

Tang Sect 431

Chapter 431.1: She's Dong'er!

Bei Bei said, "That's just fine. It's better for you guys to wait one more day before you leave. After we finish our meal, you'll follow me to look for Teacher Xuan. The Tang Sect's first batch of custom-made soul tools will be given to you guys, and I trust that they should be quite useful for your operation."

"Alright!" Huo Yuhao agreed. He wanted to look for Xuan Ziwen anyway. After experiencing the fighting strength of the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineer legions, he had many questions regarding soul tools that he wanted to ask Teacher Xuan.

Nan Qiuqiu suddenly said, "Yuhao, my mother asked me to tell you that you have to personally check out the place that we spoke about when you come back."

"Eh?" Huo Yuhao was blank for a moment. He contemplated for a moment before remembering that Nan Shuishui did mention something before. She wanted to cooperate closely with the Tang Sect, and she wanted him to check out some place. That place should be where there were exotic entities of Ultimate Ice.

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "I'd have forgotten about that if you didn't remind me. However, we don't have much time right now. We'll check out that place after we complete our reconnaissance duties."

Nan Qiuqiu said, "Why don't we take a detour? My house is in the Heavenly Soul Empire's territory, and it's not that far from the Academy. We'll need four to six hours to reach it, at most, if we use flying-type soul tools. After visiting the Great Star Dou Forest tomorrow, we'll take a detour to my house, and then we'll travel to the Star Luo Empire. My mother says that place should be very beneficial for you."

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "Alright, then. Has your mother returned?"

Nan Qiuqiu shook her head in reply. "My mother is in the city right now. The Earthdragon Sect has moved over here, and we haven't finished transporting everything. After you check that place out, and if you can take everything out from it, then we will finish moving into Shrek City. The Earthdragon Sect has already established close connections with the Tang Sect."

Bei Bei chimed in, "Yes. Senior Nan Shuishui is very courteous, and she's given us a lot of rare metals."

It turned out that the Earthdragon Sect's previous leader had seen a business opportunity in rare metals back in the day, and had hoarded a large amount of rare metals for the Earthdragon Sect. This time, after the Earthdragon Sect moved to Shrek Academy, those rare metals were given to the Tang Sect to purchase on credit, established a close cooperation with the Tang Sect.

Furthermore, Nan Shuishui announced that they didn't have to pay this debt for now. As long as someone in the Tang Sect married Nan Qiuqiu, then those rare metals would be Nan Qiuqiu's dowry. That was a very extravagant and valuable dowry!

Nan Shuishui naturally hoped that Nan Qiuqiu could follow Bei Bei or Huo Yuhao, but that was obviously quite unrealistic for now. However, even if Nan Qiuqiu couldn't marry either of them, there were many outstanding individuals within the Tang Sect. Nan Shuishui had already decided to take their cooperation with the Tang Sect one step further when she chose to move the Earthdragon Sect into

Shrek City. Leaning on the Tang Sect was undoubtedly very beneficial for the Earthdragon Sect's development.

Reality had proved that her decision was correct. The Tang Sect took large amounts of rare metals from the Earthdragon Sect, but the Tang Sect also helped the Earthdragon Sect lay down solid and stable foundations inside Shrek City. The Earthdragon Sect managed to acquire quite a spacious area in Shrek City with the Tang Sect's help, and this place was also relatively distant from the Great Star Dou Forest Region. This area was used to re-establish the Earthdragon Sect, and this land was also very cheap... which meant that it was almost given to them for free.

At the same time, because of the Earthdragon Sect's intimate relationship with the Tang Sect, they also received support from Shrek Academy. This meant the Earthdragon Sect's move into Shrek City naturally became extremely smooth.

The construction of Shrek's new city meant Shrek City was now more than five times larger than before, and the city was likely to continue expanding, as well. With Shrek City's current location, and the addition of the Spirit Pagoda, their future development was limitless.

The Earthdragon and the Tang Sects' intimate relationship also meant that the Earthdragon Sect's youngsters would also have priority in obtaining spirits. This was a great thing that was absolutely mutually beneficial. Therefore, Nan Shuishui was very satisfied and felt that she had accomplished her goals. She only hoped that Nan Qiuqiu could find a great husband inside the Tang Sect, and she would use this marriage as a way to further strengthen the cooperation between their sects. That would make their relationship even more perfect.

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Everyone enjoyed dinner in a jovial mood, and Bei Bei even made an exception and allowed everyone to have some wine. Huo Yuhao went directly to the Tang Sect's Soul Tool Hall after dinner, and stayed with Xuan Ziwen for the entire night. Only they knew what they discussed. Huo Yuhao left some things with Xuan Ziwen, and also took some other things with him when he left.

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The next morning, Huo Yuhao gathered his compatriots, and they departed as a group for Shrek Academy.

He had already arranged things with Elder Xuan, but if they wanted to go into the Great Star Dou Forest, they would still have to inform Elder Xuan first.

The Tang Sect's company had quite a few people. Everyone but Wang Dong'er from the Shrek's Seven Monsters was present, and in addition to Nan Qiuqiu, Ye Guyi, Ji Juechen, and Jing Ziyan, there were ten people altogether.

They deliberately waited until morning lessons started in the Academy before they went over. Otherwise, with the Tang Sect's current reputation, they would attract everyone's attention once they entered the Academy grounds.

The Sea God's Lake's waters sparkled and rippled. It was as clear and limpid as it had always been, and the smell that was so familiar and new at the same time refreshed Huo Yuhao, who hadn't slept for the entire night.

