai Tan's spiritual defenses weakened significantly as he was struck by the Eye of the Asura. Although Huo Yuhao didn't know how long these two soul skills would remain effective against a Transcendent Douluo, all he could do now was attack with full force.

Under normal circumstances, Tai Tan wouldn't have been affected by his Spiritual Blast. However, his defense against spiritual power became extremely weak after he was struck by Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Reaving, and he was shocked until his mind went completely blank.

A trace of golden light instantly shone within Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura. This trace of golden light shot forward towards Tai Tan with a strong aura. Not only that, but a streak of transparent golden light scattered on Tai Tan's body first.

It was another soul skill of Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura, Destiny's Adjudication, a soul skill from the Three-Eyed Golden Lion's Skull of Destiny. It had the power to control destiny and could cause misfortune to descend on his opponent. The trace of golden light that shot out was the Golden Dragon's Spear.

However, Huo Yuhao was quickly surprised. When his Destiny's Adjudication, which had never failed before, landed on Tai Tan, Tai Tan seemed to turn illusory. The Destiny's Adjudication penetrated through his body, just like that and landed nowhere.

Huo Yuhao's Golden Dragon Spear instantly appeared. However, Tai Tan seemed to have become clear-minded again. He swept his right hand out and slapped the spear away.

He has recovered from my Spiritual Blast??Huo Yuhao was shocked.

Tai Tan was agitated and roared furiously into the sky. His nine soul rings shone in a cyclical manner, and it was impossible to tell what soul skill he was using.

Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura suddenly sank down, as a strong pulling force came from the ground.

This was... it was like a soul skill controlling gravity. However, it was much stronger than Jiang Nannan's gravitational control.

Tai Tan's fists wrapped around each other, and he lifted them up. After this, he made a hammering motion towards Huo Yuhao. The ape projection behind him that had disappeared reformed again. This black projection, a hundred meters tall, also wrapped its fists together and smashed them down towards Huo Yuhao's head.

Before the fists even reached him, Huo Yuhao could already sense that his Eye of the Asura was about to be crushed.

As lights flashed, Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura disappeared. However, he didn't stop. Instead, he squatted down before springing up and punched out with his right fist.

Remembrance was a very magical thing. The Fist of Remembrance was a fist that contained a surging feeling of remembrance.

Wang Dong'er was so close to him, but he couldn't see her. The sense of remembrance in his heart had already reached its peak. His spiritual and soul power was greatly enhanced, and this fist was the strongest Fist of Remembrance he had ever unleashed.

Huo Yuhao's entire body turned golden instantly. His three energies were completely synchronized at this point. Not only that, but his fist was also filled with an unprecedentedly strong aura. His terrifying spiritual power instantly closed the gap between him and Tai Tan.

BOOM!

Huo Yuhao's sense of remembrance for Wang Dong'er rose, and gold and black clashed in the air. At this instant, Clear Sky Peak seemed to whimper slightly.

The top of Clear Sky Peak was made of extremely hard granite. However, Huo Yuhao's legs were pushed knee-deep into the stone. A trace of blood also flowed out from the side of his lips. Even so, he still managed to block Tai Tan's fist!

Tai Tan had unleashed his fist in a moment of fury. After he unleashed it, he was a little regretful. It was indeed too strong for a Soul Sage like Huo Yuhao.

Tai Tan wanted to retract his power, but he unwittingly unleashed the full force of his fist when he saw the look in Huo Yuhao's eyes. In truth, his judgment was accurate. Huo Yuhao actually managed to block his full force attack. Furthermore, Huo Yuhao's fist contained his spiritual intent, which forced Tai Tan into a momentary trance.

Huo Yuhao exerted force in his legs and leapt out from the hole he had made. He pointed his right hand towards the sky, and an icy-blue projection silently appeared behind him. It was the Snow Empress.

The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass appeared at the same time, surfacing on Huo Yuhao's left arm.

Suddenly, an extreme chill was unleashed from Huo Yuhao's body on the Clear Sky Peak. The extremely low temperature caused the water content in the air to instantly precipitate.

The Snow Lady shone with bright blue light. A streak of icy-blue light also rose from the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass and fell upon the Snow Lady's body. Suddenly, the Snow Lady seemed to grow older by two years, and she grew taller, too. She lifted her right hand and swiped it down, unleashing her Unparalleled Chill, Empress' Sword.

A streak of deep-blue light swept across the sky. Wherever it passed, it cast light upon the view of the Extreme North. The terrifying chill that came from it caused the temperature to fall to below negative one hundred degrees Celsius. Even with Tai Tan's cultivation, he couldn't help but shiver.

As the Snow Lady's hand swept down, Huo Yuhao's right hand also started to move. A streak of golden sword light stuck close to that deep-blue sword light as they slashed out together.

It was the Sword of Longing, a sword which would never be forgotten.

This was a fusion of the Snow Empress' Three Ultimate Techniques and the Three Ultimate Haodong Skills. It was the perfect combination of a Spirit and soul master.

This sword was shockingly powerful after it was strengthened by two Spirits!

Tai Tan finally turned serious. He had never expected Huo Yuhao to possess such abilities after leaving for less than a year.

Whether it was his Spiritual Shock earlier or the combination of his two swords right now, they were strong enough to threaten Tai Tan's safety.

Tai Tan lifted his arms up high, and his body instantly grew in size. His seventh soul ring flashed, and he immediately turned into a huge black-furred ape over five meters tall.

This was his Martial Soul True Body, the Giant Ape Tai Tan!

Tai Tan was obviously not just five meters tall. However, it was a suitable height for resisting attacks. He unleashed an extremely terrifying strength.

He raised his fists towards the sky, and Huo Yuhao felt as if Tai Tan had ripped the sky apart. When he unleashed his fists, a sorrowful cry sounded from above.

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Black, deep-blue, and gold; it didn't matter the color, everything was instantly destroyed. The combination of Huo Yuhao's swords instantly turned into countless streaks of lights before vanishing.

However, Tai Tan's upper body shook slightly after he resisted Huo Yuhao's swords.

He was a Transcendent Douluo! After resisting Huo Yuhao's attack, his body was actually shaking. Furthermore, he revealed a lost look in his eyes again.

Unforgettable... this was the power of Remembrance. The Fist of Remembrance and Sword of Longing forced Tai Tan to feel the crazy sense of remembrance in Huo Yuhao's heart!

Huo Yuhao didn't stop; his body followed his heart. There was only a gentle look in his eyes. As he lifted his right hand, his palm turned transparent gold. The Snow Lady behind him was like his shadow as she moved along with him.

Just as Huo Yuhao was three meters away from Tai Tan, the Snow Lady flowed into Huo Yuhao from behind before drifting forward in front of him. She beat Huo Yuhao to Tai Tan and imprinted her snowy-white palm on his chest.

It was her Unparalleled Chill, Empress' Sword.

The Haodong Palm, a palm which would last eternally.

Tai Tan's momentary trance lasted for only a second before his eyes revealed a furious glare once again. His sixth soul ring suddenly turned from black to gold, and his Giant Ape form was instantly covered by a layer of golden light.

Indestructible Vajra! It was a defensive-type soul skill stronger than an Invincible Barrier, a powerful ability that was fused with his bloodline.

The Snow Lady imprinted her right palm on Tai Tan's body but didn't make any sound. After this, she drifted backward and fused with Huo Yuhao.

While this palm seemed very light and gentle, it was the Snow Empress' strongest attack! The layer of golden light covering Tai Tan's body instantly turned white.

If the Snow Empress unleashed her full strength, Tai Tan would never dare to resist this palm. It was a pity that the Snow Empress was still a Snow Lady right now. She was still in her young state.

However, Huo Yuhao followed by imprinting his Haodong Palm in the same place.

Huo Yuhao only felt as if he had crashed into a towering mountain. Instantly, his right arm let out a series of cracking sounds. If not for the fact that he had become very strong, and his tolerance was extremely great under the nourishment of his life energy, his arm would have fractured.

He felt a stiff feeling in his chest and spat out blood. He was also immediately flung backward.

The defensive strength of the Giant Ape was too great under the effect of Tai Tan's Indestructible Vajra.

White turned back to gold. Tai Tan stood in place without moving. When he unleashed his Indestructible Vajra in his Martial Soul True Body, even a Titled Douluo wasn't able to hurt him.

However, his body still locked up because of the extreme chill he was subjected to. Although the strength of the Snow Lady's Unparalleled Chill wasn't able to surge towards his heart, it was still the Snow Empress' strongest attack!

Moreover, the Haodong Palm still followed after her Unparalleled Chill. Given the strength of the Haodong Palm, Tai Tan's Indestructible Vajra couldn't be overcome. However, this palm was still filled with Huo Yuhao's spiritual intent! Huo Yuhao's spiritual power was much stronger than his spiritual power!

Tai Tan only felt an indescribable wave of spiritual power surging into his brain and spirit. That strong sense of remembrance was filled with sorrowful memories; it was tear-inducing! Tai Tan's eyes turned red, and two streams of tears flowed down his cheeks. His emotions were immersed in this sense of remembrance, and he stood there in a daze. Although he had still unleashed his Indestructible Vajra, he didn't chase Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao was flung away, but he didn't stop fighting. He wasn't the old Huo Yuhao, who would immediately lose his fighting strength after unleashing his Three Ultimate Haodong Skills. He was now the Eye of the Asura, with three Spirits, twin martial souls, and the cultivation of a Soul Sage!

As he flew back, his soul rings flashed. One red, four orange-gold, and two more red soul rings appeared.

The Ice Jade Empress Scorpion's seven soul rings were undoubtedly more dazzling than the seven soul rings of Huo Yuhao's Spirit Eyes. Huo Yuhao's terrifying spiritual power instantly reached an extreme. He shut his eyes, but his Eye of Destiny opened once again.

Without unleashing his Spirit Eyes, his Eye of Destiny still managed to unleash his Spiritual Shock, which struck Tai Tan.

Tai Tan's defense against spiritual attacks weakened significantly while he was stuck in his current state of remembrance and after he was struck by the two soul skills of Huo Yuhao's Eye of the Asura. Fortunately, his Indestructible Vajra could still defend against spiritual power.

He staggered backward. After his spirit was shocked, he wasn't able to maintain his Martial Soul True Body and Indestructible Vajra anymore. He suffered from a splitting headache and quickly retreated.

At this moment, Huo Yuhao changed. His seventh soul ring shone brightly, and a huge projection of an Ice Jade Scorpion appeared behind him. Huo Yuhao immediately fused with this light projection.

This light projection instantly became solid, but the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion didn't appear. Instead, there was a lady in a long, jade-green dress. She looked very cold, arrogant, and elegant. n).OVℰℓℓ1n
She was the Ice Empress.

It was the Ice Empress' Martial Soul True Body, the Ice Empress' Descent!

This Martial Soul True Body was unique. The reason was very simple: Huo Yuhao's second martial soul was alive! A living Martial Soul True Body had to be unique.

Without his fusion with the Skydream Iceworm, he wouldn't have had his second martial soul, which was an Ultimate Ice martial soul. He also wouldn't have been able to fuse with the Ice Empress.

This was only possible with the cooperation of a million-year soul beast and a four-hundred-thousand year soul beast! How could it possibly be replicated?

The Ice Empress' Descent could enable the temporary appearance of the Ice Empress in this Martial Soul True Body state. At the same time, the Ice Empress' original fighting strength could also be unleashed. As for how long the Ice Empress could appear to fight, that was directly related to Huo Yuhao's cultivation.

The Ice Empress looked at Tai Tan coldly. She could already sense how strong he was. As she lifted her right hand, her palm, which was covered with diamond ice crystals, shook slightly, and another projection appeared beside her. It was the Snow Lady.

The Snow Lady grabbed onto the Ice Empress' right hand with her left hand before something strange occurred. The Snow Lady grew at a shocking speed, and her snow-white dress swayed.

Her gaze also became deeper.

As the Ice Empress and the Snow Empress looked at each other, their bodies started to glow with different-colored lights.

This wasn't the end. A strange stalk of grass silently appeared behind their backs. All its leaves turned illusory and only left two diamond-shaped ice crystals behind. These two crystals drifted up and landed on the both of the Snow Empress and Ice Empress' foreheads, making them seem even more regal.

The light that rose from these two empresses seemed to turn solid, and surged forward. The white and jade-green light from their bodies released auras of extremely low temperature. At this moment, the temperature around these two empresses dropped to almost absolute zero. Liquid oxygen was falling around them like misting rain.

A rose-gold vertical eye rose behind them at this moment. Behind this vertical eye, projections of ten golden rings surfaced and flashed subtly.

A rose-gold beam shot out. It was Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Shock again. Even though the vertical eye immediately dissipated and disappeared after this Spiritual Shock was unleashed, this attack still managed to strike Tai Tan.

Tai Tan staggered backward and groaned. His nostrils were already flowing with fresh blood. After his defense against spiritual power was affected by Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Reaving, his resistance had reached a low point.

If not for the fact that Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Shock was controlled by the Skydream Iceworm and not by Huo Yuhao's actual body, he would have been hurt even worse!

The white and jade-green light had completely interwoven by now to form a patch of light that was strange, yet seemed to contain the power of the coldest chill in this heaven and earth.

As white and jade-green interwove, they formed an ultimate Ultimate Ice!

This was the Pride of the Ice and Snow Empresses! It instantly turned into a huge beam of light that charged towards Tai Tan.

Right now, Tai Tan had been affected by the two previous strikes of Spiritual Shock, and couldn't mount an effective defense. He had underestimated Huo Yuhao from the start. He had just wanted to see how Huo Yuhao would perform after months of not seeing him. But Huo Yuhao gave him a huge surprise!

A low-pitched dragon roar sounded at this moment. Following this, a green projection descended from the sky and turned into a barrier that engulfed Tai Tan.

This barrier looked very strange. There were actually nine green dragons revolving around it, which made it look very bright and dazzling.

When the Pride of the Ice and Snow Empresses landed on this barrier, the barrier was stained by the mixture of white and jade-green. However, the nine green dragons still continued to revolve around it. Furthermore, the strength of the Pride of the Ice and Snow Empresses became weaker with every revolution.

Tai Tan was finally clear-headed now. When he saw the situation he was in, he couldn't help but curse. His body flashed with black light. He was about to unleash his soul skills again.

"Aren't you embarrassed enough!?" a furious voice shouted. A figure was standing beside him and grabbing his shoulder. He was flung back towards the gate of Clear Sky Castle, which was now standing open.

The Ice and Snow Empresses re-appeared again. They focused their gaze on this tall and burly man. As lights flashed, they silently disappeared, and Huo Yuhao re-appeared. However, his body shook a little before he collapsed softly to the ground. He had lost consciousness.

As the Ice Empress, Snow Empress, Skydream Iceworm, and Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass unleashed their full powers, even a Soul Sage with twin martial souls wouldn't be able to handle the exhaustion! Huo Yuhao didn't have a contingency plan after unleashing this series of ultimate attacks. In fact, he was unable to fight further due to the emotional changes that he experienced after he unleashed the

Haodong Palm. The attacks that followed were all completed by his three Spirits and the Ice Empress. Huo Yuhao had proved how good and terrifying it was to have Spirits!

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If not for Niu Tian, who had helped Tai Tan block the last attack, the Pride of the Ice and Snow Empresses might have been able to seriously injure Tai Tan, even if it wasn't able to overcome his strong physical body.

"Elder brother, I..." Tai Tan rushed out of Clear Sky Castle again, looking depressed. Right now, there was still blood flowing from his nose.

Niu Tian looked a little gloomy. "Is it even possible for you to be more useless?"

Tai Tan's face turned red at this moment. "Elder brother, I only used thirty percent of my abilities earlier. Who knew that this guy was so perverted? He was able to suppress my spirit and unleash a series of consecutive attacks. I initially thought that he wouldn't be able to hurt me, even if I let him attack all he wanted. But he had some weird strength that was able to lower my spiritual and physical defenses. He's perverted! It's only been a few months! Why does it seem like he has changed completely?"

Niu Tian snorted and said, "This is the guy that our darling chose. It would be weird if he were lousy. If not for me, you would have been in deep trouble." As he spoke, he gestured towards Huo Yuhao. Huo Yuhao drifted over into his arms before his aura was even revealed.

Carrying Huo Yuhao, Niu Tian turned around and entered Clear Sky Castle.

When Huo Yuhao finally regained consciousness, he only felt prickling pain all over his body. His head was still fine, and his spiritual power wasn't drained too much. However, his soul power had been completely over-drafted after he fully unleashed his powers at the last moment.

If this was before he had fused with everything Wang Qiu'er gave him, the Ice Empress and Skydream Iceworm wouldn't have dared to use such powers, his body would have collapsed completely if they did so. Even now, Huo Yuhao was still feeling extremely weak. His muscles and bones were aching, while his soul power had been completely drained. He had no energy at all.

Where is this??Huo Yuhao was in a daze as he looked at the stone ceiling. Suddenly, he felt a little lost.

He had such a feeling every time he unleashed his Three Ultimate Haodong Skills. It was very difficult for him to recover after being so emotionally immersed. Furthermore, this symptom worsened every time he unleashed the Haodong Palm.

It seems like I really have to use the Haodong Palm more sparingly in the future,?Huo Yuhao sighed in his heart. He also slowly recalled everything that had happened earlier.

This should be Clear Sky Castle? Am I inside?

He subconsciously wanted to get up, but the pain that he felt suddenly intensified. He groaned softly before laying back down. He also started to breathe more heavily. n).OV&ll&1n

“Don’t move,” a low-pitched voice ordered. Following this, the door opened, and Niu Tian walked in.

Huo Yuhao looked at him, and subconsciously greeted him, “Uncle Niu Tian.”

Niu Tian didn’t acknowledge his words, but didn’t retort either. He walked to Yuhao’s bedside and watched him with his sparkling eyes.

Huo Yuhao’s hair stood on end. “Uncle Niu Tian, where’s Uncle Tai Tan? Did I defeat him?”

Niu Tian snorted, “You really don’t know your limits! Given your abilities, how could you have defeated Tai Tan? If not for the fact that he intentionally went easier on you, he would have been able to crush you with one attack.” After he finished speaking, Niu Tian felt his face turning a little hot for some unknown reason. He was right in his description about the gap between Huo Yuhao and Tai Tan’s abilities. However, in that fight...

Huo Yuhao instantly seemed to be in low spirits. “Uncle Niu Tian, I know that my abilities are still not good enough. I’m still far from the power that is needed to protect Dong’er. However, can I please see her? I really miss her.” His emotions had become fragile, as his body was weak. When he thought about how he and Dong’er couldn’t see each other even though they were so close, Huo Yuhao felt as if his heart had been stabbed by a knife. His sense of remembrance started to engulf him.

Why did he always become stronger every time he unleashed his Three Ultimate Haodong Skills? Apart from the development of his abilities, it also had to do with his yearning for Wang Dong’er. He would become intoxicated and crazy, which made him stronger. Niu Tian sighed as he saw the state Huo Yuhao was in and said, “Rest first.”

Huo Yuhao was roused, and rushed to say, “My body is fine. Uncle Niu Tian, I can see Dong’er now.” He seemed to gather strength from some unknown place, and crawled up as he tolerated the pain that filled ihm. A dim layer of gold also surfaced on his body and supported him as he sat up.

Niu Tian was a little stunned. He had inspected Huo Yuhao’s body before this, and naturally knew what was going on. Huo Yuhao was able to sit up even though his body had been seriously over-drafted because he relied completely on his spiritual power!

“Lie down and rest first. You can leave once your body is better.” Niu Tian waved his hand, and a gentle strength was transmitted into Huo Yuhao’s body. He was softly forced back down again.

Huo Yuhao was anxious as he said, “Uncle Niu Tian, please let me see Dong’er.” He struggled to get up once again.

Niu Tian said, “It’s not that I don’t want to let you see her. It’s that she’s already not here anymore. How can you see her?”

“What? She’s not here anymore? Dong’er, is Dong’er awake?”

Niu Tian replied, “She indeed awoke some time ago. Her father returned to treat her disease. However, it involves her brain. This is why she has forgotten everything after she woke up. She has also forgotten you. This is why you don’t have to find her anymore. Even if you do, she won’t be able to recognize you.”

“Great.” Huo Yuhao was excited, and almost jumped off his bed. However, he collapsed back onto the bed because of the prickling pain. Although he gritted his teeth in pain, his face was filled with excitement.

Niu Tian was perplexed as he looked at him and asked, “You are happy that Dong’er has forgotten you?”

Huo Yuhao replied, “Of course not. I’m happy because she has awoken, and her disease has been treated too! I don’t believe that she has forgotten me. She couldn’t have. Even if she did, I can make her remember. Uncle Niu Tian, where is she? Please tell me. I can help her regain her memory.”

Niu Tian’s expression turned cold, and he said, “I’ve already said that she’s no longer Wang Dong’er. I don’t know where her father has taken her, either. She’s using her old name once again.”

Huo Yuhao said in a daze, “Nothing else is important. It’s good to know that she’s safe and healthy.”

Niu Tian shook his head as he looked at Huo Yuhao and answered, “A man has to have aspirations, he can’t only be burdened by relationships. Leave once you recover. If you want to know where she’s gone, ask me when you’re a Titled Douluo. Otherwise, it’ll depend on your fate with one another.”

After he finished speaking, he didn’t give Huo Yuhao a chance to ask again. He simply turned around and left.

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Huo Yuhao’s emotions slowly stabilized after Niu Tian left. He laid down on the stone bed and kept telling himself to calm down. He could only think properly if he calmed himself down.

There were a few important pieces of information in Niu Tian’s words earlier. Wang Dong’er had awoken and been treated. That was undoubtedly the most important thing. He had been afraid that Wang Dong’er was in a worse state than just a deep sleep, just like what Wang Qiu’er experienced. He had been afraid that she had left him forever.

Since Wang Dong’er had already awoken and been treated, his biggest problem had been solved. Even though he hadn’t managed to see her, he was still extremely happy and relieved right now.

He recalled what Niu Tian had said to him earlier. From Niu Tian’s tone of voice, he could tell that Niu Tian was lying to him regarding Wang Dong’er’s condition and departure.

While Wang Dong’er’s condition had improved, it was undoubtedly bad news that she had lost her memories and forgotten everything that had happened between them. Furthermore, Niu Tian even mentioned that she had changed her name. She was no longer the old Wang Dong’er. If she wasn’t Wang Dong’er, who was she? What was she called now? Where did she go? Where would her father take her?

All of these doubts appeared in Huo Yuhao’s mind.

It was a pity he couldn’t get answers to these questions. Niu Tian had sounded very determined. He wasn’t going to divulge where Wang Dong’er went, no matter how much Huo Yuhao pestered him. If that was the case, how was he going to find Wang Dong’er?

Niu Tian only gave him two answers earlier. First, Huo Yuhao had to become a nine-ringed Titled Douluo first. That would undoubtedly mean that he possessed enough power to protect Wang Dong'er, and Niu Tian would reveal her whereabouts to him then. Next, it depended on Huo Yuhao's fate with Wang Dong'er. However, the Douluo Continent was so huge. Would he really be able to bump into her?

Yes, it's definitely possible. Huo Yuhao told himself. Qiu'er passed her power of destiny to me. Why can't I have this luck? I must quickly become strong and hope that luck will help me find Dong'er.

After he figured things out, Huo Yuhao's emotions slowly stabilized. Since Wang Dong'er was fine, he was no longer as sad and hurt as he was before. He was instantly determined to recover and follow his original plan. As he increased his abilities, he would wait for lady luck to shine on him.

As he finished thinking, Huo Yuhao used his spiritual power to prop himself up again. He grit his teeth and sat cross-legged while bearing the pain. He activated his spiritual power and started to circulate it within his body according to his soul power circulation. He was trying to recover his drained soul power.

His body was indeed the strongest among those of the same age. His soul power slowly recovered, and started circulating through his body. The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass appeared once again. After his soul power reached a certain level, it started to guide the origin energy of heaven and earth to fuse with his body and speed up his recovery process.

His immense life energy was also extremely effective at helping him recover. In less than six hours, his soul power recovered to its peak state, and the pain he was suffering had also disappeared.

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Niu Tian and Tai Tan didn't see him again. Instead, they had Clear Sky Sect disciples escort him out of Clear Sky Castle.

Huo Yuhao stepped out of Clear Sky Castle and watched its large gates close. He took a deep breath and swore to himself that he would have the strength of a Titled Douluo when he returned the next time. It would be best if he could bring Dong'er back with him at that time!

He tapped his foot on the ground and leapt down from Clear Sky Peak, just like that. He bounced off the side of the mountain continuously as he rushed down as quickly as he could. He plummeted through the clouds before he extended his flying-type soul tool and activated his soul power, transforming into a ray of flowing light as he disappeared into the distance.

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Back inside Clear Sky Castle...

Niu Tian and Tai Tan watched Huo Yuhao leave as they stood by the window in the highest room in the castle. They wore different expressions on their faces.

Tai Tan looked a little gloomy. Evidently, he hadn't gotten over the fight he had just had with Huo Yuhao. He muttered under his breath, "Life has been hard on this guy! But his mind seems a lot more resilient and resolute than last time."

Niu Tian's face was full of admiration and appreciation. "Yes! It wasn't easy for him to become like that at such an age. Hopefully, he can meet that fellow's requirements as quickly as possible. In truth, I can't

bear to watch this kid being tortured like this. Dong'er – oh, I mean our little phoenix – I wonder what she's doing at the moment? I'm hoping that they can meet each other outside..."

Tai Tan said, "That fellow is so cruel. He has quite some skill at torturing people... but do you think our sister knows about this?"

Niu Tian chuckled and said, "It would be strange if he dared to tell her. However, I can understand what he's feeling. He's a man, and when the daughter you love most is being stolen by another man, your mood can't be too good."

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Huo Yuhao didn't proceed towards Shrek Academy after he left the Clear Sky Sect. Right now, he was overwhelmed with emotions, and not just because he had received the good news that Dong'er had recovered. He was also excited because of what he was going to do next.

He had to stop and rest after every two hours because of the state his body was currently in. He found a small city when night fell and stayed the night in a hotel. He continued on his way when dawn broke the next day.

He took another four hours before he finally left the Heavenly Soul Empire's borders and entered the Star Luo Empire's borders. He went straight for the Star Luo Empire's capital city, Star Luo City.

It was midday before Star Luo City was within sight. Huo Yuhao slowed down, descended from the sky and landed on the ground.

Star Luo City was the Star Luo Empire's capital, and their air defenses were very tight and strict. He could run into trouble at any moment within fifty kilometers of Star Luo City, so Huo Yuhao landed on the ground well before that. Furthermore, he didn't have to go into Star Luo City to reach his destination.

Huo Yuhao found a quiet and isolated place that was devoid of people and removed his flying-type soul tool. He withdrew everything that was relatively eye-catching from his body and placed them into his storage-type soul ring. He turned his ring around so that his Starlight Sapphire was facing his palm. Unless he opened his hand for others to look at, nobody would see the dazzling jewel.

He removed Shrek's uniform and put on some hemp clothes before he took out a series of bottles and cans of paints and cremes.

Changing his appearance was part of the training he had received during the Ultimate Soldier Plan. Even though he felt a little unfamiliar with the process as he put on his disguise, his standards were still there.

It didn't take long to change his appearance to that of an unassuming youth who seemed as typical as could be. He looked very simple and honest, and very modest at the same time. He looked like he was a little over twenty years old, his appearance was the kind that was hard to distinguish in a crowd of people.

Huo Yuhao inspected his appearance after making himself up and nodded satisfactorily before he began walking towards Star Luo City. However, his destination wasn't Star Luo City.

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He didn't use soul power, so he didn't move that quickly. After about one hour, a bunch of structures entered his vision.

Huo Yuhao immediately stopped in his tracks when he saw these structures. He clenched his fists slowly and pressed his lips tightly together.

Where was this? This place used to be his home! The White Tiger Duke's residence, the place he had sworn to come back to so that he could avenge his mother. Ever since his mother had passed away, this place was no longer his home. Instead, this had become a place where his enemies lived.

The White Tiger Duke, Dai Yueheng, and Dai Huabin's faces swiftly surfaced in his mind. The hatred and vengeance that Huo Yuhao had suppressed deep within his heart instantly erupted like a fountain.

"I'm back, mother! Even though I'm not strong enough yet, I will be in the future, and I will definitely avenge you for good!"

He picked up his pace as he walked briskly towards the White Tiger Duke's residence. Of course, he wouldn't enter the White Tiger Duke's Mansion. Instead, he proceeded towards a small patch of hills to the side that bordered the White Tiger Duke's residence.

Huo Yuhao had grown up in this place, and he was still very familiar with it even though he hadn't been back here for many years.

He quickly found his destination.

A tall gravestone appeared in the distance. This gravestone was at least two meters tall, and both wide and spacious. Its surroundings were renovated and ornamented with granite and seemed fine and exquisite. There were even carvings of the Emperor Beast on the gravestone's surface, watching over the one interred there.

There was a grave behind this stone, also constructed from granite.

Huo Yuhao's eyes grew wet when he saw this gravestone. He took a few quick steps forward, and the writing on the gravestone's surface was clearly presented to him.

"The Grave of my Wife, Huo Yun." Dai Hao's name was etched below this inscription.

This was the grave of Huo Yuhao's mother, but it was very different from when he had departed this place.

Back then, he was still young and didn't have the means to give his mother a grand burial. He could only use a wooden grave marker that he had carved and sculpted with his own hands, and some loess.

At this moment, his mother's gravestone had been renovated, but it was still located where it used to be. However, it looked entirely different from before.

He had not been back here before, and now someone had renovated his mother's grave. Huo Yuhao was a little dazed as he slowly knelt down in front of his mother's gravestone. The roiling hatred and vengeance in his heart subconsciously dampened, but tears surged out uncontrollably as he placed his head down in front of his mother's gravestone and sobbed loudly.

“Mom! Mom, I’m back! I’m here to see you!” Huo Yuhao had been gone for so many years, and this was the first time that he had returned to pay respects to his mother. His heart was full of guilt.

Huo Yuhao had become increasingly powerful over the years and had worked so hard that he almost didn’t rest at all. He didn’t even dare to think about his mother, because he was afraid that he wouldn’t be able to resist the impulse to avenge her.

More than eight years had gone by since he had left this place. Huo Yuhao had transformed from a weak child to a powerful Soul Sage with twin martial souls after eight years, and everything had changed. He finally had the courage to come back and pay his respects to his mother.

His greatest wish was to avenge his mother, and for the White Tiger Duke, Dai Hao, to kneel in front of his mother’s grave and repent.

His mother’s grave had been renovated, and Dai Hao had rebuilt her gravestone and called her his wife. That was always what mom wanted the most!

But why didn’t Dai Hao do that for her all those years ago? He never visited us, and you had to die so violently in the end... n--0vel**1**n

Huo Yuhao’s longing and yearning for his mother, and the grief carried deep within his heart surged forth continuously, and manifested as tears that splattered all over his mother’s gravestone.

The pressure that he had to bear in his heart over these days, his longing for Dong’er, and his guilt towards Qiu’er seemed to be released through his bitter sobs as his tears flowed uncontrollably.

Huo Yuhao laid down on his mother’s gravestone and fell asleep at some point, and this nap was exceptionally sound and steady.

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He had a dream... he dreamed that his mother was back, and the White Tiger Duke had his hand wrapped around his mother’s waist. The White Tiger Duke had a warm and faint smile on his face he softly called out her name, while his mother’s expression was full of bliss and happiness as she leaned into the White Tiger Duke’s embrace.

Unfortunately, it was all just a dream. Dawn broke on the second day when Huo Yuhao woke up from his dream, his clothes were wet from morning dew, but he felt as if all his grief and despondency had drained out through his tears.

Huo Yuhao knelt down in front of his mother’s gravestone again and kowtowed nine times solemnly.

Huo Yuhao lowered his voice and said, “Don’t worry, mother. I will always remember this hatred, and I will prove to that person that your son is stronger than he is. I can do what he can, and one day, I will return to this place, the White Tiger Duke’s Mansion, rightfully and fairly, and I will tread on every single one of them. I will make everyone repay you with ten times, a hundred times the hurt that they caused you. I will force the White Tiger Duke to welcome you back into the White Tiger Duke’s Mansion and admit that you are his official wife. I will force him to kneel down before your grave to repent!”

Huo Yuhao took out the offerings that he had prepared after his speech and laid them out before his mother’s grave, one by one. He kowtowed heavily a few more times before he stood up. He turned

away, yet glanced at his mother's gravestone because he couldn't bear to leave. He wiped the tears from his face, and his eyes became resolute and determined once more as he strode off into the distance.

He didn't proceed towards Star Luo City. Instead, he picked up his pace as he traveled west. He ran some distance before unleashing his flying-type soul tool and flying rapidly into the distance.

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After two hours, he stopped at a mid-sized city within the Star Luo empire. He created a new identity for himself and purchased documents for thirty golden soul coins, having a light meal before he resumed his journey.

Imperial Radiant City was located in the Star Luo Empire's northwestern corner and was less than a hundred kilometers away from the Ming Dou Mountain Range. It was less than five hundred kilometers from the Heavenly Soul Empire's borders and was one of the Star Luo Empire's important strongholds to defend against the Sun Moon Empire. This city was one of the most important cities in charge of resupply for the front line camps.

There were two reserve legions stationed in this city.

Reserve legions typically had one and half times the troops that regular legions had, and they went through tough and strict training, just like the regular legions. As soon as the regular legions suffered losses on the frontlines, these reserve legions would muster the soldiers to replenish the regular legions.

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Imperial Radiant City's reserves were fully enlisted. The White Tiger Duke was the Western Field Army's marshal, and they might face the Sun Moon Empire's great army at any moment. Nobody dared to slack off or mess around in this place. Therefore, Imperial Radiant City's two Reserve Legions were at their full strength of fifteen thousand men. They could send soldiers to the frontlines within four hours as long as the frontlines needed them to.

Imperial Radiant City was also an important granary for the western corps. The city's walls were tough and thick, and its security was tight and strict. Everything was handled by the White Tiger Duke's most trusted subordinates.

These two Reserve Legions were collectively known as the Western Field Army, and were individually known as the Fourth Reserve Legion and the Sixth Reserve Legion.

Recently, these two armies had started recruiting new soldiers, because a batch of overage soldiers had retired from the army.

The Sun Moon Empire was a great threat, so the Star Luo Empire had cast a wide net for enlisting new blood. This was especially true for veterans who had been to war before, and the empire retained them by treating them extremely well.

But even so, humans had to grow old in the end. The bodies of normal humans would start to age more rapidly after they passed forty, and it became very hard for them to maintain the required condition in

the army. A batch of veterans would inevitably retire every year from both the regular army and the reserves.

New soldiers would have to be recruited to replace those veterans who had retired. The Western Field Army's Sixth Reserve Legion was currently recruiting those new soldiers.

The Fourth Reserve had stopped recruiting just yesterday. Because the atmosphere at the borders were tense, many families from cities along the borders weren't willing to let their children enlist. If their children became soldiers, there was a chance that they would step onto the battlefield, and that meant they could be in danger! Therefore, the Fourth Reserve Legion's recruitment hadn't been that successful.

However, recruitment had its benefits. It was the best way for people mired in poverty to become rich by accomplishing meritorious deeds, and service in the army was the fastest shortcut to rising in social rank. Therefore, there were some youngsters who believed their bodies were sturdy enough, and were brave enough to come forward to join the army.

The Sixth Reserve Legion was stationed on the western side of Imperial Radiant City. The place where they were recruiting new soldiers faced Imperial Radiant City's gate, and everybody moving in or out of the city could clearly see the legion's booth.

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At this moment, several veterans were hollering constantly at youngsters who were walking along the streets.

"The Sixth Reserve Legion is recruiting soldiers. You will be given generous compensation and salaries!. Four silver soul coins are given every month as a soldier's pay, and we will never lower that amount! You will get three meals a day, and two meals are guaranteed to contain meat! Uniforms and weapons will be assigned immediately after you pass an audit! Becoming a soldier is a glorious endeavor! You will be protecting the empire! You are welcome to join the Sixth Reserve Legion!"

These veterans' words were effective, to a certain extent. Many youngsters who were willing to enlist hailed from poor families, and a soldier's pay and food were what they hoped for most. Once they enlisted, they would be given a month's pay, and this amount was enough to change their family's life for quite some time.

A long queue stretched out in front of the recruitment booth. There were twenty-some young and fit men attempting to enlist in the army.

The recruitment booth's setup was simple. Two veterans sat behind a long desk, along with a middle-aged man who looked like an officer. However, everyone could tell from his uniform that his rank wasn't that high, even if he was an officer.

"Name?"

"Ge Dazhuang."

"Age?"

"Twenty-three."

“Please show me your identification document,” the officer said to the youth in front of him.

The youth hurriedly passed a small booklet over. In the Star Luo Empire, everyone had an identification document assigned by the military, and there were simple watermarks along with a seal unique to the city that each citizen was born in. Forging and replicating such documents was relatively complicated. Furthermore, the military could conduct investigations using these identification documents when absolutely necessary.