Huo Yuhao had had a long discussion with Xuan Ziwen last night. He told teacher Xuan everything that he had heard and seen, while Xuan Ziwen gave him an even deeper explanation into what he knew regarding the Death God. Huo Yuhao had been thinking at a high degree continuously, and even for someone like him who had such formidable spiritual power, he still felt a little exhausted. As for Xuan Ziwen, he fell asleep right after Huo Yuhao left, and he probably would only wake up that night.

Huo Yuhao tapped lightly on the ground with his foot and drifted across the Sea God's Lake. He was already a Soul Sage, but he didn't choose flight. Instead, he opted for what he did back during the Sea God's Fate, and a small patch of ice would form beneath his feet from his soul power of Ultimate Ice whenever his foot touched the lake's surface, supporting his steps.

Xu Sanshi followed behind him. He was very opportunistic, and just followed in Huo Yuhao's footsteps. He didn't have to release any soul power at all, and just stepped on the ice blocks that Huo Yuhao had created.

The Sea God's Island came into view after over ten leaps. A pretty figure was standing on the lakeshore in the distance, gazing in their direction.

This girl's long pinkish-blue hair was tied into scorpion braids, and her hair dangled in front of her as she fiddled with the ends of it. Her large, beautiful eyes seemed like they could talk as she stared at the people leaping across the lake. She was clad in a white warrior robe, which brought out her slender and exquisite figure. Her lips were rosy and alluring, and she was so brilliant that the morning sun covered her in a layer of golden radiance.

Huo Yuhao immediately felt a little dazed when he saw her. He slipped a little on the ice block that his soul power had created on the lake's surface, and immediately lost his balance.

This was entirely unimaginable for a Soul Sage, but it happened to Huo Yuhao at this moment.

Countless images surfaced and flickered in his memory. Some scenes were of Wang Dong'er as he saw her for the first time when he came to Shrek Academy, and some showed Dong'er's attractiveness and brilliance when he first saw her in girl's clothing during the Sea God's Fate right there on the Sea God's Lake. Some other scenes in between contained his experiences when he first became acquainted with her. Everything made him feel a little lost and dazed.

Huo Yuhao fell backwards, and his right foot slipped into the lakewater. Huo Yuhao only recovered when the lake's ice-cold water rinsed the bottom of his foot, and he tapped on the lake's surface lightly before jerking up and rising back into the sky. He hastily created another ice block where he descended before he managed to regain his balance.

However, Xu Sanshi had already arrived behind him when he lost his balance. Xu Sanshi was startled when Huo Yuhao fell backwards, and he hurriedly paused in midair.

Xu Sanshi was quite mischievous! Huo Yuhao could see Tang Wutong standing on the lakeshore, which meant that he could naturally see her, as well. Xu Sanshi's six soul rings rose instantly, and his fourth

soul ring lit up in the next moment as black light flickered. Tang Wutong couldn't even react on the lakeshore before she switched positions with Xu Sanshi.

Tang Wutong's cultivation wasn't low, but Xu Sanshi's Mysterious Netherworld Displacement was way too sudden. This soul skill was powerful enough to be called a divine skill among Xu Sanshi's many soul skills, and even Huo Yuhao had used his Spirit Eyes' fifth soul skill, Spiritual Duplication, to duplicate Mysterious Netherworld Displacement on several occasions.

Tang Wutong also seemed to be a little dazed when she saw Huo Yuhao bounding across the lake. Something in her mind seemed to have been triggered, and she was staring at Huo Yuhao's stunned face at the same moment Xu Sanshi used Mysterious Netherworld Displacement on her.

Her vision blurred as her surroundings changed. Afterwards, she realized that she was standing on the lake's surface, and couldn't help but exclaim in surprise.

Huo Yuhao was still descending from the sky at this point. The exclamation that came from behind him was all too familiar, and he spun around in midair without hesitation. Coincidentally, he met Tang Wutong's surprised expression as she was dropping into the water.

Huo Yuhao activated his left leg's soul bone immediately. He was several meters away from Tang Wutong, but he arrived in front of her with Instant Teleportation. He grabbed her arms with both hands and stabilized her.

Their eyes met at that moment. Huo Yuhao's eyes were full of longing and tenderness, and Tang Wutong's startled eyes were a little stunned when she saw them. She could feel those strong hands of his holding onto her arms, and for some reason, she felt very safe and secure, even though she was hovering above the lake's surface.

A dash of cold flowed into the lake, and they were standing on an ice block when they came down from the air.

Tang Wutong's momentary daze disappeared, and she immediately frowned as she growled, "Release me!"

Huo Yuhao subconsciously released his hands. Tang Wutong glared at him furiously before she surged into the air and flew straight for the lakeshore. She was also a Soul Sage, and she could fly through the air with her soul power without releasing her martial soul.

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Everyone else had stepped onto the Sea God's Island by now. They watched as Tang Wutong flew back to the lakeshore, and Xu Sanshi quickly hid behind Jiang Nannan's back. "That was accidental. I made a mistake because I panicked. It was accidental!" Tang Wutong stared at Xu Sanshi with unfriendly eyes as she landed on the lakeshore.

"I will kill you if there's a next time!" Tang Wutong said angrily, before turning and heading deeper into Sea God's Island.

Huo Yuhao landed on the lakeshore immediately afterwards. He shook his feet, which had been soaked in the lake, and released his Ultimate Ice, turning the water into ice particles that drifted to the ground.

“Little junior brother...so, how was it? Did you discover anything from interacting at such a close distance?”

Huo Yuhao nodded lightly, and his eyes were filled with warmth and gratitude. “She’s Dong’er.”

Huo Yuhao uttered a few simple words, and everyone felt their hearts quiver. However, everyone felt differently. ?Bei Bei, Xu Sanshi, and the others were sincerely happy for Huo Yuhao, but Nan Qiuqiu and Ye Guyi weren’t that excited about it.

“But she doesn’t remember us at all. How can you be sure that she’s Dong’er?” Xu Sanshi asked in surprise.

Huo Yuhao answered, “Even though Dong’er has lost her memory, her smell cannot change. Also, the tenderness of the muscles on her arms is exactly the same as before, and those are things that can’t be imitated. Back then, even though Qiu’er looked identical to Dong’er, they were different in these respects. Therefore, I can be sure that she’s Dong’er, and no matter how she has forgotten us, I will definitely help her regain her memory.”

Huo Yuhao’s eyes were filled with fighting spirit and excitement. For him, Wang Dong’er losing her memory wasn’t frightening at all. Instead, he was afraid that Tang Wutong wasn’t Wang Dong’er in the first place. If that was the case, no matter how similar the two of them looked, his heartstrings couldn’t be plucked at all.

Bei Bei hugged Huo Yuhao across his shoulders and said, “Let’s go. We’ll see Elder Xuan first, and everything will be easy to deal with since we’ve identified her. Just tell us if you need us to help, and everyone will help you as much as we can.”

“Thank you, eldest senior brother.”

Everyone arrived at the Sea God’s Pavilion. The others waited outside, while Huo Yuhao paid his respects to the Golden Tree before he walked into the pavilion with Bei Bei.

Elder Xuan was already waiting inside the Sea God’s Pavilion. Tang Wutong was standing indignantly behind Elder Xuan, and immediately turned away when she saw Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao had given her quite a bad impression during their only two encounters. The first time, Huo Yuhao suddenly hugged her, and the second time, they almost dropped into the water. He had touched her body both times, which was extremely humiliating to her. She would have hit back against him heavily if she hadn’t been at Shrek Academy.

“Elder Xuan.” Huo Yuhao and Bei Bei greeted Elder Xuan respectfully.

Elder Xuan smiled faintly as he tilted his head in response. “Are you ready, Yuhao? Why are you here too, Bei Bei?”

Bei Bei answered, “Elder Xuan, some of our martial souls have reached Rank 70, and we want little junior brother to bring us into the Great Star Dou Forest to search for appropriate soul beasts so that they can become our Spirits, and then we’ll let them leave. We have decided that Sanshi, Nannan, Ji Juechen, Jing Ziyang, Nan Qiuqiu, and Ye Guyi will follow Yuhao to the borders.”

Elder Xuan was delighted. "Both you and Sanshi are at Rank 70? That's great, that's great news! Is Nannan close to Rank 70, too?"

Bei Bei nodded and smiled. "Xiao Xiao is still a short distance away, but everyone else is at Rank 70."

Elder Xuan said, "You guys can go to the forest first, then. Look for the Emerald Swan at the Spirit Pagoda, and let her make the necessary arrangements. I can rest assured knowing that Yuhao is personally contracting Spirits for you guys."

Elder Xuan passed an envelope to Huo Yuhao as he spoke, who stepped forwards to receive it.

Elder Xuan said, "These are the documents that the Academy has provided for you as proof, and they will be effective once you fill in your name. You can't lose these documents, because they contain the Academy's soul imprint, and you'll have to give them to the White Tiger Duke personally. Dai Yueheng is serving with the White Tiger Duke, and he can help the two of you coordinate mutually."

"Yuhao, you have to remember that the battlefield is very dynamic, and can change at any moment. But no matter what, you should have no problem protecting your own life with your abilities. Remember, don't be impulsive and hasty when doing things, and personal safety is most important, whatever you do. Do you understand? At the same time, you can display the power of Spirits on the battlefield, so that the Star Luo Empire can understand the Spirit Pagoda a little better."

"Yes." Huo Yuhao put the envelope away as if it were a valuable treasure. His identity would be different when he went back to the frontlines, and his original wish of rising through the ranks as a foot soldier couldn't be completely realized, in the end. After all, how could he be like a normal person with the difference in his identity, status, and abilities?

"Wutong, let me introduce them all to you. This is Bei Bei, the leader of the Tang Sect, and a member of the Sea God's Pavilion. He's the leader of the current generation's Shrek's Seven monsters. This is Huo Yuhao, and he possesses an Ultimate martial soul, and also has twin martial souls. He's also a member of the Sea God's Pavilion."

Tang Wutong's expression immediately became ice-cold, especially when she was looking at Huo Yuhao.

"Wutong is a teacher that the Academy has just hired, and she's also a reserve member of the Shrek Guardians at the same time. She will follow you for this operation, and this will also be a test for her. Yuhao will be responsible for scoring her in this assessment. Wutong, perhaps there have been some misunderstandings between the two of you, but I'm very sure of Yuhao's character. He has made many important contributions to the Academy, and he's also the youngest member of the Sea God's Pavilion. The two of you should talk more after this. You're both youngsters, and I trust that any misunderstandings between you two can be easily resolved." Elder Xuan's voice and speech was as mild as a drizzle and as gentle as a breeze, but the amusement in his eyes couldn't be concealed when he looked at Huo Yuhao.

Tang Wutong grunted and glared at Huo Yuhao before turning away.

Huo Yuhao wasn't too concerned about that. He turned towards Elder Xuan and said, "Don't worry, Elder Xuan, I'll protect teacher Wutong."

"Who needs your protection?" Tang Wutong interjected.

Huo Yuhao smiled faintly, but said nothing. He didn't want to argue with her.