“Go over there. Find a stone weight that you can lift for us to see.” The officer pointed to a pile of stone weights nearby.

There were about a dozen of them. The largest weight was about the size of a millstone, while the smallest one was at least twenty kilograms.

The recruitment assessment was very simple. New soldiers had their strength assessed, and they would have to go through boot camp. New soldiers who hadn’t gone through at least one year of training weren’t allowed onto the battlefield unless they displayed exceptional prowess.

“Yes!” Ge Dazhuang acknowledged loudly and hurriedly ran over to the pile of stone weights. He weighed several different weights before he found a relatively large one, flexed his arms, and lifted it.

“Up!” Ge Dazhuang exclaimed as he gradually lifted the weight into the air. His face was flushed, and it seemed like he was putting in a lot of effort, but he managed to lift the stone lock above his head in the end. This measurement was considered complete once the recruit raised a weight over his head.

“Yes, not bad! You’re quite strong. You have passed, work hard in the future! The Sixth Reserve Legion is where talents are produced! If you are lucky enough to go to the frontlines, you might even get to accomplish glorious military feats!” The officer picked up a wooden card that read “Private” from the table and handed it to Ge Dazhuang as he finished speaking.

Ge Dazhuang hurriedly thanked the officer with a smile on his face. He could redeem a month’s worth of soldier’s pay from the quartermaster with this wooden card, before he would be assigned a uniform and a weapon.

Most of the youths who came afterwards passed the assessment. Only an excessively skinny youth couldn’t even lift the lightest weight, and was turned away.

“Next!” The officer seemed a little sleepy as he leaned back in his chair and hollered lazily.

A tall and lanky youth walked in front of him and produced his identification document.

The officer could tell that this youth was quite smart and clever. He picked up this youth’s documents and said, “Tang Dong, from Fourleaves City. Born into a farmer’s family. How old are you?”

Tang Dong seemed a little inarticulate. He lowered his head and said, “Sir, I’m nineteen years old.”

The officer was pleased to be addressed as “sir”. He said to Tang Dong, “Go and lift a stone weight.”

“Yes.” Tang Dong walked to the pile of stone locks. He hesitated momentarily before he walked to the stone weight that was about as large as a millstone, weighing almost a hundred kilos.

Tang Dong gripped the stone weight with both hands and exerted the strength in his legs as he suddenly raised the weight into the air. He swayed a little before swinging the weight and raising it above his head.

“Eh!” The officer was taken aback.

Tang Dong placed the stone weight back down on the ground. His face seemed a little flushed, probably because of the strength that he had just displayed.

“Not bad, not bad. You don’t seem very robust, but you are quite strong. Not even I can lift the largest weight!. You have a future! You have passed! Come, take this!” He retrieved a golden card from the small stack of them on the table, and passed it to Tang Dong.

This golden card had “Private First Class” engraved on its surface.

In the Star Luo Empire’s army, privates had the lowest rank, followed by private first class. It was a clear and important gap between the lowest and the second-lowest rank.

Privates first class were treated a lot better than normal privates. They were assigned normal uniforms, and were equipped with simple leather armor and a spear. They were given six silver soul coins every month, while privates were only given four. Privates were only given cloth uniforms and a simple knife.

“Thank you, sir,” Tang Dong replied gratefully, taking the golden card and proceeding to the barracks.

Tang Dong saw a sign with “Quartermaster” written on it stuck in the ground once he walked into the barracks, and there was also an arrow pointing in a certain direction.

Tang Dong paused in his tracks, and a disappointed look appeared on his face before he strode in the direction the arrow was pointing.

Tang Dong... “Tang” from the Tang Sect, and “Dong” from Wang Dong’er. Wasn’t this seemingly honest and simple youth Huo Yuhao, who had just left the Clear Sky Sect and just paid his respects to his mother?

Yes, the Star Luo Empire’s barracks were his destination. He had made this decision long ago in his heart, and he wanted to use his own abilities, just like the White Tiger Duke did all those years ago. He wanted to accumulate merit bit by bit, and reach a high rank. He wanted to use his own strength to prove that he was stronger than the White Tiger Duke. He wanted to stand in front of the White Tiger Duke righteously one day, and he wanted to use his own merit to reach a rank even higher than the White Tiger Duke’s rank. He would reveal his identity when that happened, and he would use his own status within the Star Luo empire to clear his mother’s name, and avenge her!

He didn’t care about power and authority. However, he understood that no matter how strong he was individually, all he could do with his own strength was kill someone if he wanted to avenge his mother. That wasn’t what he wanted. He wanted to use his own accomplishments for the empire to clear his mother’s name and seek justice for her! He wanted his mother to feel rightfully proud because of him, so that she could rightfully be called the White Tiger Duke’s wife!

Huo Yuhao wasn’t willing to take any shortcuts. His reputation was starting to stand out in the Continent, and as long as he was willing to, it wasn’t impossible for him to directly become a high-

ranking officer in the Star Luo Empire's military. However, that wasn't what he wanted... he wanted to take the same path the White Tiger Duke did! The Star Luo Empire was his country, and even though this empire had never given him anything, this place was his ancestral home. He wanted to use his own merits to rise through the ranks.

After all, he was the Spirit Pagoda's honorary Pagoda Master, and also a lifetime member, and he enjoyed a substantial status in Shrek Academy and the Tang Sect. If he appeared in the Star Luo empire with his own identity, he could even affect the Douluo Continent's three native empires' overall situation, even if that sounded like a far-fetched notion.

Huo Yuhao's personal strength was nothing much to the three empires. However, the powers he represented were too strong. Therefore, when he went into closed-door cultivation, he decided that he would use an all-new identity to achieve what he wanted. And so, Tang Dong was born!

The quartermaster was a fatty, and Huo Yuhao could tell that he had quite a lot to eat every day. The man was a little shocked when he saw Huo Yuhao's "Private, First Class" card, but he still gave Huo Yuhao the equipment and compensation that a private first class should receive, and told Huo Yuhao to report to the military drill grounds on the left side of the army barracks.

The Star Luo Empire was wealthy, and one could tell that they were a class above the rest from the equipment they gave their soldiers. The leather armor was made from treated cowhide. Even though this leather armor could only protect one's torso, it was enough to give the soldier a sense of safety after donning it. The spear was about twelve feet long, and made from a very flexible white wood. The spear's steel tip was half a meter long, and it sparkled with chilly light, without a single inch of rust.

Soldiers were given two uniforms, which were made from decent canvas. The uniform was extremely tough, and even though wearing one wasn't very comfortable, the uniform was definitely durable, and resistant to wear and tear.

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Huo Yuhao changed into his uniform and his leather armor on the spot, grabbing his other uniform with his left hand and his spear with his right hand before he jogged towards the drill grounds on the left side of the army camp.

The drill ground was very spacious; Huo Yuhao almost couldn't see the end of it. There were phalanxes hard at work on the drill ground, and cavalry companies riding left and right. The Sixth Reserve Legion's soldiers were clearly training hard.

The Star Luo Empire's military system was arranged in ascending order: small team, medium team, large team, battalion, division, and legion. A small team had ten people. A medium team was made up of five small teams, for a total of fifty people. A large team was composed of three medium teams, for a total of a hundred and fifty people, while a battalion contained three large teams, for a total of four hundred and fifty people. A division consisted of three battalions, with a total of one thousand three hundred and fifty people, while a regular legion consisted of six divisions, seven thousand two hundred and ten soldiers. Adding in transportation units and logistics units, as well as other auxiliary units, a legion contained about ten thousand people in total.

The reserves were a little different. Every Reserve Legion consisted of nine divisions of soldiers, and in addition to other auxiliary units, a Reserve Legion had about fifteen thousand people.

Huo Yuhao quickly found the assembly point for new soldiers, because the veteran soldiers who were undergoing training here were in strict formation, and seemed very intimidating. On the other hand, several hundred new soldiers were assembled not far from where he was, and they seemed a lot more relaxed and loose in comparison. They didn't stand properly, their postures were loose and undisciplined, and there were even people who loafed at the back, or were sitting down on the ground.

Huo Yuhao hurriedly ran over once he found this group.

There were three men standing in front of those new soldiers, who looked like officers. Distinguishing officers was very simple: those who wore golden armor were definitely officers, and were at least medium team leaders.

Soldiers like Huo Yuhao, who were also wearing a private first class' leather armor, would typically become small team leaders. Medium team leaders wore chainmail armor, and only large team leaders or officers ranking higher than large team leaders could wear plate armor. Officers like battalion commanders, division commanders, and legion commanders wore armor that was made from a different material. They were distinguished from each other with special markings, such as the color of the plume feathers on their helmets, or the color of their capes, the equipment of their bodyguards, etc.

The bodyguards of the Western Field Army's marshal, White Tiger Duke Dai Hao, had all been wearing chainmail armor. This meant that they were all at least medium team leaders.

"Recruit Tang Dong, reporting." Huo Yuhao walked briskly up before those three officers. He didn't know any military salutes, but he knew how to stand at attention.

All three officers were wearing chainmail armor. When they saw the leather armor on Huo Yuhao's body, their faces showed some surprise.

The officer who was standing in the middle had a tough and muscular frame, and seemed to be around thirty years old. He said, "Eh, you must be the one who became a private first class. Seems like your physique isn't bad. Your name's Tang Dong, right? Come here." He waved at Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao quickly took a few steps forward and arrived in front of the three officers.

Huo Yuhao's consciousness twitched, but he couldn't feel any soul power undulations from these three officers. Officers were typically promoted for two different reasons: the first was a promotion from an accumulation of military merits, while the second was promotion from an increase in fighting strength.

However, officers who rose through the ranks because of their fighting strength typically didn't become commanders. Normal soldiers also had chances to become high-ranking officers, and would have to accumulate military merit. However, their rise through the ranks was a lot more challenging compared to soul masters.

In the end, a soul master was considered the most exalted and powerful profession on the Douluo Continent. No matter how much effort a normal person put in, he would almost certainly be defeated and killed by a soul master if he fought one alone on the battlefield.

The officer scrutinized Huo Yuhao for a few moments. He couldn't tell from Huo Yuhao's appearance how he was any different from a normal person. He frowned and said, "Tang Dong, how did you become a private first class?"

Huo Yuhao smiled simply and honestly and said, "Sir, I am quite strong, and the recruiting officer let me become a private first class because of that."

"You're strong? Come, let's try." He reached out toward Huo Yuhao with his right hand as he spoke.

Huo Yuhao switched his spear to his left hand and draped his uniform over his left arm so that he could free up his right hand. Huo Yuhao's right hand gripped the officer's right hand, and the officer's palm immediately contracted as a wave of strength considered quite strong for normal people compressed Huo Yuhao's right hand.

But how could this little bit of strength be anything to Huo Yuhao? He didn't even have to use any soul power; his physique was already much stronger than normal people!

Huo Yuhao didn't push back. Instead, he let the officer twist and clutch as much as and however he wanted. The officer felt as if Huo Yuhao's palm was made from steel, and he couldn't make Huo Yuhao move an inch no matter how much strength he used.

"Very strong!" This officer didn't continue the contest. These lower-ranked officers were all veterans in the army, and he didn't want to embarrass himself in front of so many recruits. He tested Huo Yuhao for a moment more before he released his grip, and gestured at the recruits in front of him. "Join the formation."

"Yes, sir." Huo Yuhao acknowledged as he turned and jogged into the recruits' ranks.

Most of these recruits had curious and novel looks on their faces. Everybody watched the other soldiers train not far from where they were. Some of them were rubbing their fists, and some were so lazy and idle that they were lying around in different positions. Everyone was in a different position. However, the officers didn't say anything to restrict them. They were just standing in front of everyone and speaking softly, chattering amongst themselves.

Their behavior could confuse others, but how could they confuse the Eye of the Asura Huo Yuhao, whose spiritual power was already in the concrete-material realm?

Huo Yuhao paid a little more attention, and discovered that although these three officers seemed like they didn't care about those recruits, but in reality, their attention was indeed focused on the recruits, and their eyes became sharp and focused from time to time as they observed them.

Naturally, Huo Yuhao didn't remind the recruits behind him. Instead, he stood up straight near the edge of the formation, and didn't move an inch as he waited calmly.

New soldiers continued streaming in and adding themselves into the formation, and this group of recruits became larger and larger.

They were around five hundred in total when noon arrived.

One of the three officers suddenly turned and jogged away. It didn't take long before another officer wearing sparkling silver steel plate armor was escorted back by the officer who had jogged away in front of these recruits.

This new officer's aura was conspicuously different. He was tall, and his rectangular face had hints of majesty and dignity.

These recruits had been standing around for a long time, and they were already wandering in all directions, but they shaped up a little now. Even they could tell that this new officer was quite a high-ranking one.

The officer planted himself in front of those five hundred recruits. The officer in chainmail armor who had just wrestled with Huo Yuhao suddenly hollered at the top of his voice, "Squad, attention!" He was very loud, and his voice sounded like rolling thunder. Many recruits were startled by his voice and shivered in response. Everyone actually quieted down within a few moments.

The officer in plate armor surveyed the recruits as he lowered his voice and said, "Listen up! From the moment that you enlisted into the Sixth Reserve Legion, you've become one of the Star Luo Empire's glorious soldiers! A soldier's sacred duty is to follow orders, and a soldier that fails to follow this rule will be dealt with according to military law!

"I am Zhuang Tian, the large team leader of the second large team of the third battalion of the Sixth Reserve Legion's seventh division! You recruits will be under my charge over the next three months. Now, your bunks will be assigned, and your tasks delegated! Fighting soldiers will stand to my left after this, and auxiliary soldiers will stand to my right."

This speech sounded very simple, but it emanated a somber sternness. This large team member was a soldier who had been on the battlefield and seen blood before. His ferocious aura instantly sent chills down the recruits' spines.

This officer waved his hand, and the officer in chainmail armor immediately took a few steps forward. He took out a name list from somewhere and raised his voice as he read, "Tang Dong, fighting soldier. In charge of the bunk for large team one."

Huo Yuhao hadn't expected his name to be called out first, but his reactions were quick, and he instantly ran to the large team leader's left side and stood at attention. He was standing up straight and didn't move a muscle, just as he had been doing, but his expression was a little foolish and naive from beginning to end.

Names were called out one after another, and more and more people quickly stood behind Huo Yuhao. However, some soldiers appeared on the other side, and the recruits who were assigned there had black faces. Auxiliary soldiers and fighting soldiers had very different statuses in the military. Under normal circumstances, only fighting soldiers could accumulate enough military merit to be promoted, while auxiliary soldiers would have far fewer chances.

Many auxiliary soldiers seemed very unconvinced, but they didn't dare to protest because they were intimidated by the large team leader's might. They just muttered under their breath.

The officer took more than an hour to read through the list of five hundred people. Huo Yuhao had been counting silently the entire time; in the end, two hundred soldiers were assigned to be auxiliary soldiers, while three hundred were chosen as fighting soldiers.

The large team leader slowly turned around after the last recruit joined the line that he was supposed to. He turned towards the group of auxiliary soldiers as he lowered his voice and said, “Do you know why you guys are auxiliary soldiers? You have been selected after an integrated assessment. Everyone has been monitored and observed ever since you joined, and every word and every gesture that you made, along with your physique, were all part of this criteria. In the end, you guys aren’t qualified to become fighting soldiers.

“Now, you have two choices – one, remain as auxiliary soldiers. Auxiliary soldiers will receive the same pay as normal fighting soldiers, but it will be hard for you guys to get a promotion. Second, you can return everything that you’ve claimed from the quartermaster and leave the camp. But you have to remember, once you leave the camp, your names will be recorded, and the army will never take you in again. If you remain as auxiliary soldiers, you might have a chance to become a fighting soldier if your performance is outstanding. For now, you will be given ten minutes to consider. I want an answer from everyone after ten minutes!”

Zhuang Tian turned towards the three hundred fighting soldiers after he made his speech to the auxiliary soldiers. His face suddenly darkened as he said coldly, “Recruits! Don’t think that everything is over just because you guys have been chosen as fighting soldiers! Let me tell you, in the basic military training that you will receive in the subsequent three months, you will be eliminated and demoted to an auxiliary soldier if you don’t pass! Only those who pass this training with flying colors can become fighting soldiers!

“Don’t think that I am being harsh; I am trying to be responsible for you and your family! Only the most outstanding soldiers are worthy of stepping onto the battlefield! Otherwise, you will only be going to your deaths! In that case, it’s better for you to remain in the backlines or go back home to farm!

“You may return to your respective bunks that we have just assigned to take care of any arrangements there, and you may have lunch! Assemble here in two hours!”

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Several simple statements taught these recruits who had just entered the army camp a new lesson. Their laziness and idleness from before was a lot more toned down, and the three officers in chainmail armor led them off to the army barracks.

The three hundred fighting soldiers were led to ten bunkhouses. Each bunkhouse was quite spacious, and each one could accommodate thirty soldiers. Huo Yuhao’s bunk was the first among these ten bunks. Furthermore, according to their allocations earlier, he was in charge of this bunk. This meant that the affairs within his bunk were temporarily in his command.

Complaints and curses started as soon as all thirty soldiers entered the bunkhouse.

“Aiyo, I’m so tired! We’ve been standing the entire morning, and only now are they letting us eat. I guess it’s not so easy being a soldier after all!” one skinny recruit mumbled with a gloomy look on his face.

Another relatively fatter soldier said, “Let’s not talk about that, I’ve been cooked to the point where I’m sweating oil! Thirty people staying together! This bunk is already starting to smell! We’re going to have a tough time. If I’d known all this, I wouldn’t have enlisted as a soldier! My dad insisted that I train myself in the military... this really makes people speechless.”

Similar voices rang out in every corner of Huo Yuhao’s bunkhouse.

Huo Yuhao found a berth for himself in the corner after he entered the room, a bunk actually meaning a simple cot. It was a straw mat laid out over a wooden frame, and a thin mattress was laid out on the straw mat, with a blanket on top of the mattress. This was the standard setup for every bunk in the room.

Huo Yuhao had no complaints about this because he didn’t care about it at all. He placed his uniform on the blanket and his spear to one side. He didn’t even need his eyes to see – his spiritual power covered the entire room. There were twenty-nine other people in his room, and every single person was now within his perception. Nobody could hide anything under his careful observation.

Most of the others were still complaining. They were clearly unadjusted to army life, but there were some others who were very calm, such as a soldier roughly twenty years of age on a bunk not far from Huo Yuhao. His build was average, and he looked very composed. Furthermore, there were dashes of coldness between his eyebrows. He clearly didn’t quite fit in with the other recruits.

Besides Huo Yuhao, there were six others among the group who could face the novelty of entering army life with a relatively calm attitude. They quickly packed their things up properly, and two of them stood up and were about to go out to eat.

Huo Yuhao stood up and suddenly clapped his hands.

“Clap, clap, clap!” Three crisp sounds could be heard, and Huo Yuhao immediately attracted every recruit’s attention.

“Quiet down for a moment, everyone. Let me say a few words.” Huo Yuhao spoke with a faint smile on his face. He had changed his appearance to someone who had a very simple and honest look, and this smile made him seem even more so. Furthermore, his smile even seemed a little rustic.

Everyone stared at the leather armor that Huo Yuhao was wearing, and he had their attention. The entire room actually quickly quieted down.

Huo Yuhao said, “My brothers, we have all reported to a new army camp today, and today is our first day. Everyone must have seen what happened just now; if we don’t perform well, we might just be allocated to become an auxiliary soldier. I don’t think anyone wants to become an auxiliary soldier, right? Since we have been allocated into the same squad we will be brothers-in-arms in the future. We have to fight and slay our enemies together if we get to go onto the battlefield.

“Our three months of basic military training will be very important for us. That officer already said that only those who perform excellently can truly become fighting soldiers. That means we are up against the recruits from the nine other bunks. They are all our rivals and competitors. If we want to become fighting soldiers, then we have to perform better than they do. That means teamwork is paramount.

“We’re all recruits, and everyone in the other bunks won’t be familiar with one another. Everyone is still like a plate of scattered sand. If First Bunk’s brothers can unite, then none of the other bunks will be a match for us. We will move forward and backward together in the future. What do you guys think?”

Huo Yuhao’s speech was quite inciting. Juxtaposed with his tone, and with an infusion of a thread of his spiritual power, most of the recruits in First Bunk were moved.

However, there were also dissident voices. The fatso that was complaining before this slanted his mouth and said, “Do you really think you’re in charge? Don’t you just have some leather armor on you? We’re all recruits, what makes you think you can tell us what to do? Let’s not bother with him, everyone. Let’s go and eat!” He turned and walked out as he spoke.

There were several other recruits like him who had indifferent expressions. Mocking looks flashed across their faces when they heard his words.

Huo Yuhao’s eyes flickered as he bolted forward, and he blocked the fat recruit’s path with a few steps.

He withdrew his simple and honest smile, and he stared seriously at the fat soldier in front of him. “What I just said isn’t just a suggestion. It’s also an order.”

The fat soldier glared at Huo Yuhao and said, “Fuck, who do you think you are? What makes you think you can control me? Fuck off!” He reached out with a large hand that resembled a cattail-leaf fan as he spoke, and he attempted to shove Huo Yuhao on the chest.

Huo Yuhao smiled faintly, and he raised his left hand and pinched the web between the fat soldier’s thumb and his forefinger. The fat soldier stumbled and slammed towards Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao slanted his body towards one side and stepped lightly with the tip of his foot on the tip of the fat soldier’s foot. The fatso immediately lost his balance and fell face-first to the ground.

“Our superior has said that I am the person in charge of First Bunk. That means I have to be responsible for everyone. You don’t have to listen to my orders, and you can be unconvinced of my authority. You can leave as long as you defeat me. Furthermore, if you manage to do so, I will report to the superior and relinquish my duties as the person in charge of this bunk.”

The fatso who had just crashed to the ground roared as he leapt to his feet and charged at Huo Yuhao once more.

Huo Yuhao didn’t move at all. He placed his feet at shoulder-width and squatted down a little in a horse stance. Huo Yuhao let the fatso slam against the side of his body.

The fatso was quite heavy, and adding in his forward momentum, the impact was relatively forceful. However, the moment that he slammed against Huo Yuhao, he felt as if he were slamming into a wall, and he bounced out after their collision. He rolled across the floor several times before he could stabilize himself, and knocked himself so dizzy that he looked like he couldn’t get up at all.

Huo Yuhao didn’t even look at him. “Who else wants to try?”

The other recruits stared at him with slightly different expressions after this display. Quite a few soldiers were thinking to themselves, “This fellow can wear leather armor... he is quite different from the others!”

Huo Yuhao wasn't hasty at all, and just waited there quietly.

The calm youth that Huo Yuhao had paid attention to before this stepped out and came in front of Huo Yuhao. He said, "I agree with how you're getting us to work together. However, I want to try you."

"Come!" Huo Yuhao nodded at him.

This youth growled as he took a quick step forward. His movements were very agile, and when he was right front of Huo Yuhao, he bent down and punched at Huo Yuhao's abdomen. This soldier moved at lightning speed, and his actions were very smooth.

Huo Yuhao extended his right hand and blocked the fist. The youth pulled back very quickly, but Huo Yuhao was faster. His fingers were like an iron claw that locked the youth's fist inside his palm. Huo Yuhao shook his right arm a little and threw the youth into the air.

The youth felt as if his entire body was going soft, and all the strength in his body was about to be shaken away by Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao lifted his left leg and pushed lightly on the youth's waist. He released his right hand, and the youth returned to his original posture, sore and unsteady. He couldn't use any strength at all, and only barely regained his balance after swaying a little and his lost strength gradually returned to him.

This youth cupped his fists and said, "I'm convinced. My name is Wang Xiaodian, and I will listen to you in the future."

Huo Yuhao smiled faintly and nodded in his direction. Even though this youth didn't have any soul power, he was very agile, and his physique could be considered relatively impressive among normal human beings.

After these two episodes, everyone else's expressions were conspicuously different from before as they stared at Huo Yuhao. Those recruits who were indifferent and a little disdainful before this withdrew their expressions. Even though their appearances subtly revealed that they were still a little unconvinced, nobody expressed their thoughts.

Huo Yuhao suddenly wanted to laugh, because these recruits reminded him of how things had been when he had just entered Shrek Academy. Back then, he and Dong'er were class monitors. Weren't they the ones leading their classmates to train and cultivate every day?

"If nobody has any more objections, let's go eat. Form up, and let's go." Huo Yuhao finally turned as he spoke, and was the first to leave the room.

The recruits were intimidated by his formidable display, and they actually listened to him as they streamed out of the room one by one. Huo Yuhao briefly arranged them in formation outside the room, and they stood in three rows as they marched neatly towards the army canteen.

The military's dining area was unsheltered, and the logistical soldiers responsible for food delivered the meals they had prepared to every respective large team. Every large team had a place where they were supposed to eat together.

When Huo Yuhao brought First Bunk's other twenty-nine recruits to the canteen, there were already many soldiers eating there.

Large Team Two seemed to only have these three hundred recruits. The other auxiliary soldiers from before weren't here, and quite a few soldiers had already finished their meals and were enjoying some fruits and desserts.

The food was quite good. There was steaming meat soup in a giant metal wok that resembled an enormous vat, with vegetables and steamed buns.

The large team leader Zhuang Tian was standing behind the counter. He was personally serving his recruits, and the recruits were very quiet with him around. The other three officers in chainmail armor were standing by his side, helping him.

Huo Yuhao nodded with approval when he saw this. The Star Luo Empire's military is quite high-quality! Their recruitment process from before was great, and now the large team member is personally serving food for his recruits, and that's great too. These commanders are showing grace and a firm hand at the same time.

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Zhuang Tian and the three medium team leaders were a little surprised when they saw Huo Yuhao leading First Bunk's recruits in neat rows to get their meals. These recruits hadn't seemed very disciplined to them, and even though there were some who behaved well, like Huo Yuhao, the batch was generally not too impressive.

Thus, these commanders truly didn't expect Huo Yuhao to be able to restrain these recruits so quickly.

Huo Yuhao brought his comrades and paused in front of the wok that contained the meat soup. He raised his voice and said, "All thirty recruits from First Bunk are here to eat. Greetings, large team leader."

Zhuang Tian's expression was a lot warmer than before. He smiled and said, "Well done. Come, eat."

Huo Yuhao wasn't the first to get his meal. He took the lunch plate that Zhuang Tian passed him and turned around and passed it to the recruit behind him. He repeated this action while he continued reminding First Bunk's recruits to keep in line.

The recruits quickly got their meals in an orderly fashion before Huo Yuhao brought them to a shady place and let everyone sit down to eat. After everything had been settled, he returned to Zhuang Tian and got himself a lunch plate.

"Your name is Tang Dong, right?" Zhuang Tian asked as he served him a bowl of meat soup.

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "Yes, sir."

Zhuang Tian smiled faintly and said, "You've done well. Keep at it."

"Yes, sir." Huo Yuhao carried his food and jogged back to his bunk's recruits, and they ate together.

Zhuang Tian smiled faintly as he watched Huo Yuhao move. He nodded and said, "Not bad... he has potential. Which one of you is in charge of his bunk?"

The middle-aged man that had arm-wrestled Huo Yuhao before said, "Boss, I am in charge. I am also the one who chose this fellow. He's quite strong, at least not any weaker than I am. I didn't expect him to be able to do this. He's managed to keep his bunk in such order when they've only just entered the army camp. He has some tricks up his sleeve!"

Zhuang Tian nodded and said, "Yes, he's very impressive. However, we should test him a little more. Send someone to investigate his identity, to ensure that there's nothing wrong with him."

"Alright."

Huo Yuhao smiled faintly as he enjoyed his meal. He had long ago considered that they would check his identity, so he spent a little more money when forging his documents so that he could eliminate all possible loopholes. Huo Yuhao could practically remain undiscovered even if he was investigated on a national level. He had spent a hundred gold soul coins to fabricate his identity, and had confirmed that everything was alright again and again.

Lunchtime was over, and Huo Yuhao led First Bunk's recruits back to their bunk as a group to rest. Two hours for eating and resting wasn't considered long, and their afternoon assembly time quickly arrived.

Out of the three hundred recruits, not a single one was late. Evidently, the assigning of fighting soldiers and auxiliary soldiers in the morning left a dark shadow on their hearts. First Bunk's recruits, with Huo Yuhao leading them, were the first to arrive on the military drill ground. Many recruits were discreetly complaining, and they resented Huo Yuhao for that, but their resentment immediately vanished when they arrived at the military drill ground... because the large team leader, Zhuang Tian, and the other three medium team leaders were already there, standing straight on the drill ground. Zhuang Tian smiled when he saw them arrive, and he even nodded in their direction.

Encouragement from superiors was clearly quite compelling for these recruits. Their resentment and complaints at being forced to come early disappeared, and everyone stood up straight. Everyone knew the benefits of showing themselves in front of their superiors.

Huo Yuhao jogged up before Zhuang Tian as he raised his voice and said, "Reporting to you, sir! The recruits from the First Bunk of Team Two, of the Third Battalion, of the Seventh Division, of the Sixth Reserve Legion are all present. Please advise!"

Zhuang Tian nodded and said, "Very well. Rejoin your lines and place your feet at shoulder-width. This is standing at ease. When I say 'attention', you have to close your legs and stand up straight."

"Yes, sir." Huo Yuhao acknowledged once and swiftly ran back to his position. His thirty recruits were all standing at ease.

After almost ten minutes, the recruits from the other bunks arrived, one after another. However, they were clearly not sorted by bunks, and everyone was scattered. But at least nobody was late.

"Squad, attention!" one of the mid-team leaders shouted.

Zhuang Tian surveyed the recruits, who were standing up as straight as they could. He raised his voice and said, "Comrades, we will be brothers-in-arms from now on. Let me introduce these three officers standing beside me."

He pointed towards the medium team leader who had tested Huo Yuhao's strength as he spoke and said, "This is Shi Shuo, Medium Team One's leader."

He pointed to the other two and said, "Yun Tian, Medium Team Two's leader. Long Shun, Medium Team Three's leader."

"Our large team should have a hundred and fifty fighting soldiers, but there are three hundred of you here. Do you know why this is so? This means that after the next three months of basic military training, I have the authority to reduce one hundred and fifty of you to either auxiliary soldiers or send you home. However, I hope that more people can stay behind, and perhaps even the entire lot of you can stay behind, so that we can add one more large team. What happens will all depend on your results after training."

"A soldier's sacred duty is to follow orders. The first lesson I want to teach you today is how to follow orders. Shi Shuo, Yun Tian, Long Shun."

"Sir!" The three medium team leaders stood up straight as they shouted at the same time.

Zhuang Tian said solemnly, "Everyone will stand at attention from now on. Recruits are allowed to faint, but they cannot slack off, and they cannot relax. We will continue until sunset. Whip those who slack off or relax."

"Yes, sir!"

Zhuang Tian turned to leave after giving his instructions. The three medium team leaders smiled sardonically before they drew horsewhips from their waists and walked towards the recruits.

"I'm sure everyone heard the large team leader's words. Stand up straight, everyone. Otherwise, the whip will show no mercy."

Aren't we just standing around?? Most recruits didn't think too much about it. Everyone stood up as straight as they could. Nobody wanted to be whipped!

The three medium team leaders' eyes were tinged with pity towards those recruits whose backs were especially straight. Veterans all knew that they would rather climb mountains and cross rivers than stand at attention! Standing at attention tested one's willpower the most, but this was the best training for recruits.

Walking underneath the sun wasn't much, but after standing for a long time...

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An hour passed.

These recruits were all youngsters. They were at least eighteen years old, and none were older than twenty-five. Those who dared to enlist had decent physiques, but after one hour of standing, some recruits were starting to sway and waver.

Their bodies couldn't move, and that meant their blood circulation wouldn't be smooth. In addition to the fact that they were standing up so straight, their muscles began to hurt after a while, and their breathing became a little forced and hindered. Many of their uniforms were soaked with sweat.

The three medium team leaders didn't bother much with those soldiers who were swaying and wavering. However, they immediately whipped anyone that wanted to slack off and laze around. They didn't whip them hard, but every lash still gave those recruits a burning reminder.

Huo Yuhao was just standing there. His eyes were calm, and he wasn't standing up that straight, but he didn't relax one bit. He was standing steadily and stably as if he were a statue, while his heart and mind were already immersed in meditation.

With his current cultivation, he didn't have to sit down and cross his legs to enter meditation. He could enter that special realm in any state.

Huo Yuhao's mood was lifted a little after he paid his respects to his mother, and he gradually got into character as Tang Dong after coming to this place. Standing at attention was painful and torturous to the other recruits, but this was almost considered the best kind of rest for him.

Huo Yuhao had been hustling too much, and his feelings had been going through roller coasters. He finally had some time to calm himself down. He was satisfied with this, and he even felt as if this was a little luxurious. However, he liked this feeling.

Huo Yuhao couldn't forget that when he had saved the White Tiger Duke, his bodyguards had resolutely decided to jump down the cliff to their deaths so that they wouldn't hold him back. That scene had shaken him, and also made him passionate about the military.

A soldier's sacred duty is to follow orders, and a soldier's mission is to protect his nation. I have grown up, and I have joined the army to serve my nation. Even though he was just a recruit, Huo Yuhao was full of pride at what he was doing.

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Two hours went by.

"Kerplunk, kerplunk..." Two recruits finally couldn't take the torture of standing at attention anymore, and they fell to the ground. The temperature wasn't that high at the moment, or they would have gone down a lot quicker.

Army medics instantly appeared and carried away those who had fainted.

More and more soldiers crumpled to the ground over the next hour. Of course, there were those who pretended to faint, but the army medics weren't fooled at all. They gave each person who pretended to faint ten lashes, and nobody else dared to pretend afterwards.

The three medium team leaders stood together, and whispered to each other from time to time.

"This batch of recruits is of average quality, but there aren't many troublemakers after all. I remember when we were training a new batch of soldiers the last time. Everyone rioted collectively after standing at attention for too long. That was exciting!" Shi Shuo muttered softly to his companions.

Yun Tian chuckled and agreed, "Rioting, that was great! How comfortable is it to beat people up justly and rightfully?"

"You're so violent," Long Shun snapped.

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Three hours went by, and there were only a hundred soldiers left standing. Furthermore, most of them were shaking and swaying, and looked like they could fall to the ground at any moment.

The three medium team leaders' expressions grew serious and solemn. They paced continuously beside the remaining recruits, and observed their expressions. Those recruits whose faces were too pale were immediately escorted away by army medics to rest.

In terms of overall endurance, Huo Yuhao's bunk wasn't that much better than the other bunks. At this point, there were only half a dozen people from his bunk left.

Huo Yuhao's spiritual power was so powerful that his perception was exceptionally strong even if he didn't deliberately direct his senses. Wang Xiaodian was amongst those who remained, and several other youths that he had observed before also remained. One youth who wore a grave and stern look on his face even emanated soul power undulations!. Even though his soul power undulations weren't that strong, a soul master enlisting in the army and starting as a normal fighting soldier was quite interesting...

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Huo Yuhao's soul power undulations didn't leak out at all. With his current physique, he would have no problem standing for three days and three nights. Since he had decided to present himself as "Tang Dong", he wouldn't use his abilities as a soul master unless absolutely necessary, but Huo Yuhao had absolutely no trouble standing out and performing better than normal soldiers with his strength, his experience in combat, and his physique.

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Most of the remaining recruits couldn't take it after yet another hour passed. Recruits dropped to the ground one after another around them, while Huo Yuhao and the other recruit with a grave look on his face remained.

That recruit was sweating profusely, and when his body felt very uncomfortable, he would quietly circulate soul power and readjust his condition. Using that method, he could also keep himself in this position for a very long time. He glanced at Huo Yuhao from time to time, attempting to sense Huo Yuhao's soul power undulations, but he couldn't discover anything at all.

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Four hours had now gone by. The sun was starting to dip over the western horizon, and it was just one hour away from evening. Most of the recruits who had collapsed to the ground were treated and sorted by the army medics. They were given a little salt water, and most of them recovered after resting. They stared at Huo Yuhao and the stern-looking youth who were still standing, and couldn't help but admire them. In the army, the strongest individuals were the most respected and admired.

Even some of the the recruits in Huo Yuhao's bunk who still resented him felt their resentment slowly dampen.?He's so powerful. No wonder he can become a private first class, and he can stand longer than everyone else even though he's wearing leather armor.?Leather armor provided decent protection on

the battlefield, but it had some weight. Leather armor was also good at “keeping warm” when a soldier was standing at attention.

A clattering of horse’s hooves were heard. Furthermore, these horses were coming towards them, and the recruits all turned and looked in the hoofbeats were coming from.

Two horses arrived side by side. Zhuang Tian, their large team leader, sat on one of these horses, while another high-ranking commander in plate armor sat on the other horse. Almost everyone’s eyes widened when they saw this commander. They were incredulous, and some were even a little mesmerized.

Yes, this high-ranking commander was a lady, and a beautiful one, at that. She had large eyes, and her golden hair draped and fluttered behind her head. She was slim, and her body ratios were good. Her plate armor seemed to have been tailor-made to her frame, fit tight to her, and brought out her figure.