Elder Xuan said, "Then you guys can set off. Wutong, don't you want to see how miraculous and mystical Spirits are? You can follow Yuhao and the others to take a look. It's a pity you already have your seventh soul ring. Otherwise, you could get yourself a Spirit along with everyone else."

"Yes." Tang Wutong was still very respectful towards Elder Xuan.

Bei Bei smiled and said, "We'll be setting off immediately, Elder Xuan. Can Yuhao and the others go directly to the Star Luo Empire after we get our Spirits?"

Elder Xuan said, "Yes, they can do that. Yuhao, please pass back any news or intel as soon as possible."

Bei Bei said, "Don't worry, Elder Xuan. I will have the Tang Sect's members maintain contact with Huo Yuhao from the beginning to the end. The Tang Sect has produced sound-transmitting soul tools that can reach a distance of roughly one hundred kilometers. As long as we send people as transit stations in between, we won't need Huo Yuhao to run back and forth."

Elder Xuan nodded and said, "You have to hurry on your side, the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion has to be established as quickly as possible. Lin'er and Duoduo will gather people over the next few days.

"I will give you two pointers! First, you have to help them adjust and adapt to using soul tools as quickly as possible. Just as you've said in the conference at the Sea God's Pavilion, they will unleash custom-made soul tools according to their varying martial souls. Second, you have to use our advantages as soul masters as much as possible, and we can't weaken our own forces because we're using soul tools."

"Yes!" Bei Bei answered reverently.

Elder Xuan waved his hand and said, "Go, then. Wutong is new here, so you guys should take care of her."

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Huo Yuhao and Bei Bei walked in front as they left the Sea God's Pavilion, and Tang Wutong followed behind.

Bei Bei turned towards Tang Wutong and said, "Teacher Wutong, let me introduce our companions to you."

Tang Wutong's expression was cold, and she said nothing. However, Bei Bei acted as if he didn't see her expression and introduced everyone one by one, anyway. Tang Wutong couldn't help but grunt out loud when Bei Bei introduced Xu Sanshi, and it was clear that she didn't have a good impression of him. Tang Wutong's expression only became a little more gentle when Bei Bei was introducing the girls.

"Let's set off right now, then. Yuhao, are we going to the Spirit Pagoda directly? Or are we going to the Great Star Dou Forest?"

Huo Yuhao said, "Let's go to the Spirit Pagoda first. Even though the Spirit Pagoda has yet to be completed, the people from all incumbent parties have already moved in. The Emerald Swan has always been there to represent the Great Star Dou Forest, and it's more convenient to ask her to find suitable soul beasts for us."

The Emerald Swan could be said to be one of the most sensible and reasonable soul beasts, and she was very supportive of the Spirit Pagoda. Ever since the organization had been established, she had done quite a lot of work over on the soul beasts' side.

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They left the Academy and entered Shrek's new city. They were no longer in the outskirts that used to be here.

After all the construction work that had been carried out over this period of time, and in addition to the immeasurable investments from various large trade associations and Shrek City itself, Shrek's new city was starting to take shape. Construction sites were in full swing and buzzing with activity everywhere.

Bei Bei lamented, "After this new city is completely constructed, Shrek's scale will be enough to compare with the capital cities of other empires. Even though we are still smaller in surface area than Radiant City, our position as the center of the Continent will be gradually consolidated in the future. In my opinion, the new city will be complete in only two or three years, at most."

Huo Yuhao heaved a faint sigh and said, "There's a precondition... that the new city isn't laid to ruin by the fires of war."

Bei Bei glanced at him and said, "Little junior brother, you seem to be very pessimistic towards the Heavenly Soul Empire! They have the Body Sect's support. Are they really that weak?"

Huo Yuhao forced a laugh and said, "It's not that the Heavenly Soul Empire is weak, but that the Sun Moon Empire's soul tools are too powerful. Once Class 9 stationary soul cannon shells appear on the battlefield, at least for now, not a single force or entity can block or defend against them. Even Transcendent Douluo cannot possibly collide directly with those things. It's hard to say how many Class 9 stationary soul cannon shells the Sun Moon Empire has in their arsenal, but I feel that they can't have less than ten of them.

"When they were assaulting the Star Luo Empire, three Class 9 stationary soul cannon shells blew open a large gap in the Ming Dou Mountain Range. In terms of geographical and topographical advantages, the Heavenly Soul Empire is weaker than the Star Luo Empire, and if the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineer legions appear on the battlefield right now, they might break through the Heavenly Soul Empire's defenses like a hot knife through butter!"

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Bei Bei nodded and said, "I understand. Don't worry, we will assemble our soul engineer legion as quickly as possible. However, you're also familiar with the Tang Sect's circumstances. We have teacher Xuan for our mid-tier and low-tier soul tools, so our technology isn't that much worse than the Sun Moon Empire's. But in terms of high-level soul tools..."

Huo Yuhao tilted his head slightly and said, "I understand. Therefore, I will pay special attention to that when I go back to the frontlines. Teacher Xuan is very excited about the high altitude surveillance soul tool I passed to him yesterday."

The truth was, teacher Xuan wasn't just excited – his eyes had been sparkling as he exclaimed to Huo Yuhao, "The more the better!"

Huo Yuhao and Bei Bei continued discussing the continent's situation and circumstances as they flew along close to the ground towards the Spirit Pagoda.

The Spirit Pagoda was still undergoing construction, but the two bottommost layers had been completed. These two levels would be renovated into the Spirit Pagoda's headquarters.

Just as Huo Yuhao had said, the Emerald Swan was the Great Star Dou Forest's representative, and she had stationed herself here the entire time. Huo Yuhao told her what he was doing here, and received Bi Ji's support.

Huo Yuhao was no longer just a human in Bi Ji's eyes. Instead, he was the connecting dot that linked the humans and the world of soul beasts. Without his research, the Spirit Pagoda wouldn't have appeared, and since he also possessed the power of destiny that he had obtained from the God Beast of Destiny, he was someone that all soul beasts would have to protect. Therefore, Bi Ji very readily agreed to help him search for suitable Spirits.

There were three people in his group that needed Spirits: Bei Bei, Xu Sanshi, and Jiang Nannan. Of the three of them, Bei Bei and Xu Sanshi had been at Rank 70 for quite some time, while Jiang Nannan had only broken through recently.

The Spirit Pagoda had been working ever since it had been established, but they kept the fusion of Spirits limited to a certain number. This was the plan that Huo Yuhao and Shrek Academy's higher levels had put in place after some discussion back then.

The Great Star Dou Forest was vast, but many soul beasts had long lives, and there were very few soul beasts who were at the end of their lives and willing to become Spirits at the same time. For now, this number was still quite large, but failure rates were bound to climb if this fusion with Spirits was allowed to spread unchecked. Another important point was that if too many soul beasts that could become Spirits were used, and if supply couldn't meet demand, then many soul masters would probably be unable to control themselves, and would start hunting and killing soul beasts again.

If they could control the number of Spirits transmitted and stabilize the process at the same time, soul masters who needed soul rings would always be hopeful. Under such circumstances, they would naturally suppress the desire in their hearts to kill soul beasts.

At the same time, the Great Star Dou Forest represented the soul beasts, and the forest pushed out Spirit fusion to the other soul beast habitats. With the Great Star Dou Forest's status in the world of soul beasts, there were at least a few soul beast habitats that were willing to try. The Spirit Pagoda could promote themselves at the same time, and reduce the pressure on the Great Star Dou Forest's shoulders. This was the direction that they would develop towards in the future.

Of course, the Spirit Pagoda could never satisfy the demand for Spirits at the rate soul masters needed soul rings as of right now. They could only reduce these killings to a small extent. For these soul beasts, however, such circumstances already a lot better than before. The truth was, soul beasts weren't that afraid of being hunted and killed. In the end, not all soul masters could enter and leave the great forest safely, and soul beasts could hunt and kill humans at the same time. As long as there weren't too many soul beasts that were being hunted and killed, an ecological balance could still be maintained, and there wouldn't be much of a problem.

Bi Ji left hurriedly after studying Bei Bei and the others' martial souls. She personally went to search for soul beasts that were suitable for Bei Bei and the others due to how important Huo Yuhao was, and Huo Yuhao and the others temporarily remained in the Spirit Pagoda.

The first batch of Spirit Masters that Huo Yuhao had personally trained came forward to greet him and talk to him when they found out that he was here. Some addressed him as "teacher", and some addressed him as "Pagoda Master". Huo Yuhao now had a title, and he was known as the Spirit Pagoda's honorary Pagoda Master.

Tang Wutong had been watching coldly from one side. She didn't talk to the others, and she put on a cold appearance from the beginning to the end.

Huo Yuhao greeted and interacted with the various spirit masters, and they all began talking with Huo Yuhao about information and knowledge regarding Spirits. Ever since the Spirit Pagoda was established, these spirit masters' statuses had been rising rapidly. The Spirit Pagoda hadn't been promoted yet, but they already enjoyed extremely high statuses.

Most of the spirit masters in the first batch came from Shrek Academy, but some came from other countries, and they were even added into their respective royal family's Imperial Shrines. This was especially true since they began transmitting spirits, and soul masters of any rank were very respectful and reverent when they met these spirit masters. Huo Yuhao was the one who had given them this rise in status, and thus it wasn't hard to imagine how respectful they were towards him.

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Huo Yuhao took more than two hours before he finished interacting with those spirit masters. Bi Ji hadn't returned yet, though she had probably gone rather far into the Great Star Dou Forest to search for soul beasts.

Bei Bei said, "Are you tired, junior brother? The Spirit Pagoda has been developing very quickly over the past few months, and if not for the Sun Moon Empire suddenly launching an invasion, the affairs with those several branches would have been completed. Unfortunately, the Star Luo Empire and the Heavenly Soul Empire probably don't have any mental space or time for that now. The branch at the Dou Ling Empire has been established, though, and they're building a Spirit Pagoda of their own."

Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "Hopefully, the Spirit Pagoda's existence will reduce the number of soul beasts that humans kill. Because of this, we cannot let the Sun Moon Empire reach this place. Otherwise, all our past efforts and successes will be wasted."

Tang Wutong was sitting not far from Huo Yuhao, and suddenly asked him, "What exactly are Spirits?"

Huo Yuhao replied, "In simple words, Spirits are a soul beast that is willing to fuse with a soul master and retain its consciousness. These soul beasts can retain a certain part of their abilities and their reasoning. For those soul beasts who are nearing the ends of their lives, they can thus use another method to continue living in a soul master's body and extend their lives. Furthermore, there's a very small chance that they can accompany the soul master and attain immortality."

Tang Wutong frowned and asked, "Immortality? How is that possible?"

Huo Yuhao smiled and answered, "If that soul master can break through the Ultimate Douluo's barrier, then that is very possible."

Tang Wutong's mouth twitched, and she said, "You'd need a Godly Seat for that. How can it be that easy?"

Huo Yuhao stared at her with a surprised look on his face. "You know about the Godly Seats?"