Her skin couldn’t be considered fair, but had a healthy wheat color. She seemed valiant and heroic as she sat on her horse, and was truly enchanting. Everyone could tell from the white cap behind her back that she was a battalion commander. Battalion commanders were considered mid-level ranks in the military, and if she could be promoted to a division commander, she would officially be a high-ranking officer.

At the same time, battalion commanders were considered natural moats for many lower-level officers. Many large team leaders would put in a lot of effort throughout their entire careers, but never get beyond that rank.

The appearance of this beautiful battalion commander who looked only a little older than twenty instantly ignited these recruits’ hormones. Those who were sitting on the ground and resting didn’t need their superiors to order them; they swiftly got to their feet one after another and stood at attention. However, their bearing wasn’t proper, and their appearances still reflected the state they were in before this.

The two horses arrived in front of everyone in the blink of an eye. Zhuang Tian was a little surprised when he saw that two recruits were still standing. Quite some time has gone by. These two recruits have quite some discipline and quality to remain standing after more than four hours while burning under the sun! Zhuang Tian focused, and Huo Yuhao was the first person he noticed, before he glanced at the grave-looking youth behind him.

The beautiful battalion commander and Zhuang Tian stopped at the same time, pulling on their reins.

The three medium team leaders swiftly stepped forward and saluted the lady battalion commander. They raised their voices and said, “Greetings, battalion commander!”

The beautiful battalion commander had quite a demeanor. She only nodded in their direction before she waved at Zhuang Tian to signal something.

Zhuang Tian shouted, “Assemble, everyone!”

All the recruits ran over as rapidly as if they had been pumped with adrenaline, and formed up. The beautiful lady’s charm seemed to transcend the large team leader’s majesty and intimidation, and those recruits’ exhausted bodies were replenished by the force of their hormones.

Everyone could see the battalion commander's beauty more clearly as they came closer. Her nose bridge was sharp and straight, and her rosy lips were wet. Her face was a little skinny, but her large blue eyes were sparkling with energy and spirit. Even though her figure wasn't exceptionally stunning, the lines on her armor perfectly brought out her mesmerizing female charms.

Zhuang Tian was relatively pleased with his recruits' behavior. He surveyed them as he raised his voice and said, "Let me introduce everyone. This is the battalion commander of the Seventh Division's Third Battalion within the Sixth Reserve Legion, Xu Yun. If you guys can pass all your tests, you will become a warrior under Battalion Commander Xu's wing. Raise your weapons and greet Battalion Commander Xu." *novel*.1n

"Greetings, battalion commander..."

"Greetings, Commander Xu..."

They were recruits after all, so even their exclamations were mixed up.

Huo Yuhao had been observing this battalion commander ever since she arrived. Such a beautiful lady appearing in an army camp was probably a little abnormal.

Huo Yuhao wasn't deliberately controlling his spiritual power, but even then, he could automatically cover almost a hundred meters around him. He discovered that when this battalion commander appeared, the expression of the youth behind him changed conspicuously, and his blood flow increased rapidly, while his emotions became a little excited.

He was also the first person that the battalion commander paid attention to when she arrived. When her eyes swept over him, a faint look of disdain and contempt flowed from her eyes. Even though this look only flickered once before it disappeared, Huo Yuhao still managed to capture her expression clearly.

"Large team leader Zhuang, how is this batch of recruits?" Commander Xu finally spoke, and her voice contained the kind of bravery that only female soldiers could have. Her voice wasn't very gentle and tender, but it was still melodious.

"They're alright. Even though these recruits are of average quality overall, there are some who have potential. Soldiers don't just need talent; as long as soldiers are willing to put in effort, a little lack of talent isn't considered much. You can still become a good soldier!" Zhuang Tian was very satisfied with the fact that Huo Yuhao and the stern-looking youth could stand until the very end. They boosted his impression before the battalion commander.

"You and you. Step out." He pointed towards Huo Yuhao and the other guy.

Huo Yuhao grasped his spear with one hand as he took two steps forward. He was still standing very straight.

The stern-looking youth hurriedly followed suit. However, he didn't continue standing behind Huo Yuhao, and walked up next to him. Even though he was playing it cool, Huo Yuhao could clearly feel that his emotions were very excited, and a little unstable. He was putting in a lot of effort to control himself, and only then could he avoid glancing towards the battalion commander.

“Your performance is impressive. Are you both from the First Bunk?” Zhuang Tian asked.

“Reporting! Yes, sir,” the stern-looking youth responded without waiting for Huo Yuhao to speak.

Huo Yuhao’s expression didn’t change, and he answered with one word, “Yes.”

Zhuang Tian said, “Alright. From now on, Tang Dong – you will be Small Team One’s leader, and all thirty recruits from your bunk will temporarily become Small Team One. This arrangement has three times as many people as regular small teams, so you’ll have to perform well.”

“Yes, sir!” Huo Yuhao’s answer was still as simple as it could be.

Zhuang Tian turned towards the stern-looking youth and said, “Dai Luoli, you will be Small Team One’s vice-team leader, and you are promoted to Private first Class. You will assist Tang Dong in managing Small Team One.”

Dai Luolin was momentarily stunned, but he was still standing at attention as he answered, “Yes, sir!”

“Back into formation.” Huo Yuhao and Dai Luolin returned to the group. However, Dai Luolin glanced at Huo Yuhao when they were returning, and his eyes were different from all that coldness from before. His eyes now burned with passion, a passion that came from competitiveness.

Huo Yuhao was laughing inside. He could judge from the situation that Dai Luolin should know that beautiful battalion commander personally. Was he joining the army as a soul master for this battalion commander? This youth was a soul master, he wouldn’t be resigned to his fate as number two. It was normal that the youth wanted to take over Huo Yuhao’s position.

The three medium team leaders subsequently made their reports and arranged a small team leader for the remaining nine bunks.

“You have to remember that you are all just recruits. You have become small team leaders because you performed well before this. However, your position as small team leader isn’t fixed, and you may be replaced at any time. Becoming a small team leader is very simple, and anyone can do it. As long as you perform sufficiently well during training, you will have a chance. Do you guys understand?” Zhuang Tian admonished everyone at the end.

“Understood, sir!” the recruits answered loudly.

Zhuang Tian nodded satisfactorily as he turned towards Xu Yun and asked, “Do you have any instructions, battalion commander?”

Xu Yuna said plainly, “No. You guys can go, and we will assemble for training tomorrow.” She turned her horse and waved her whip as she uttered her last words, before riding her horse off into the distance.

Zhuang Tian watched her leave earshot before he raised his voice and said, “Disperse! Dinner will be in one hour!”

Huo Yuhao turned and gestured to the First Bunk’s recruits to form up and return to camp. Dai Luoli was very cooperative about this, and stood next to Huo Yuhao as he led the remaining twenty-eight people back to the First Bunk.

Xu Yun is a little interesting,?Huo Yuhao smiled faintly. The battalion commander was also a soul master, and her cultivation rank wasn't weak. Huo Yuhao could sense that she had at least four soul rings, and she was only about twenty years old. The fact that she had such a cultivation rank was quite impressive for her age. Dai Luoli was a little weaker, but he should be younger than Xu Yun was.

Dai Luoli... this name seems to feel very familiar.

The recruits were beyond exhausted after training for the entire afternoon. They conversed a lot less than they had when they first arrived, and everyone returned to their bunks after dinner. Quite a few people just collapsed onto their beds and quickly dozed off.

Huo Yuhao sat down on his own berth, and began to daydream as he listened to the other recruits' snoring. For him, it was luxurious to even have time for daydreaming. However, he was contemplating a lot of things even as he was daydreaming...

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He was mostly wondering where Wang Dong'er had gone.?Dong'er, where exactly have you gone? Even if you've forgotten everything, at least let me find you!

"Team leader." At this moment, a cold voice jolted Huo Yuhao awake from his thoughts.

When he twisted his head, he saw Dai Luoli looking intently at him.

"What? Is there something?" Huo Yuhao asked.

"Can we go out and talk?" Dai Luoli asked.

Huo Yuhao naturally knew what he wanted to do, but didn't reject his request. He stood up and said, "Alright." He didn't bring his spear along either, and walked out of the tent with Dai Luoli empty-handed.

When the two of them exited the house, their bunk started to bustle with noise. Many of the new soldiers started to talk among themselves. Huo Yuhao was unmoved, but Dai Luoli's expression was more obvious.

"Do all of you think that the vice-team leader is trying to challenge the team leader?"

"It's possible. Look at the vice-team leader, he seems confident. Didn't the large team leader mention earlier that as long as one's capable, he can become the team leader? It seems like the vice-team leader is also very strong, since he dares to challenge the team leader even after the team leader performed today! Our bunk is indeed filled with hidden talents!"

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At this moment, the sky outside had already turned completely dark. Dai Luoli walked further away from the bunk, but Huo Yuhao still didn't ask him why. He just silently followed him.

After leaving their camp, the two of them quickly came to the parade ground.

Dai Luoli stopped and turned to look at Huo Yuhao, "Tang Dong, I'll not beat around the bush. I hope that you'll give up your position as team leader to me."

Huo Yuhao peacefully asked, "Why should I?"

Dai Luoli answered, "I have to become the team leader. Don't ask me why. I just want this title. I can let you continue to run the First Bunk, I'm not good at that. However, I'll definitely charge in front during our training and the imminent war. I believe that I'll be able to accumulate some merits, and get promoted. When that happens, you'll still continue to be the team leader. What do you think?"

"No." Huo Yuhao's answer was simple. He naturally understood that Dai Luoli's goal was probably the same as his. They both wanted to start from the bottom and eventually become a high-ranking officer. It was just that he didn't have much time to linger around in the lower ranks, either!

"Let's spar. If I win, you give up your position to me, how about that?" Dai Luoli could naturally guess that Huo Yuhao was going to be unwilling. However, he didn't expect Huo Yuhao to directly reject him without probing further.

"Alright." Huo Yuhao's answer was as simple as before. He was going to quickly deal with Dai Luoli before going back to meditate. It was getting late.

Dai Luoli was evidently infuriated by the direct and seemingly contemptuous tone of Huo Yuhao's voice. He shouted coldly before darting forward towards Huo Yuhao. *no ve. Lb. 1n*

He was indeed very quick. As a soul master's soul power increased, his body would also transform continuously, making him much stronger than an ordinary person. As he reached Huo Yuhao, he punched at Huo Yuhao's right shoulder.

Huo Yuhao's body sank slightly, and he went into his horse stance, just like he had in the afternoon. Just as Dai Luoli's fist was about to hit him, he pulled the left half of his body back slightly and avoided contact. Following this, he struck his right shoulder back towards Dai Luoli's fist.

Dai Luoli only sensed a force slamming into him, and felt as if he had punched a steel plate. He staggered a few steps back before stabilizing himself, and a stunned look flashed across his eyes.

During the afternoon, he could tell that Huo Yuhao's abilities weren't weak. However, he hadn't expected Huo Yuhao's strength to be above his.

He wasn't going to let it go at that, however. After he staggered back, he immediately charged forward again. This time, he was much faster.

He didn't punch this time, but used one hand to grab for Huo Yuhao's shoulder. This time, the look in his eyes was sharper.

Huo Yuhao lifted his left hand and grabbed onto Dai Luoli's hand. Dai Luoli's right hand stopped halfway, and he tried to change its direction. However, Huo Yuhao's hand moved faster. Dai Luoli felt everything turn blurry in front of him before Huo Yuhao grabbed hold of his wrist.

When Huo Yuhao grabbed his right hand, he immediately tightened his grip on Dai Luoli's wrist. With a pull, he threw Dai Luoli up.

Sensing danger, Dai Luoli subconsciously activated his soul power. However, he only felt that Huo Yuhao's fingers were like steel fixtures tightening around his wrist and causing the lower half of his body to go numb. He was actually unable to gather his soul power because of this.

There was much more movement this time. Dai Luoli was directly slammed to the ground by Huo Yuhao.

The parade ground was covered in soil. However, he was disoriented, and felt as if his internal organs were tumbling inside his body when he was tossed to the ground. His bones were also on the verge of being crushed. This was, in part, due to his weight and inertia.

Huo Yuhao let go of his wrist and shook his head. After this, he turned around and walked back towards their bunk.

Dai Luoli was embarrassed and furious as he shouted, "You, don't go!" He gathered his soul power and crawled up from the ground.

Huo Yuhao stopped before turning around to look at him. "Let's go back. We still need to train tomorrow. I believe the training intensity for newly-enlisted soldiers will not be slack."

"No! I have to defeat you! I'm sorry!" Dai Luoli suddenly shouted. After this, a layer of white light shone from his body. Suddenly, his body quickly grew larger, and his muscles became extremely thick. White strands of hair also started to emerge from his body, and his uniform almost burst from being too tight.

This was the first time Huo Yuhao was surprised after entering this military camp. This martial soul that Dai Luoli revealed was all too familiar to him.

White Tiger. It was a White Tiger! No, something wasn't right. The aura of his White Tiger was rather weak. Furthermore, the hair on his body was pure-white, without any black stripes. In addition, this White Tiger didn't possess the strange pupils of the White Tiger family.

Dai Luoli, Dai Luojiao...

Suddenly, Huo Yuhao recalled why his name sounded so familiar.

He, he's...

The way Huo Yuhao looked at Dai Luoli immediately changed. It changed from indifference to earnesty.

When he was still living in the Duke's Mansion, there were a few people who were warm to him, apart from his own mother. There was a woman who was a concubine of the White Tiger Duke. This woman was yet another woman whom the wife of the White Tiger Duke hated.

This woman treated both Huo Yuhao and his mother very well. In the first few years after Huo Yuhao was born, she would give them food and clothing. She had even carried Huo Yuhao before.

After the wife of the White Tiger Duke found out about this, they lost contact with each other.

Huo Yuhao was still very young then, which was why he didn't have a very deep memory of what had happened. However, he vaguely recalled that this concubine also had a child named Dai Luoli. In terms of age, he should be one year younger than Yuhao himself.

This guy in front of him didn't have a pure White Tiger, and his name was also Dai Luoli. Was he really his younger half-brother from the same father, but a different mother?

In terms of age, Dai Luoli was one year younger than him, if he was really the White Tiger Duke's son!

As he remembered all this, Huo Yuhao's eyes turned wet. While he disliked Dai Yueheng and Dai Huabin, he only had affection for Dai Luoli. Dai Luoli's mother had once helped his own mother a lot, otherwise, he would have died. After that, the White Tiger Duke's wife interfered, and they stopped seeing each other anymore. However, he would never forget the kindness she had shown to him and his mother.

Three soul rings rose from beneath Dai Luoli's feet. Two of them were yellow, while the last one was purple, the best combination that he could achieve. However, his talent seemed worse than his other two brothers, Dai Yueheng and Dai Huabin. Huo Yuhao was going to be nineteen years old soon, which meant that Dai Luoli was close to eighteen years old. He only had three soul rings at the age of eighteen. For an ordinary soul master, he was considered quite strong. However, he was considered weak among the White Tiger Duke's lineage. At least, he wasn't able to excel in the Duke's Mansion.

"I don't have to say anything else, do I? Although you are very strong, and I'm curious how you managed to achieve such strength, an ordinary person will always only be an ordinary person. You can't compare to soul masters like me. Concede defeat and relinquish your position as team leader. I'll help you in the future, and I won't snatch your authority away, either. Let's return and tell the large team leader that we are switching positions. I won't tell the others about this arrangement, either. What do you think?" Dai Luoli said with a sense of superiority.

Huo Yuhao revealed a smile on his face, and thought to himself, "This younger brother of mine isn't suited to be a soldier. He's not vicious enough. I can tell that from our sparring earlier and from the childish words he just said."

Of course he could relinquish his position as team leader. However, he had to educate Dai Luoli, since he had discovered that Dai Luoli was his younger brother. Although Huo Yuhao didn't know why his White Tiger wasn't pure, he could still help Dai Luoli develop, given his current abilities.

"Come on." Huo Yuhao gestured towards him.

Dai Luoli couldn't believe it, "I'm a soul master. You still dare to fight me?"

Huo Yuhao smiled, "Soul masters aren't invincible. If you defeat me, I'll let you be the team leader."

Dai Luoli snorted, "Alright then. Watch out!" As he spoke, he suddenly charged towards Huo Yuhao. After unleashing his martial soul, his speed and strength had greatly increased. He was a three-ringed Soul Elder, and wasn't even considered in the intermediate-tier of soul masters. However, he was still pretty decent. His White Tiger was mutated, but it was ultimately still the king of beasts!

He unleashed a powerful aura, and his soul power surged. Without using any soul skills, Dai Luoli reached Huo Yuhao in the next instant, and grabbed onto his shoulders with his tiger claws!

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Huo Yuhao furrowed his brow. Suddenly, he quickly pulled his right leg up and kicked Dai Luoli's chest. He was so quick that he even seemed to form shadows along the way.

Dai Luoli's tiger claws were about to grab Huo Yuhao's shoulders when he was kicked seven to eight meters away, and collapsed to the ground before he could touch Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao frowned and said, "Are you trying to defeat me with the kind of skills you are showing? Soul masters aren't everything. It still depends on the person. I'm now your opponent, and I think you are being too soft. Are you a girl?"

"You!" Dai Luoli crawled up from the ground and glared furiously, "How dare you say I'm a girl?"

He charged forward once again, and his first soul ring shone. He used his White Tiger's Shield, which was the most common first soul skill of a White Tiger. A layer of white light shone from his body and protected him.

This time, Huo Yuhao discovered the difference between Dai Luoli's White Tiger and a conventional White Tiger.

A conventional White Tiger was filled with might and dominance after unleashing its soul skill. However, Dai Luoli's White Tiger was filled with spirituality after he unleashed his White Tiger's Shield. His spiritual aura suddenly became very strong and blended with his soul power. It actually felt as if his spiritual and soul power had fused together. This was only a situation that occurred when one used an advanced self-created fighting skill!

Dai Luoli burst towards Huo Yuhao again. Either he was stubborn or confident; he did the same thing he had before, reaching out towards Huo Yuhao's shoulders.

Huo Yuhao stomped on the ground with his right foot. A low-pitched muffled sound echoed out, and Dai Luoli felt a tremor coming from underneath his feet. He was thrown a few meters into the air. As he rose into the air, his claws naturally didn't reach their target.

Huo Yuhao took a step forward and pressed his right hand against Dai Luoli's chest. Dai Luoli's White Tiger Shield started to shine with white light in a bid to push Huo Yuhao away. However, it was a pity that he couldn't do so in the face of absolute strength, not to mention that his soul power was nowhere near great enough.