Tang Wutong sounded a little proud as she said, "Of course I know, I..." She started her sentence, but the golden trident on her forehead that wasn't very conspicuous flickered, and she subconsciously stopped talking.

Right at this moment, Bi Ji walked in from outside.

The Emerald Swan was always elegant and charming whenever and wherever she was. There was a warm and faint smile on her beautiful face as she said, "Yuhao, and the rest of you, please follow me. We will go to the Spirit Transmitting Hall."

The Spirit Transmitting Hall was where Spirit Masters transmitted spirits, and the magical formation that Huo Yuhao had inherited from the Calamity Necromancer Electrolux was set up there. Transmitting spirits inside the Spirit Transmitting Hall wouldn't just conserve a Spirit Master's soul power, it also allowed soul masters to consume less spiritual power when fusing with Spirits. The rate of success was also greatly boosted, and with Bi Ji around, who was a formidable beast king adept with healing, she could guarantee that those soul beasts that were dying would live. With these systems in place, as long as both parties were willing to complete the contract, the success rate of transmitting Spirits was almost one hundred percent.

They seemed to enter a golden world when they walked into the Spirit Transmitting Hall. The Spirit Transmitting Hall was very spacious, almost five hundred square meters in surface area, and ten meters high. It took up the central area of the second level of the Spirit Pagoda's headquarters.

There were simple golden demonic patterns etched onto the hexagon-shaped walls. The flooring was the most dazzling part of the hall. The demonic patterns on the floor were pieced together with different metals and jewels, which all had a common characteristic: they all possessed the Element of light.

Huo Yuhao had inherited necromancy from Electrolux, and one couldn't forget that the Element of light was the Calamity Necromancer's strength. Therefore, whether it was Huo Yuhao's necromancy or the contractual magic that was suitable for the Spirit Pagoda, it had its foundations in the Element of light.

The dense power of light assaulted their senses as they stepped into the Spirit Transmitting Hall. Bei Bei and Tang Wutong had the greatest reactions in the group.

Bei Bei's body shone with gentle golden light as a subtle projection of a dragon flickered behind his back. His martial soul hadn't completely evolved into a Radiant Holy Dragon yet, but it was now easier for him to channel his Radiant Holy Dragon's powers. According to Bei Bei's calculations, after obtaining a Spirit and becoming a Soul Sage, his martial soul would likely complete its final metamorphosis. Therefore, when he was choosing his Spirit, he had expressly asked Bi Ji to search for a soul beast that possessed dragon blood and the Element of light at the same time.

Tang Wutong's reaction wasn't as obvious as Bei Bei's. A faint layer of golden light flickered subtly behind her back like golden wings. There was no question that both her and Bei Bei's expressions were very relaxed and comfortable, and their expressions showed that they were enjoying themselves.

Bei Bei glanced around at Huo Yuhao and said, "Little brother, this magical formation that you've set up is quite mystical and miraculous. It is so dense with the Element of light! If I could cultivate in such an environment, I would progress a lot faster with less effort."

Tang Wutong glanced at Huo Yuhao in surprise. She didn't quite believe that Huo Yuhao was the one who had created this magical formation.

Huo Yuhao shook his head and replied, "That's not very possible, eldest senior brother. This magical formation's effects are impressive, but it consumes too many resources. The formation interacts with the power of the sun through these materials, and absorbs the light Element from the sunlight and stores it. This Element of light is only used when transmitting Spirits. The Tang Sect doesn't have such wealth right now, and this Element of light will be consumed once it is used. The formation can't be used for cultivation, or it will be useless and meaningless for transmitting Spirits."

Bei Bei smiled and said, "That's alright, I was just making a passing comment. When the Tang Sect has enough wealth, we can build another one in the Tang Sect's inner regions."

They watched what was happening inside the Spirit Pagoda as they talked. There were three large soul beasts prostrate on one side not far from where they were standing. They seemed like they were also enjoying themselves as they bathed in this place filled with light energy.

However, as much as they enjoyed themselves, their aura of old age and weakness was still very evident. Their life energies were extremely weak, to the point where Bei Bei and the others hadn't noticed their presence when they walked into the Spirit Transmitting Hall.

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The three soul beasts were from three different species. The one in the middle was a white steed. This steed was very special. Its body was like a horse, but its head was shaped like a dragon. White dragon scales extended from its forehead all the way to its neck and down its entire spine. Although it was already in the twilight of its life, it still continued to reflect the aura of light inside the Spirit Pagoda. The most eye-catching part about it was the diamond-shaped, dim golden gem on its forehead. Although the light that came from this gem was dimming, it was still very bright.

The steed was more than four meters long and two and a half meters tall. If not for the fact that it appeared lifeless and its muscles were already soft, it would definitely be a steed with a divine presence.

To the left of this white steed was a bright golden turtle. Of the three soul beasts, it was the smallest, around two meters long. Not only was its golden turtle shell extremely eye-catching, it also seemed to be very thick. Its head and four limbs had withdrawn into the turtle shell at this moment.

To the right of the white steed was a huge python. This huge python was completely pink and more than ten meters long, as thick as a water bucket. However, there was a huge wound extending for a meter down from its head. This wound was red, and there was even fluid seeping from it.

Of the three soul beasts, this pinkish python was the only one whose life energy was not dissipating due to age.

Bi Ji stepped forward and spoke, "Let me introduce all of them. The one in the middle is a ten thousand year Heavenly Dragon Horse. Even in the Great Star Dou Forest, Heavenly Dragon Horses are considered very rare. The blood lineage of Radiant Holy Dragons runs in their bodies. Although they are shaped like horses, their draconic lineage is actually very pure. It's just that this Heavenly Dragon Horse was critically hurt when it was young. Although its blood lineage is very pure, its dragon wings have yet to grow even though it's already at a ten-thousand year cultivation. As a result, its life energy keeps on dissipating. When it reaches a twenty-thousand year cultivation, its condition will only worsen, and it will die.

"Bei Bei, your martial soul also contains the strong aura of a Radiant Holy Dragon. It is most suitable to fuse with you and become your Spirit. Perhaps this fusion can even help both of you complete your respective evolutions. As long as either of you fully complete your evolution into a Radiant Holy Dragon, both your powers will experience a significant increase. You can familiarize yourself with it first."

"Thank you, elder Bi Ji." Bei Bei said to Bi Ji respectfully. He appeared delighted.

Radiant Holy Dragons, like most other dragon species, had long ceased to exist. All the soul rings Bei Bei had obtained earlier were from Second Lineage Dragons, which were mainly Earth Dragons. When he saw this Heavenly Dragon Horse earlier, he felt as if there was something on its body that was calling to him. When he tried to sense it more carefully, he suddenly realized that this Heavenly Dragon Horse's Radiant Holy Dragon aura was very pure, even though it was slightly weak. It was even purer than that of his martial soul.

It was just that this Heavenly Dragon Horse was unable to stimulate this purity.

Bei Bei saw the lifeless-looking eyes of this Heavenly Dragon Horse as he walked towards it. The Heavenly Dragon Horse didn't react to him at all. It was very numb to his presence.

Bei Bei squatted down beside this Heavenly Dragon Horse. He took in a deep breath and slowly released his Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon.

The soul power of his Blue Lightning Tyrant Dragon was extremely dominant. Even though Bei Bei tried to retract his aura when he unleashed his martial soul, the Heavenly Dragon Horse still trembled slightly after he unleashed his martial soul. A gentle streak of the aura of light was released from its body, and it subconsciously lifted its head to look cautiously at Bei Bei.

Bei Bei squatted where he was without moving. His fifth and sixth soul rings took turns to shine. Suddenly, the lightning slowly disappeared from his blue dragon scales, and his scales also slowly turned golden. A low-pitched dragon roar rang out following this, as if a huge dragon was roaring gently.

The Heavenly Dragon Horse was stunned, and seemed a little more perplexed as it looked at Bei Bei. It sensed a familiar aura from Bei Bei's body. It could also sense the blood aura of a Radiant Holy Dragon from him.

Bei Bei softly said, "How are you, Heavenly Dragon Horse? Don't worry, I don't have any ill intentions. We both have the aura of a Radiant Holy Dragon in our bodies. Right now, we can both call to and sense the presence of that aura in each other. I'm willing to extend your life. Perhaps the lives of humans are

too short compared to soul beasts, but I can promise that you'll be filled with energy while I'm alive. You won't be like what you are now, lifeless. Let me help you regain your youth and power, okay?"

While Bei Bei's voice was very soft, he was very serious as he spoke. As he spoke, his eyes were fixed on the eyes of the Heavenly Dragon Horse, and he sounded very sincere.

Huo Yuhao had set the rule that a soul beast had to interact with the human before it underwent Spirit Transmission. After interacting, a soul beast would be able to roughly understand the person that it was going to become a Spirit to. This was very important. If the soul beast couldn't accept that person, the chances of failure would be very high. If the Spirit Transmission failed, a soul beast with weak life energy could die in the process.

The Heavenly Dragon Horse seemed to become slightly more vibrant after seeing Bei Bei. It seemed to recall the immense strength it had possessed when it was younger, and the extreme weakness that it felt right now. When it saw the sincerity in Bei Bei's eyes, it finally nodded gently and extended its head in front of Bei Bei before rubbing it on Bei Bei's shoulder.

Bei Bei took the opportunity to wrap his hands around its head and gently touched the side of its face, expressing his goodwill in this manner.

Shrek Academy had records of Heavenly Dragon Horses. Bei Bei was aware that the gem on a Heavenly Dragon Horse couldn't be touched. It was the strongest part of a Heavenly Dragon Horse, but it was also the part of its body that hurt the most when touched.

Bi Ji was stunned as she watched Bei Bei interact with the Heavenly Dragon Horse. She was aware of the personality of Heavenly Dragon Horses, who were recognized as one of the most arrogant of soul beasts. Let alone humans, they wouldn't even let soul beasts get close to them. They lived a lonely life in their own world.

This Heavenly Dragon Horse was saved by Bi Ji when it was younger, and thus it shared a good relationship with her. Otherwise, it would have been impossible for it to follow her here. There weren't any Heavenly Dragon Horses that were willing to fuse with humans among the previous cases of Spirit Transmission. This time, Bi Ji had brought this Heavenly Dragon Horse over just in case, since Bei Bei had the blood lineage of a Radiant Holy Dragon. She didn't expect it to so readily accept the proposition to fuse with Bei Bei.

Bi Ji was immediately in good spirits after such a positive start. She said to Xu Sanshi, "Xu Sanshi, the soul beast to the left of this Heavenly Dragon Horse is called a Golden Tortoise. It's in a very strange situation. Golden Tortoises are known for their longevity, as they are a symbol of auspiciousness. As long as one cultivates close to them, they can avoid any calamities. As a result, they hardly have any enemies in the world of soul beasts. Any soul beast would be willing to get close to them. They have no problem living to at least ten-thousand years. However, this Golden Tortoise is an exception.