In the next instant, Dai Luoli flew back again. He didn't collapse on the ground this time, with his White Tiger's Shield protecting him. Instead, he staggered more than ten steps backward.

This time, Dai Luoli's expression finally turned serious.

If Huo Yuhao's fighting abilities were merely outstanding and he had underestimated his opponent earlier, then it wasn't just a coincidence this time. His opponent wasn't a soul master but had managed to force him back twice in a row. Huo Yuhao's terrifying strength couldn't be underestimated anymore!

"Watch out! I'm going to get serious now!" Dai Luoli shouted. His aura suddenly changed, and his white hair started to look shinier. The spiritual undulations that Huo Yuhao had sensed earlier also became much stronger.

Dai Luoli leapt forward again as his figure flashed. However, he suddenly changed directions in the air this time and landed in a spot diagonally three meters to Huo Yuhao's left. He instantly sprang forward again, and his speed soared. He turned into a projection and immediately reached behind Huo Yuhao. He deftly grabbed Huo Yuhao's shoulder with one claw while he reached for Huo Yuhao's waist with his other claw.

Whether it was in terms of speed, strength or technique, he used them very well this time.

Huo Yuhao smiled slightly. "At least this guy has some skill..."

He didn't turn around. He waved his hands back at the same time to block Dai Luoli's claws and grabbed them.

Dai Luoli was stunned, and thought to himself, "Are you really an ordinary person without a martial soul who can fight me in terms of strength even after I've unleashed my martial soul?"

He didn't pull his claws away. Instead, he exerted his strength and attempted to drag Huo Yuhao down.

Huo Yuhao didn't move a single inch. Dai Luoli saw Huo Yuhao's hands turn completely white before a huge force drove into him. Suddenly, he was flung from behind Huo Yuhao, back to his front, and flew in the air for a few seconds.

Dai Luoli didn't fall like the last two times. As he roared out, his third soul ring shone, and his body grew larger. It was his White Tiger's Vajra Transformation.

His figure enlarged once again, and the uniform he was in burst open. The hair on his body was now covered with a layer of gold. He extended his claws and reached towards Huo Yuhao's hands.

Hard!

This was the only feeling that Dai Luoli had. He had already used his White Tiger's Vajra Transformation, but his opponent's palms seemed to be even harder than his claws. This was beyond his comprehension.

How is this possible? Are these human hands?

As Dai Luoli was trying to get over his shock, Huo Yuhao pulled his right hand back before pushing it forward hard. Dai Luoli was thrown back once again.

His strength is greater than my White Tiger's Vajra Transformation. Is he still human?

After Dai Luoli landed on the ground, he didn't rush to attack Huo Yuhao. He only stared at him intently and tried to size him up.

Huo Yuhao calmly said, "Now you know that a martial soul isn't everything."

Dai Luoli snorted and said, "I haven't given my all yet. Furthermore, only your technique is good. You can't break through my defense."

Huo Yuhao laughed, "Do you really think so? Do you really think that I can't overcome your defense? Watch carefully then."

As he spoke, Huo Yuhao made the first move for the first time in this fight. He charged towards Dai Luoli with long strides. He still didn't use any soul power, but he was already pretty quick. *no ve. Lb. 1n*

Dai Luoli stared at him sternly, and the golden light from his body became stronger and stronger.

Seeing that Huo Yuhao was about to reach him, Dai Luoli wanted to exert his strength. However, Huo Yuhao suddenly disappeared in front of him.

Dai Luoli felt a large hand strangling his neck. Before he could even struggle, a strong tingling and numbing feeling spread throughout his body. His soul power couldn't circulate anymore, and the hair on his body quickly faded away. He returned to his original appearance within a breath. Of course, there were still some broken pieces of cloth on his body right now, which helped to cover vital parts of his body.

Huo Yuhao swung his hand and threw Dai Luoli off to one side. He shook his head gently as he looked at him before he walked back towards their bunk.

"Wait here for me. I'll go get some clothes for you."

Dai Luoli was stunned as he watched Huo Yuhao slowly leave. He seemed to lose focus in his eyes, and an indescribable sense of frustration caused him to turn pale.

Huo Yuhao's judgment was right. He was indeed the youngest son of the White Tiger Duke Dai Hao. This meant that he was Huo Yuhao's younger half-brother. When he was young, his martial soul had mutated. Although his White Tiger was awakened, it was different from Dai Yueheng and Dai Huabin's White Tiger. Dai Luoli's mother was greatly suppressed in the Duke's Mansion; even though her status was slightly higher than that of Huo Yuhao's mother, she wasn't in a much better condition.

Dai Luoli had always wanted to become a powerful soul master. He wasn't any less hardworking than Dai Yueheng and Dai Huabin. However, it was much more difficult to cultivate with his mutated martial soul than expected. He wasn't able to enter Shrek Academy because he didn't reach Rank 20 by the time he was twelve years old. He was the White Tiger Duke's son. Given Dai Hao's character, how would he let him get in through back channels?

Under such circumstances, he could only work hard at his cultivation. However, he was already going to turn eighteen, and yet his soul power was only at Rank 32.

He was already considered quite good among ordinary soul masters and was able to become a Soul Elder before he was twenty years old, which meant that not all hope was lost.

It was a pity that he wasn't any ordinary soul master. He was the White Tiger Duke's son! His cultivation wasn't much to be raved about. Dai Hao was also very busy with military matters and didn't have time to guide him.

In order to seek a breakthrough and become as strong as his father, Dai Luoli silently left his home and joined the military. Of course, there was an even more important reason why he was here.

Dai Luoli only felt as if all of his hopes had been extinguished as he sat there in a daze on the ground. He initially thought that he should still have an edge over others in the military, even if he couldn't compare to his brothers. Today, he managed to become a Private First Class, which gave testament to this belief of his.

However, he was dealt a huge blow after his fight against Huo Yuhao. He couldn't even defeat an ordinary person, although he used a thousand-year soul skill. What other hope did he still have? Let alone becoming a hero like his father, he wasn't even qualified to be a small team leader!

Just as he was imagining things, Huo Yuhao returned with a military uniform.

“Change into this.” He passed the uniform to Dai Luoli.

Dai Luoli just sat where he was without reacting.

Huo Yuhao smiled and sat down beside him.

“Are you unconvinced, or is it too huge a blow for you after losing to me?” Huo Yuhao asked.

Dai Luoli remained silent.

Huo Yuhao said, “If you are unconvinced, I welcome you to challenge me anytime. I’ll let you be the small team leader if you can beat me, anytime you want. If this is a huge blow for you, I only have one question to ask you... how old are you? What do men rely on in this world? Men don’t rely on cowardice, but resilience.

“If you can’t be resilient, how can you be qualified to be a soldier? If you can’t beat me, aren’t you going to work hard to catch up? You’ll only be regarded as a piece of trash if you simply give up on yourself like this; you’ll be eliminated by this world. If that’s the case, it’d be better for you to return home, buy a plot of land, and start tilling. You can still live a stable life.”

Dai Luoli twisted his head and glared at Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao’s expression looked very leisurely right now. He didn’t have any feelings towards the rage that Dai Luoli currently felt towards him.

“I’ll defeat you one day!” Dai Luoli clenched his fist.

Huo Yuhao chortled. “If you can defeat me one day, you’ll definitely become a successful person.”

Dai Luoli was scornful, “So what if I defeat you? I must become a Titled Douluo! You aren’t even a soul master! How can you be my target?”

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Huo Yuhao said, “Don’t be too ambitious. Defeat me first.” As he spoke, he passed the uniform that he was holding over again.

Dai Luoli took the uniform this time and quickly got dressed. After that, he leapt up.

“I was distracted today. I’ll challenge you again tomorrow.” After he finished speaking, he started walking back towards their camp.

Huo Yuhao said to his back, “It’s fine if you want to challenge me. However, you’d better prepare some clothes for tomorrow. Everyone only has two uniforms.”

Dai Luoli’s went rigid for a moment, before he quickened his pace back.

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When Huo Yuhao returned to their bunk, most of the soldiers were already sleeping because they were tired. However, there were those who were still awake, too. Wang Xiaodian was one of them.

When Huo Yuhao returned, Wang Xiaodian silently crept up to him and whispered, "Boss, what happened? Did the vice-team leader challenge you?"

Huo Yuhao nodded.

Wang Xiaodian chuckled and said, "I can tell that you won."

Huo Yuhao laughed as he asked, "How so?"

Wang Xiaodian replied, "The vice-team leader wore a gloomy look on his face when he returned. After that, he covered himself with his blanket and just sat on his bed. I don't know what he's doing."

Huo Yuhao replied, "Alright. You should go and sleep. Tomorrow's training isn't going to be easy. You still have time to be involved in gossip?"

"Yes, I'll go and sleep immediately. Boss, I'll follow you in the future." Wang Xiaodian quickly snuck back to his bed to sleep.

Huo Yuhao also lay down on his bed, but he didn't enter deep meditation immediately. Rather, he was thinking how he could help Dai Luoli improve his abilities.

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The night went on silently. The next morning, the sound of a horn rang out to gather everyone as the first hint of dawn tinged the sky. ~~nO~~~~v~~~~e~~~~-~~~~l~~~~B~~)In

Huo Yuhao was the first to jump out of bed, and he woke up all the new recruits from the First Bunk. All the recruits were whining as they got up, but quickly donned their uniforms before running out.

Dai Luoli followed along. He had covered himself in his blanket the night before, and was in deep meditation. In the morning, he seemed pretty energetic, apart from the fact that he looked a little pale. He didn't even glance at Huo Yuhao, and directly left their bunk.

The initial training for recruits was simple and boring. It was either running or drills. In the afternoon, there was someone from the Military Law Department who came to talk to them about military law. The recruits were exhausted after an entire day of this. After dinner, even the energetic Wang Xiaodian immediately fell asleep.

Huo Yuhao and Dai Luoli were the exceptions.

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After dinner, Huo Yuhao gestured towards Dai Luoli when the sky had turned completely dark, and before Dai Luoli could issue a challenge. He smiled and said, "Let's go! I'll give you another chance today."

"Let's go!" Dai Luoli immediately sprang up. As a soul master, the recruit training wasn't too tiring for him.

The two of them left the camp and went to the parade ground once again. To prevent detection, Huo Yuhao dragged Dai Luoli to a corner of the parade ground.

“Come on.” Huo Yuhao gestured towards Dai Luoli.

Dai Luoli had pondered yesterday’s bitter experience as he carried on with his training during the day. He thought about it for the entire day. He believed that he had lost to Huo Yuhao because he had been careless. He wasn’t going to repeat the same mistake twice.

This was why he was especially cautious today. In his opinion, he wouldn’t lose to Huo Yuhao if he was more careful.

However, was this really the case?

Huo Yuhao didn’t have any intention of initiating an attack, and thus Dai Luoli had to be the proactive one. After observing carefully, he felt that Huo Yuhao had many flaws. His second soul ring shone, and a streak of white light shot out from his mouth towards Huo Yuhao.

It was his White Tiger’s Fierce Light Wave.

When his White Tiger’s Fierce Light Wave was shot out, it took the shape of a halo and spread out. In terms of offensive strength, his Fierce Light Wave was naturally weaker than Dai Yueheng or Dai Huabin’s Fierce Light Wave. However, his Fierce Light Wave covered a larger area, and it even carried a spiritual-type attack with it.

It was a pity that no one at the same level could compare to Huo Yuhao in terms of spiritual power, which meant that Dai Luoli was naturally inferior to Huo Yuhao in this aspect, too.

Huo Yuhao’s figure flashed, and he instantly turned illusory in Dai Luoli’s eyes. Dai Luoli was astonished. He had clearly locked onto his opponent before unleashing his soul skill, but he still missed. Huo Yuhao promptly reappeared in front of him.

As Yuhao squatted down, Dai Luoli’s tiger claws extended out, and he clawed towards Huo Yuhao’s chest.

Huo Yuhao stopped charging forward and lifted his right foot. Instantly, he kicked both of Dai Luoli’s wrists. As Dai Luoli’s hands went numb, Huo Yuhao kicked out again, and Dai Luoli was knocked into the air before he crashed to the ground five meters away.

Dai Luoli was able to take beatings after unleashing his White Tiger, and he had been thinking about how he could deal with Huo Yuhao for an entire day. As for Huo Yuhao, he was thinking of the fastest way to make his younger brother stronger. After pondering for some time, he thought that the best method was to copy the bluish-gold figure that he had faced in the Yin-Yang Love Querying Valley.

Thrash him! He was going to give Dai Luoli a good thrashing!

It was only after a good thrashing that Dai Luoli would remember this lesson for life. If he remembered this lesson for life, his abilities would naturally improve.

As a result, Huo Yuhao’s plan was to conduct individual training with Dai Luoli every night during this recruit training period.

Dai Luoli’s tragedy started the moment Huo Yuhao recognized him. At the very start, he didn’t believe that he couldn’t defeat an ordinary person as a soul master. However, as time passed, Huo Yuhao was

always able to defeat him using his strength and speed no matter what methods he used. Huo Yuhao knew his limits, though. He hit Dai Luoli without causing him any real injuries.

A recruit's life was plain and exhausting, or at least this was the case for most recruits. Most of the recruits were fatigued because of the high-intensity training they were being subjected to. However, Dai Luoli's life was very exciting, if being hit and battered all the time could be considered exciting.

Huo Yuhao stood out during his recruit training. He was the best in almost every training component. The recruits in the First Bunk were slowly won over by him because of his ability and the occasional help of his spiritual power. Huo Yuhao would also teach the new recruits some of the simpler techniques from the Tang Sect, and guide them in their training. His reputation in the First Bunk slowly rose. Under his leadership, the First Bunk, or rather the First Small Team, performed the best among all the small teams.

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"Let's go." Night fell, and it was time again. Huo Yuhao walked to Dai Luoli's side and patted his shoulder.

Every night, the two of them would go out. Huo Yuhao had come up with an excuse, which was that they were reporting to the large team leader.

Dai Luoli shuddered slightly and lifted his head to look at Huo Yuhao. There was a complex look in his eyes.

One month had already passed out of the three months of their recruit training. He had also been beaten up by Huo Yuhao for a month. It was pathetic! The only comfort he had was that Huo Yuhao was still kind enough to not hit his face, meaning he was still presentable in front of others. However, it wasn't a good feeling being thrashed for a month.

Every time Dai Luoli saw the genial smile on Huo Yuhao's face, he couldn't help but shudder. It was like a recurring nightmare at this time every night.

"I'm not going!" Dai Luoli smacked Huo Yuhao's hand away.

Huo Yuhao sat down beside his bed and smiled, "Why? Are you throwing a tantrum?"

Dai Luoli glared at him, but didn't say anything.

Huo Yuhao sighed faintly. "It's fine if you don't want to go. I'm going to find the large team leader and tell him you're a soul master." He spoke very softly so that only Dai Luoli could hear him clearly.

"You!" Dai Luoli glared furiously at Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao smiled, "I have a sandbag to punch every night. It's become a pleasant habit for me. You'll defeat me if you're capable. Why is a big man like you acting as if you're a coward?"

Yet again! Dai Luoli shut his eyes in pain. It wasn't his first time rejecting Huo Yuhao. However, Huo Yuhao would threaten him with his vulnerability every time. Even though he knew that he shouldn't be duped, his identity as a soul master was a double-edged sword. If he couldn't defeat an 'ordinary person' like Huo Yuhao, how would he have the face to tell anyone he was a soul master?

“Let’s go!” Dai Luoli suddenly stood up, infuriated as he walked out of their bunkhouse.

Huo Yuhao smiled as he followed him. He even took the initiative to grab Dai Luoli’s shoulder and drag him towards the parade ground.

After a few steps, Huo Yuhao lifted his head slightly and revealed a smile on his face. Indeed, they knew each other. Using his spiritual power, he watched where they were walking.

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Huo Yuhao brought Dai Luoli to the same old place – a remote corner of the parade ground.

Dai Luoli struggled and pushed Huo Yuhao’s hand away. Before even saying anything, he kicked towards Huo Yuhao’s head. He hated Huo Yuhao. Not only did Huo Yuhao beat him up every day, but he would even use words to agitate him!

Huo Yuhao waved his right hand and blocked Dai Luoli’s leg. His right leg kicked out extremely quickly and subtly, managing to hit the ankle of Dai Luoli’s supporting leg.

Dai Luoli lost his balance and fell backward. However, he unleashed his White Tiger as he fell back, supporting himself with his right hand before propping himself back up. After this, he shot out his White Tiger’s Fierce Light Wave at Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao could already guess what he was trying to do. Just as Dai Luoli unleashed his Fierce Light Wave, Huo Yuhao disappeared and somehow arrived at Dai Luoli’s side. He cut down with his right leg, aiming at Dai Luoli’s chest.

Dai Luoli roared, and his third soul ring was unleashed before he even finished using his Fierce Light Wave. His body expanded greatly, and his claws crossed each other as they slashed towards Huo Yuhao’s right leg. His claws were extremely sharp, and it was plain that he wanted to tear Huo Yuhao’s right leg to pieces.

“Ah.....” a soft exclamation sounded from afar.

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Dai Luoli was shocked. He swept his tiger claws in front of him, but didn’t manage to hit anything. Following this, he felt a pain in his belly, and crashed to the ground.

After this, a strong force transmitted from below his waist, and he was lifted up. He was being lifted by Huo Yuhao’s left leg, and Huo Yuhao gave him a kick to his belly with his right leg, sending Dai Luoli flying away.

Dai Luoli wasn’t concerned about the pain he had suffered. Instead, he shouted, “Who’s there?”

The person who had exclaimed didn’t run away, but emerged from the darkness. She was in disbelief as she looked at Huo Yuhao and Dai Luoli, who was crawling up from the ground. It was the beautiful battalion commander, Xu Yun. **noVe-lb)1n**

Dai Luoli's expression immediately changed greatly when he saw Xu Yun. He blushed, and became extremely embarrassed. He couldn't wait to find a hole to hide in. Huo Yuhao walked towards Xu Yun in a well-behaved manner and greeted her, "Battalion commander."

Xu Yun quickly came in front of the two of them. She took a look at Dai Luoli before turning to Huo Yuhao. She was shocked as she asked, "You, you are unable to beat an ordinary soldier? Dai Luoli, you are regressing."

Dai Luoli turned his head to one side. It was the truth that he couldn't beat Huo Yuhao. However, the utter embarrassment he was subjected to after the goddess in his heart learned about this truth caused him to feel extremely tormented in his heart.

Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "Battalion commander, you can't put it this way either. We were only sparring. Furthermore, martial souls aren't everything. That doesn't mean that a person without a martial soul can't be strong!"

Xu Yun twisted her lips, "This means that you think you are one of those who are strong even without a martial soul? Bullshit. Without a martial soul, how can you be strong? Dai Luoli is just weak."

Huo Yuhao gently shook his head and said, "He isn't strong, but he isn't the first person with a martial soul to lose to me. He won't be the last either. I don't think you can beat me either."

Xu Yun hadn't expected Huo Yuhao to talk to her in such a manner even though he was only a mere small team leader, and after he knew her identity. Her expression changed immediately. She was about to burst out in anger, but suddenly thought of something, and said, "Alright. I'd like to try then. I'd like to see how you can defeat me without a martial soul. Dai Luoli, watch carefully. Don't throw the face of soul masters in the future."

Before Xu Yun finished speaking, Huo Yuhao lifted his right leg and kicked her belly. Xu Yun's forte wasn't her strength. While her cultivation was greater than Dai Luoli's, she wasn't as strong as he was. She was immediately kicked more than ten meters back, and bent her waist in excruciating pain. She squirmed in place and retched repeatedly.

"What are you doing?" Although Dai Luoli was embarrassed, he kept on stealing glances at Xu Yun. Seeing that Xu Yun had been kicked by Huo Yuhao, he was immediately frantic. He couldn't be bothered with anything else, and quickly rushed to her side to help her up.

Huo Yuhao looked innocent as he said, "The battalion commander asked me to try! Should I not have attacked?"

Huo Yuhao had kicked Xu Yun quite hard. She wasn't wearing any armor right now, and only felt cramping pain coming from her belly. Her face was pale as she struggled to stand up.

She had always been pampered since she was young. Since when had she been beaten to such a state? She was completely furious because of her pride and the pain she had suffered.

"Go to hell!" Xu Yun pushed Dai Luoli away, and her body started to shine brightly. Following this, her forehead also lit up, and a dazzling crown surfaced on her head. Beneath her feet, two yellow and two purple soul rings quickly rose.

Her cultivation was indeed greater than Dai Luoli's. She was a four-ringed Soul Ancestor. Considering the fact that she looked younger than Dai Luoli, it was already pretty impressive that she possessed such a cultivation.

Huo Yuhao was slightly stunned when he saw her cultivation. He had seen such a martial soul before, and it indeed had some form of significance.

It was a Starcrown, the strongest martial soul in the imperial family of the Star Luo Empire. Only those who had the direct bloodline of the imperial family could possess such a martial soul. Her surname is Xu, which means that she's a member of the imperial family? No wonder Dai Luoli is so obsessed with her. She's actually a princess. Perhaps this Xu Yun is Xu Jiujiu's younger sister?

However, her identity as a princess was unable to affect Huo Yuhao's current plan.

Xu Yun unleashed her martial soul, and the pain she suffered in her belly lessened significantly as she adjusted her soul power. However, her face was still pale, and she pointed her finger at Huo Yuhao. Her second soul ring instantly shone, and her Starcrown slowly rose. Streaks of starlight shot towards Huo Yuhao.

This was her second soul skill, Starlight Shine.

Xu Yun didn't believe that an ordinary person could resist a soul master. This fellow actually dared to kick me when I wasn't paying attention. He can't be spared!

However, she revealed the same look of astonishment as Dai Luoli when he first fought Huo Yuhao!

She was shocked to discover that her Starlight Shine failed to take effect on Huo Yuhao, even though it was supposed to be able to lock onto her opponent. It failed to lock onto Huo Yuhao and Huo Yuhao avoided her streaks of starlight as he quickly shifted his body. At the same time, he was also rapidly inching closer to her.

Huo Yuhao was a little stunned when he saw Xu Yun's soul skill. This Starcrown is indeed the strongest martial soul of the imperial family of the Star Luo Empire. The cultivation path that Xu Yun has chosen is different from Xu Jiujiu. Xu Jiujiu is a control-type soul master, while Xu Yun seems to focus on long-range attacks. In terms of talent, she's slightly weaker than Xu Jiujiu. However, it'll be difficult to tell who's better once she cultivates to her higher standard.

While he thought of this, Huo Yuhao didn't have any intention of going easy on her. As he charged forward, his spiritual power also engulfed Xu Yun.

It was very relaxing for him to deal with Dai Luoli even without unleashing his martial soul and using his soul skills. However, Xu Yun was adept at long-range attacks, and her Starcrown was stronger than his mutated White Tiger. In addition, she also had four rings. It was thus much more difficult to deal with her.

Seeing that her Starlight Shine was ineffective, Xu Yun pointed her right hand towards the sky. Her Starcrown immediately gathered a ball of light with a diameter of over almost half a meter. It was as if a star had descended upon the mortal world.

“Yun’er, you can’t harm him!” Dai Luoli weakly reminded her. However, Xu Yun was infuriated, and didn’t heed his advice. She pointed her right hand at Huo Yuhao, and her third soul skill, Starburst, flew towards Huo Yuhao.

It was a pure offensive soul skill, and it was extremely powerful. Once it blew apart, the explosive force generated could even compare to a ten thousand year soul skill. Its destructive strength was also rather great.

Even against her Starburst, Huo Yuhao was still fearless. He had his Spiritual Detection to support him. No matter what soul skill Xu Yun used, she wouldn’t be able to escape his detection.

Seeing the ball of starlight flying towards him, Huo Yuhao’s eyes flashed mysteriously, and Xu Yun suddenly felt giddy. At this instant, Huo Yuhao pointed his right hand at the ball of starlight, and it immediately flew forward even faster. Following this, he made a slashing gesture. An invisible force severed the connection between Xu Yun and the ball of starlight just like that.

Huo Yuhao didn’t let the ball of starlight touch him either. He deftly moved it through the air with his hands, guiding it to go around his body.

Xu Yun was shocked when she saw this scene. She had no idea how a person without a martial soul, or rather one who didn’t unleash his martial soul, was able to resist her Starburst in such a manner. How was this possible?

In the next moment, her ball of starlight suddenly enlarged. Instantly, he returned her Starburst. He was returning to her what she had tried to inflict on him. It was tit for tat!

Xu Yun didn’t have much fighting experience. Huo Yuhao’s guess was right. She was the youngest princess of the Star Luo Empire, and was doted on by her brothers and sisters since she was young. She didn’t have any significant fighting experience! She came to be a soldier at her own request, as she wanted to contribute to her empire. Xu Jiujiu had no choice but to deploy her younger sister to the reserves. In her opinion, as long as Xu Yun didn’t have to go onto a battlefield, she would return after she got tired of military life.

However, who knew that Xu Yun would love being in the military, and had spent several months in the military already. She had no intention of returning. The reserves were extremely safe, and thus Xu Jiujiu wasn’t worried about her younger sister’s safety, and left her to her own devices.

Right now, Xu Yun was stunned in place after witnessing the miracle Huo Yuhao performed. The Starburst she had unleashed earlier was now in front of her.

“Yun’er, be careful!” Dai Luoli was alarmed when he saw this, and quickly unleashed his White Tiger’s Vajra Transformation. After this, he leaped and blocked for Xu Yun.

Huo Yuhao silently shook his head. Silly kid. He should have pinned her to the ground. Since he was going to sacrifice himself to save her, he should have taken the opportunity to get closer to her.

After spending some time with Dai Luoli, he still quite liked him. Although he was a little stubborn, he was a kind person.

Just as Xu Yun's Starburst was about to hit him, it was suddenly lifted into the air and exploded, releasing a golden halo.

Xu Yun reacted only at this point. When she saw Dai Luoli using his arms to block her, she seemed slightly moved. "This fool..."

At this point, she suddenly saw Huo Yuhao turning around before fleeing. In the blink of an eye, he had already run several dozen meters away. His voice also sounded from afar, "Aren't you going to run considering the huge commotion that we've just caused? Aren't you afraid of being dealt with by those from the Military Law Department?"

Dai Luoli also reacted. He turned around and looked at Xu Yun with a complex look before chasing after Huo Yuhao.

Xu Yun was the only one standing in place as she remained in a daze. What had happened tonight was a huge blow to her. If not for Dai Luoli earlier, would her own Starburst have struck her? She was most familiar with the power of her attacks. The strength of her Starburst was great enough to leave her critically hurt. "Who was that person just now? Why was he able to detonate my Starburst?"

After returning to his bunk, Huo Yuhao silently crept up to his bed and under his blanket. His face wasn't red, and he wasn't out of breath.

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Dai Luoli returned a bit later. However, he didn't return to his berth, but came to Huo Yuhao's bed instead.

"Thank you." Looking at Huo Yuhao, Dai Luoli struggled to say these two words.

Huo Yuhao glanced at him, "What are you thanking me for? For beating you up?"

Dai Luoli was embarrassed as he whispered, "You know I'm not talking about that."

Huo Yuhao chortled, "Quickly, return and meditate so that you can defeat me faster and rid yourself of me."

"Okay." Surprisingly, Dai Luoli didn't retort. Perhaps he had forgotten about it, but he just returned to his berth, where he sat cross-legged on his bed.

Huo Yuhao slid into his blanket and made himself comfortable before he entered deep meditation.

He wasn't afraid of Xu Yun reporting him. By reporting him, she would expose Dai Luoli, too. Moreover, he hadn't exposed his cultivation as a soul master. Even if she was a battalion commander, she had to be reasonable, too.

Dai Luoli sat in a daze on his bed, unable to focus for half the night. As he recalled what had happened, he suddenly realized that what had happened earlier was the best outcome.

He was thrashed by Tang Dong, and lost face in front of Xu Yun. However, Xu Yun also lost to Tang Dong with her four-ringed cultivation. This meant that he wasn't that weak. This was the first time he felt that Tang Dong wasn't so irksome, especially after Tang Dong controlled Xu Yun's Starburst from striking him.

Otherwise, he and Xu Yun would have been hurt even though he unleashed his White Tiger's Vajra Transformation, and even though Xu Yun had a four-ringed cultivation.

Yun'er, am I getting further and further away from you?

The night went on silently, and training began as usual the next day. Indeed, Xu Yun didn't report Huo Yuhao. Everything carried on as normal. All the new recruits were extremely tired as they trained for the entire day. The intensity of this three-month training kept on increasing.

Seeing that the sky had already turned dark, Dai Luoli proactively came over to tell Huo Yuhao, "Let's go."

"Oh? What's with you today? Why are you anxious?"

Dai Luoli's face turned red, and he softly asked, "Are you coming or not?"

Huo Yuhao smiled as he said, "It's a good thing when someone wants to be beaten up. Let's go." As he spoke, he stood up and walked out with Dai Luoli.

After leaving their bunk, Dai Luoli looked around, but didn't discover anything. He was immediately disappointed.

Huo Yuhao wore a crafty look on his face as he softly asked, "Did you know the battalion commander before yesterday?"

"Yes," Dai Luoli laughed bitterly. "Our families are close. Only, she's a legitimate child, while I'm a bastard child. There's a great difference in our statuses. I've liked her for as long as I can remember. However, I've no great talent. No matter how hard I try, my cultivation can't catch up to hers."

Huo Yuhao laughed, "You're rather honest."

Dai Luoli was embarrassed, and glared back at him. He said, "I knew you would laugh at me. I know that it's impossible for us to get together. In terms of abilities and status..."

"Are you this useless?" Huo Yuhao said disdainfully.

Dai Luoli suddenly clenched his fist. "What can I do if I come from an inferior background?"

Huo Yuhao glanced at him coldly, "If you have such an attitude, you'll never have any hope in your entire life. Go back, useless trash. I can't be bothered to beat you up anymore." After he finished speaking, he quickly turned around and walked back towards his bunk.

"You!" Dai Luoli quickly stepped forward and stopped Huo Yuhao. He shouted, "I'm not useless!"

"Aren't you considered useless if you give up on yourself?" Huo Yuhao said scornfully. "A true hero's background doesn't matter. So what if you're a bastard son? Let me ask you a question. If you become a Titled Douluo, or even a Transcendent Douluo, who would care if you're a bastard? Everything's not going well for you because of one issue: you're not working hard enough!"

Dai Luoli was stunned. Yes! If he were a Titled Douluo, or even a Transcendent Douluo, who would still look down on him? Who would care that he was a bastard? However, could he really become a Titled Douluo?

“Have you thought it through?” Huo Yuhao asked calmly.

Dai Luoli suddenly looked very determined, “I’ll do my best to defeat you first!”

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, “Good. As long as you can defeat me, I’ll take back what I said about you being useless trash. Otherwise, you’re still a piece of useless trash! Let’s go!”

After he finished speaking, he turned around and walked towards the military drill grounds. It wasn’t an easy thing to teach his own younger brother! However, Huo Yuhao felt quite delighted for some unknown reason. Ever since he had joined the army after Wang Dong’er and Wang Qiu’er met with mishaps, he had felt much better.

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Very soon, the two of them reached the military drill grounds. Dai Luoli was surprised, because Xu Yun was actually waiting there. There was a dominating look in her eyes, and she looked very cold.

“Yun’er.” Dai Luoli called out in joy when he saw her, and quickly ran over to her.

Xu Yun glared at him and said, “How many times must I tell you not to call me Yun’er? Only my elder siblings can call me that!”

Dai Luoli paused for a moment before helplessly saying, “Alright, Xu Yun.”

Xu Yun recalled how he had blocked her attack without any hesitation yesterday, and the look in her eyes turned gentler. She said, “Do the two of you come here to train every day? What’s with him? He’s not a soul master. How is he so strong?”

Dai Luoli laughed bitterly. “If I knew, I wouldn’t be beaten up by him every day.”

Xu Yun snapped, “Useless. Let me go again. I was too careless yesterday. I’ll take care of him today.” As she spoke, she walked in front of Dai Luoli towards Huo Yuhao.

Dai Luoli touched his nose and remembered how he had used this same excuse after he lost to Huo Yuhao the first time. However, he had already lost for a month straight now.

As she spoke, Xu Yun walked towards Huo Yuhao. While she sounded like she didn’t care about this, it was evident from the look in her eyes that she regarded this fight very highly. After losing to Huo Yuhao yesterday and almost suffering serious injuries, she felt that she had been greatly humiliated. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have come to find him today.

Huo Yuhao revealed a cold look on his face. He crossed his arms and mocked, “I hope you won’t need a human shield to protect yourself today.”

“You!” Xu Yun was furious. She wanted to say something, but Huo Yuhao suddenly moved. He suddenly stepped on the ground with his left foot before he charged towards Xu Yun like an arrow. He was extremely quick.

Xu Yun was a little stunned. She had suffered yesterday because she was taken by surprise, and her belly was still aching slightly. When she saw Huo Yuhao suddenly moving, she immediately retreated quickly. At the same time, she unleashed her Starcrown.

Streaks of starlight shot out from her Starcrown towards Huo Yuhao. However, she felt dejected, because Huo Yuhao seemed to be naturally immune to her starlight. No matter how concentrated her attacks were, he was still able to avoid them. It was as if he could predict where her starlight would hit before she even shot it out. The gap between them was quickly shrinking.

What did soul masters who were adept at long-range attacks fear? Their opponent getting closer to them!

Furthermore, Xu Yun had challenged Huo Yuhao today after pondering over it for an entire day. She was very clear about Dai Luoli's abilities. It was definitely not a coincidence that Dai Luoli lost so heavily to Huo Yuhao. Although she discovered it by accident, it was obvious that Dai Luoli wasn't beaten up by Huo Yuhao just once or twice. While Dai Luoli's White Tiger wasn't pure, his abilities weren't weak. He was a close-combat assault-type soul master! Although she had four rings and Dai Luoli had three, she knew that she couldn't compare to Dai Luoli's physical strength if both of them unleashed their martial souls.

As a result, she would definitely be unable to handle Huo Yuhao at close range if even Dai Luoli couldn't do so. She had made up her mind to not let Huo Yuhao get close to her no matter what. Otherwise, she would definitely lose!

Under such circumstances, she immediately made a decision. Her third soul ring shone brightly, and she unleashed her Starburst once again.

After Huo Yuhao used his Controlling Crane Capturing Dragon to control her Starburst yesterday, she didn't fling it directly towards him today. Rather, she flung it towards the ground not far in front of him. At the same time, her body shone brightly with golden light. Her three soul rings flashed slightly, and it was difficult to tell which soul skill she was using.

Her Starburst immediately exploded violently on the ground. The tremendous boom and the following shockwave immediately engulfed the path that Huo Yuhao had to cross to reach her.

Xu Yun only wanted to do one simple thing: widen the gap between her and Huo Yuhao before slowly dealing with him!

Given Huo Yuhao's abilities, he could guess what Xu Yun wanted to do the moment she threw her Starburst out. He stopped and leapt to one side when her Starburst exploded. He rolled on the ground and dodged the core of the explosion. After he rolled, he leapt towards Xu Yun once again, minimizing the influence of the explosion.

Seeing that her Starburst had exploded, Xu Yun was about to heave a sigh of relief. However, she suddenly saw Huo Yuhao charging towards her from the side. She was shocked once again. This guy's reactions are too quick!

Her fourth soul ring instantly shone. She couldn't be bothered with concealing her abilities anymore. She drew streaks of starlight in front of her with her hands and they formed a strange image. This image was obviously a Starcrown. This Starcrown started to move towards Huo Yuhao. $\text{no} \vee \text{e}) \ell \mathfrak{B} / \text{In}$

It was her fourth soul skill, Soulcrush Starcrown. This was a single-target offensive and control-type skill. It was also the strongest soul skill that Xu Yun could unleash right now.

Once engulfed by this Soulcrush Starcrown, one would suffer from agonizing cuts unleashed by the streaks of starlight that made up this Starcrown. Even if one could resist these cuts, the streaks of starlight would still turn into a barrier and trap them. This soul skill was extremely powerful!

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Xu Yun was still unable to tap into celestial power to strengthen herself, but her control of her Starcrown was already pretty good. Furthermore, she was extremely focused this time. She knew that she had to lock Huo Yuhao down in order to defeat him.

While her idea was good, it was a pity that reality was cruel.

Her Starcrown was about to reach Huo Yuhao, but his figure suddenly turned illusory. His pace doubled, and he managed to escape Xu Yun's lock on as he moved his body in some unknown way. At the same time, he leapt forward once again, and gestured towards Xu Yun, palm turned toward himself. Xu Yun suddenly felt a suction force pulling her towards her opponent.

In such a critical moment, Xu Yun's reaction was rather commendable. She grit her teeth and another of her Starbursts ignited. ?Aren't you trying to pull me over? Alright, I shall deliver a Starburst to you, then.?She was already prepared to perish alongside Huo Yuhao. In fact, her Starcrown could assimilate some of the abilities that she unleashed. This meant that Huo Yuhao was bound to face a greater explosive force if her Starburst blew apart, and they were standing the same distance away from it.

Huo Yuhao revealed a slight smile on his face. His right palm suddenly shook a few times before Xu Yun's Starburst started to shake, too. Once again, it broke free from Xu Yun's control, and Huo Yuhao flung it into the air. Huo Yuhao kicked at her as she exclaimed in shock. He hit the same spot he had yesterday.

He didn't even bother with being gentlemanly. With one kick, Xu Yun flew away.

It was so quick that Dai Luoli couldn't make it in time to save her even if he wanted to. He watched helplessly as Xu Yun flew through the air.

As he leapt up, Dai Luoli immediately charged to Xu Yun's side, "Yun'er, no. Yun'er, are you okay?"

She felt an excruciating pain in her belly, and her internal organs seemed to have been ripped from their positions. Xu Yun grit her teeth, and the hatred in her eyes seemed as if it could turn into sharp blades and cut Huo Yuhao to pieces. However, she couldn't speak because she was in too much pain.

Dai Luoli glared at Huo Yuhao and shouted furiously, "How can you be so hard on her? She's a girl! Don't you know how to be gentlemanly?"

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, "On a battlefield, do you think your enemies will let you off just because you're a girl? Furthermore, she's hurt not because of me, but you."

Dai Luoli was stunned. "Me? You were the one who hurt her. Why am I to be blamed?"

Huo Yuhao scornfully said, "You like her, right? Since you like her, you should treat her like your woman. When she was hurt, what were you doing? You can't even protect your own woman. Don't you think you're a useless piece of trash?"

"You!" Normally, Dai Luoli was already used to how Huo Yuhao tried to agitate him. However, it was different today. He agitated him in front of Xu Yan! Moreover, Huo Yuhao had already hurt Xu Yun. Suddenly, Dai Luoli's eyes turned red, and he roared furiously. He unleashed his White Tiger and charged towards Huo Yuhao without regard for anything else.

Three seconds later...

Bang!??Dai Luoli crashed forcefully to the ground a short distance away from Xu Yun.

"A piece of trash is a piece of trash. If I want to kill your woman or do anything to her now, what can you do? You can only watch helplessly." He became even more scornful. He even placed his hands behind his back and revealed a disdainful look on his face.

"I'm going to fight it out with you!" Dai Luoli's eyes had turned completely red by this point. He leaped forward again and charged towards Huo Yuhao.

Another three seconds passed...

Bang!??Dai Luoli crashed forcefully to the ground not far in front of Xu Yun again.

This time, Dai Luoli quickly climbed up without Huo Yuhao needing to agitate him. After this, he charged towards Huo Yuhao once again like a crazed tiger.

A smile appeared in Huo Yuhao's eyes. At the same time, he also noticed that there was something different about the look in Xu Yun's eyes right now. ~~no ve-ll~~.1n

Of course, all this didn't stop him from beating Dai Luoli up again and again. Three seconds passed, then passed again. Dai Luoli had been thrown to the ground more than ten times. This time, Huo Yuhao was more violent against him. Not only was Dai Luoli's shirt torn, but there were even injuries on his body.

However, Huo Yuhao had clearly agitated Dai Luoli a lot this time. Every time Dai Luoli was thrown to the ground, he would crawl up crazily and proceed to attack Huo Yuhao with all his strength.

When Dai Luoli was thrown onto the ground in front of Xu Yun another time, and his mouth was already oozing blood, Xu Yun couldn't help but shout, "Stop fighting! You're not as good as him. Stop fighting!"

"No, I have to protect you. I must protect you." Dai Luoli suddenly turned his head back. When Xu Yun looked into his eyes, she saw a hysterical and crazed look. Within this craziness, she could see a slight mania in it. Dai Luoli was persistent.

After he finished speaking, Dai Luoli charged towards Huo Yuhao once again.

Huo Yuhao nodded silently in his heart. This was because he could clearly tell that the part of Dai Luoli's martial soul that possessed spiritual power was slowly being awakened. His spiritual power was increasing at a shocking speed as he was in this crazy state.

Yes, this was the true essence of his mutated White Tiger!

Right now, Dai Luoli's attacks were obviously much more ferocious than before. Furthermore, he would form some white shadows around him as he charged towards Huo Yuhao. On a closer look, one would see that these shadows were shaped like White Tigers.

Dai Luoli's speed and strength were both increasing as he released spiritual undulations. The white lights around his body also became much stronger than before.

Feelings stimulated one's heart and spiritual power. Huo Yuhao wanted Dai Luoli to enter a realm that was similar to the one he entered when he yearned for Wang Dong'er and created his Three Ultimate Haodong Skills.

Why did he kick Xu Yun in the same place on both occasions? Did he really not know what it was to be a gentleman? Would he really attack a woman so freely? Of course not. What he was trying to do was make Dai Luoli think that he couldn't protect the woman he loved. This was why he suddenly used actions and words to agitate Dai Luoli.

They were indeed very effective. Dai Luoli had gone berserk now. His soul and spiritual power greatly increased in such a state.

Finally, even Dai Luoli couldn't keep count of the number of times he was thrown to the ground by Huo Yuhao. As he collapsed once again, he tried his best to crawl back up. However, the pain that he suffered stopped him from doing so, even though his soul power kept on recovering.

Right now, there were injuries all over his body, and his uniform was already torn and tattered. However, he still seemed very persistent. Even though his body was greatly hurt, the look in his eyes was still burning strongly.

"Stop fighting, stop fighting." Tears flowed down Xu Yun's cheeks. It wasn't that she didn't want to stop Dai Luoli or help him. It was just that an unknown force was restraining her as Dai Luoli kept on charging crazily towards Huo Yuhao. She could see and hear everything, but she couldn't move. She tried her best to struggle, but she couldn't even gather a shred of her soul power. She could only watch helplessly as Dai Luoli charged towards Huo Yuhao time and time again, and failed time and time again.

Devil. Huo Yuhao was like a devil in her eyes, whereas Dai Luoli's persistence and determination caused her to be moved once again.

Are you doing this because of me?

"Luoli, give up. Stop fighting him. You are inferior to him. Don't..."

After hearing Xu Yun's voice, Dai Luoli seemed to have taken a stimulant, and supported his body with his trembling arms. Right now, he looked very scary. His body was already bloodstained, and his eyes were particularly bright. There seemed to be an extra blood-red pupil beside his black pupils too.

He peered into the sky and roared. His back shone brightly with white light, and this white light seemed to be stained by the blood-red on his body, and slowly turned red, creating a projection of a Blood Tiger.

Dai Luoli slowly lifted his hands up beside his body. The sharp blades of light above his claws also slowly turned blood-red. He twisted his head and looked at Xu Yun with his weird-looking eyes. He said, word by word, "I can definitely protect you. I will protect you."

After he finished speaking, he charged towards Huo Yuhao once again. His speed was even faster than what it was at his peak state. He turned into a blood-red whirlwind and swept towards Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao nodded slightly. Right now, Dai Luoli's fighting strength was already beyond what a four-ringed Soul Ancestor was able to achieve. His potential was finally being realized.

A spiritual-type soul master, or rather a soul master with a martial soul that had some spiritual components, would indeed find it more difficult to improve his cultivation. However, the mutation of their martial soul would only truly be completed after the spiritual components in their martial soul had been triggered. Only then would they become stronger than ordinary soul masters!

Dai Luoli's White Tiger was indeed mutated, but this mutation didn't have to be a negative one.

Even an experienced teacher from Shrek Academy wouldn't be certain of this point. However, Huo Yuhao was different. He probably possessed the strongest spiritual-type martial soul in the world right now. After one month of interaction with Dai Luoli, he was very clear about Dai Luoli's condition!

Chapter 420: Dai Luoli's Awakening

Dai Luoli's greatest problem was that the spiritual power of his martial soul wasn't active when he cultivated.

Even though there were experts in the Duke's Mansion who discovered this problem, they didn't know what to do. After all, one's spiritual power was related to his soul. Souls were very magical. If Dai Luoli walked the wrong path, he might suffer from side-effects, which would cause him harm. As a result, Dai Luoli continued to remain in his current state. No matter how hard he tried, he could only unleash half the strength of his martial soul. Naturally, he couldn't catch up to Dai Yueheng and Dai Huabin.

Huo Yuhao was using a very simple method to stimulate his martial soul: tapping into his feelings for Xu Yun! Using love as stimulation was very difficult, and it might lead to repercussions. Of course, the prerequisite was that this love could be fulfilled after Dai Luoli's martial soul was stimulated.

As a result, Huo Yuhao completely stimulated Dai Luoli's spiritual power to its extreme, enabling him to enter a state of craziness. Indeed, the spiritual components of his martial soul were completely stimulated, and his soul power rose by two ranks in just a short period of time. Dai Luoli didn't sense it himself, but he would immediately discover the significant changes to his body after he recovered.

Seeing that the Blood Tiger projection was about to reach him, Huo Yuhao smiled and quickly shifted his footsteps. In an instant, he was already behind Dai Luoli. While Dai Luoli charged ferociously, the gap between him and Huo Yuhao was simply too huge.

Furthermore, he was only relying on his courage to sustain himself now. Huo Yuhao smacked his palm against Dai Luoli's neck, and Dai Luoli shook slightly before he fell to the ground.

At this point, the restraints on Xu Yun suddenly disappeared. She almost fell down, as she was unbalanced. After realizing she could move, she quickly rushed towards Dai Luoli.

The way Dai Luoli had looked at her just now was already deeply etched in her mind. She couldn't forget the determination and fearlessness in his blood-red eyes. For me, he...

At this moment, Xu Yun was only feeling very sad. She quickly helped Dai Luoli up and cried out, "Luoli, Luoli, wake up. You can't die! Wake up." As she cried out, tears were already flowing down uncontrollably. She hugged Dai Luoli, who was already covered in blood, tightly.

Huo Yuhao didn't stand too far away. He smiled as he looked at them. He knew that at least his brother had found a place inside this princess's heart. As for how they were going to develop in the future, it was going to be much simpler. Luoli, I've already done quite a bit for you. You'll have to count on yourself from now on.

"I'm going to kill you!" Xu Yun suddenly lifted her head and glared at Huo Yuhao furiously, "You aren't an ordinary person. Tell me. Who are you? You must be a spy, a spy from the Sun Moon Empire! I'll get someone to kill you!"

Huo Yuhao rolled his eyes and said, "Your Highness, let's not even talk about whether I'm a soul master first. Just from how you are screaming like that, who can you get to kill me if I kill you and him first?"

Xu Yun was stunned. Yes! Only the three of them were here. Why weren't there any guards patrolling this place even though they had made such a huge commotion? It was because she had told them not to disturb her in her cultivation.

Right now, she was the only one who could fight Huo Yuhao! What could she do?

Huo Yuhao slowly walked towards her. While Xu Yun was a soul master, she was more like a little girl. She lacked fighting experience, and looked very terrified now. As she hugged Dai Luoli tightly, she lost her voice and said, "You, you, don't come over!..."

Huo Yuhao calmly smiled and said, "He's not dead yet. Tell you what, let me kill him first. Then you can swear not to divulge my identity. I'll spare you then. What about that?"

"Impossible." Xu Yun carried Dai Luoli as she suddenly stood up. There was a fierce look in her eyes, and she glared at Huo Yuhao. "I'm from the imperial family of the Star Luo Empire. I can only be a princess who dies in a fight, but not a princess who lives humiliatingly. If you want to kill him, then you better kill the both of us."

Huo Yuhao nodded in his heart. My younger brother has good taste! While this princess is a little overbearing and unreasonable, she has her principles. Furthermore, he discovered that Xu Yun seemed to be thinking of a solution of how to escape from his fingertips.

He smiled and his eyes flashed with a trace of dim purplish-gold. Xu Yun suddenly felt a weird spiritual undulation appearing. In the next moment, she became giddy before she fainted.

Huo Yuhao walked forward and supported her body. After that, he took Dai Luoli from her arms and placed her on the ground.

"Commander Xu has fainted!" Huo Yuhao shouted. Then, carrying Dai Luoli, he transformed into an illusory projection before disappearing.

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When Dai Luoli woke up from his deep sleep, it was already the next morning. He opened his eyes wide, and the sky was already slightly bright.

Dai Luoli only felt that his body was very warm and comfortable. His soul power surged strongly in his body and an unprecedented sense of strength filled his entire body. More strangely, he was stunned to realize that his feeling of everything around him was not a result of his visual perception of them, but because there seemed to be another pair of eyes helping him to survey his surroundings.

This was...

As he opened his eyes, Dai Luoli sat up in his bed. The recruits from the First Bunk also woke up at this moment, and quickly donned their uniforms before washing up. After this, they went for breakfast.

Everything that had happened last night played itself out in Dai Luoli's head. When he looked at his own body, he discovered that there weren't any injuries. Furthermore, he was dry and clean. His uniform was placed neatly to one side, as if he had never worn it before.

Was everything last night a dream??Dai Luoli was in disbelief.?Was I really dreaming? No, I couldn't be. How could it be so painful in my dream? Yes, it was him!

He twisted his head to look at Tang Dong. Tang Dong had just changed into his uniform, and was lazily stretching his waist. It seemed like he could sense Dai Luoli looking over, and immediately turned his head to look back. After this, he revealed a kind smile.

Dai Luoli was too curious, and couldn't take it anymore. He quickly got up from his bed and put his uniform on before going to find Tang Dong.

Dai Luoli was confused as he asked, "Tang Dong, what happened to me last night? Why do I remember that I was being beaten up very tragically by you?"

Huo Yuhao chortled, "Is that so? If you think that's the case, then that's the case. However, do you really not remember what happened? Come on, let's go have breakfast. I'll tell you as we eat." As he spoke, he dragged Dai Luoli to go freshen up.

Dai Luoli looked at him with an abnormal expression, and was even more confused. However, it wasn't very appropriate for him to question Tang Dong with so many recruits around.

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After freshening up, the two of them went to have breakfast. In the canteen, they squatted down at one side to have their breakfast.

"What exactly happened last night?" Dai Luoli couldn't help but ask.

Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "Let's not talk while we eat. Let's talk after we finish eating."

Dai Luoli felt as if a ball of fire were slowly rising in his chest. If not for the fact that he couldn't beat Huo Yuhao, he would have whacked him by now.

It was a pity that this was only a thought in his head. He knew he didn't have any chance of winning against someone as perverted as Huo Yuhao. He could only continue eating. After he quickly finished his breakfast, he turned his attention towards Huo Yuhao again.

Huo Yuhao said, "Come, let me show you something." As he spoke, Huo Yuhao grabbed his shoulder.

At the start, Dai Luoli wasn't very used to Huo Yuhao doing this. However, he started to become more accustomed to it after a month. Anyway, he couldn't beat Huo Yuhao in a fight.

However, it was different this time. When Huo Yuhao grabbed his shoulder, Dai Luoli suddenly sensed everything around him changing. The originally bright sky turned dark, and daytime turned to nighttime.

Before he exclaimed, Huo Yuhao's voice already sounded in his mind, "Don't be shocked. Take a closer look. Don't you want to know what happened last night?"

Yes, it was nighttime. It was nighttime in their military camp, and they were on the military drill grounds.

Very soon, Dai Luoli saw himself charging towards Huo Yuhao like a mad tiger. However, he was flung back every single time.

It wasn't an illusion. Everything that had happened last night was true. It wasn't an illusion! Furthermore, he watched how anxious he was as a bystander. However, he didn't know why Xu Yun was unable to move. When he saw the expression on Xu Yun's face, Dai Luoli subconsciously clenched his fist.

"Take a look at yourself." Huo Yuhao's voice sounded again.

Dai Luoli subconsciously turned his attention towards his own body. Suddenly, he realized there was something different about him.

When he saw the Blood Tiger projection behind him and sensed the powerful spiritual undulations that he released, he was in a daze.

Is that really me? But why am I so different? Since when was my spiritual power so great? Did my soul power increase today because of...

Just as he was wondering about a lot of things, he saw himself being thrown to the ground by Huo Yuhao once again before he lost consciousness.

After this, he saw Xu Yun charging to his side and hugging him tightly. She was crying for him. She even mentioned how she was willing to die with him when Huo Yuhao claimed that he wanted to kill him.

After this, Xu Yun fainted. Huo Yuhao then shouted before leaving with him. He found a water vat near the canteen and cleaned him up before stealing a new uniform from the military store.

The illusory nighttime disappeared, and it was daytime again. Everything returned to normal.

"What do you feel?" Huo Yuhao's voice sounded once again.

Dai Luoli twisted his head to look at him as if he were looking at a monster.

Huo Yuhao smiled and asked, "I'm asking you about your feelings after seeing what I've shown you."

Dai Luoli subconsciously said, "It would have been great if I was conscious when Yun'er hugged me."

Huo Yuhao was speechless as he smacked his forehead and said, "I knew it. You emotional creature! I was asking you how you felt when you erupted last night. Didn't you realize that your martial soul has become different?"

Dai Luoli was very wary as he looked at Huo Yuhao and said, "Who are you exactly? What's with that illusion just now? Also, how did you know Yun'er was a princess?"

Huo Yuhao laughed, "It seems you're not that dumb after all. I'm Tang Dong. I'm only Tang Dong. You just need to know that. You should have felt that you've gained something over the past month. You must work hard for your Yun'er, though. This is all that I can do for you."

After he finished speaking, he turned around and walked towards their bunk. They still had some time to rest before their training started.

Dai Luoli seemed very uncertain as he watched Huo Yuhao leaving.

Who is he exactly?? No matter how slow he was right now, he could still sense that Huo Yuhao wasn't an ordinary person. He had three rings, but he couldn't defeat an ordinary person? He was very doubtful about this. Even Xu Yun was also weaker than him, even though she had four rings. It seemed like they were both very far off from him.

I should have thought that he was a soul master. I just don't know what type of soul master he is. However, what's he doing in the military?

He's right. I can sense it.

Dai Luoli calmed down and carefully recalled everything that had happened between him and Tang Dong over the last month. While he was beaten up every day, he was surprised to realize that his cultivation had slowly increased. It was something that had never happened before. Even when his father took some time to guide him, the improvements he made couldn't compare to what he had achieved over the last month.

The weirder thing was the state he was in last night...

He said that my martial soul has changed?

He shut his eyes and silently sensed his martial soul. Very soon, he was surprised, and immersed in this delightful surprise.

Yes, his martial soul had indeed changed. In fact, it had grown stronger, which was beyond his imagination. He felt as if he had been reborn.

Tang Dong, who are you? Did my father send you to help me? However, he clearly looks like he's around the same age as me! Why is he so strong? Who exactly is he?

As he carried these doubts with him, Dai Luoli continued to sense his martial soul. The spirituality of his martial soul had finally been awakened. Everything had changed, and become very beautiful.