"It's only thirty-thousand years old this year, and should be in a youthful state. However, its life energy has continuously dissipated recently for some unknown reason. In less than three years, its immense life energy is about to dissipate completely. I've helped it take a look, but I was only able to instill some life energy into it, I can't stop its life energy from dissipating.

“You can try communicating with it. Golden Tortoises are very auspicious, and they possess great auxiliary abilities. If you can fuse with it, you can greatly increase the strength of your Xuanwu. Your Xuanwu Shield can even evolve into a Golden Xuanwu Shield. Through this process, you could obtain a part of this Golden Tortoise’s strength.”

Xu Sanshi was already silently swallowing his saliva as he stood there. Golden Tortoise, it’s actually a Golden Tortoise!

Although Golden Tortoises couldn’t affect the destiny of the entire Great Star Dou Forest like the Auspicious Emperor Beast, they were still considered Auspicious Beasts. They were like the emperors of tortoises.

A Xuanwu was formed by a combination of a tortoise and a snake. More accurately speaking, it was an avatar of water, and didn’t possess a pure turtle body. A Golden Tortoise could give a Xuanwu the air of a sovereign. By possessing the strength of a Golden Tortoise, Xu Sanshi’s evolved Xuanwu could truly become a Godbeast Xuanwu!

There was a legend in Xu Sanshi’s family, that if anyone from his family could fuse with a soul ring from a Golden Tortoise, they could possibly transform the martial soul of the entire family. In the future, it would no longer be a Shield of the Xuanwu Turtle, but a Godbeast Xuanwu Shield instead!

It was just that Golden Tortoises were too rare. Even when they could be found, they were protected by powerful soul beasts!

Xu Sanshi hadn’t expected Bi Ji to find a Golden Tortoise for him. Furthermore, this Golden Tortoise’s life energy was even dissipating very quickly.

Given the auspiciousness and immense life energy of a Golden Tortoise, a ten-thousand year bottleneck wasn’t much of a problem. Perhaps a Golden Tortoise would find it slightly difficult to reach a twenty-thousand year cultivation. Of course, Golden Tortoises weren’t adept at any offensive skills, so they weren’t considered very suitable for most soul masters even if they reached a ten-thousand year cultivation. In addition, they were usually protected by other soul beasts.

As he rubbed his hands together, Xu Sanshi quickly walked towards the Golden Tortoise. There was a fawning look on his face as he came to the Golden Tortoise’s side.

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He was even more in awe when he drew closer. This Golden Tortoise was probably like a king among Golden Tortoises. The gold on its shell was extremely proportionate and deep, and every shell line was dark gold. There weren’t any flaws at all. It was unbelievable that a creature like this was experiencing a huge dissipation of its life energy.

The Golden Tortoise didn’t react to Xu Sanshi, and only remained where it was quietly. It gave off a very lazy feeling.

Xu Sanshi was confused as he asked, “Brother, can you reveal your head? Let us talk. You can tell me what you want. I’ll do my best to fulfil your wishes, how about that? Otherwise, I’ll find another pretty tortoise to be my second Spirit, okay? Although my spiritual power isn’t very strong, there shouldn’t be

any problem with Yuhao's help. Tortoises don't have immense spiritual power, either. All of you are only lucky. It'll be great to have a partner!"

Jiang Nannan had followed Xu Sanshi over, and wasn't too far away from him. After hearing his words, she couldn't help but furiously comment, "Do you think everyone is as lecherous as you?"

Xu Sanshi replied, "No matter how lecherous I am, I only love you!" he laughed as he turned around to give Jiang Nannan a flying kiss.

Jiang Nannan was a little stunned. She looked at him in a daze.

Xu Sanshi was perplexed as he asked, "Are you that touched? I'll kiss you later!"

Jiang Nannan pointed towards something behind him. Xu Sanshi immediately turned back around, and saw the Golden Tortoise's head poking out of its shell.

The Golden Tortoise's head was different from the head of an ordinary turtle. There were three ridges on it, and it wasn't oval like a turtle's, instead being slightly triangular in shape. There were even a few barbs that resembled whiskers at the bottom of its head. Its entire head was dark gold. The further down its head, the brighter the gold was.

It was just that this Golden Tortoise didn't seem to be in very good spirits. It looked very lifeless, and seemed to be out of energy even as it poked its head out of its shell.

"Eh, brother, you are finally out."

"Are you a man of your word?" the Golden Tortoise asked in a low, muffled voice.

Xu Sanshi was stunned. "You can speak our language?"

Although it wasn't in very good spirits, it still managed to lift its head proudly, "Golden Tortoises are the smartest among all tortoises."

Xu Sanshi sighed, "While Golden Tortoises are the smartest, they're still tortoises."

The Golden Tortoise shouted angrily, "You're underestimating me!"

Xu Sanshi rushed to shake his head and said, "Of course not. I'm just curious as to why a handsome, suave, elegant, and talented Golden Tortoise like you hasn't been able to find a partner."

The Golden Tortoise was stunned. "How did you know that I haven't been able to find a partner?" It was naturally very accepting of Xu Sanshi's compliments, and it seemed much friendlier now.

Xu Sanshi chuckled. "Otherwise, why would you rush out so anxiously when I mentioned finding you a pretty tortoise?"

The Golden Tortoise snorted and said, "I couldn't find a partner because my aura was too strong. No pretty tortoise dared to get close to me. If you want to absorb a second Spirit in the future, I must approve of it first."

Xu Sanshi quickly came to the Golden Tortoise's side and asked, "Brother, are you hiding something from me? Can I help you in any way?"

The Golden Tortoise twisted its head and looked at Bi Ji, who wasn't very far away, before replying, "Before we fuse, please ask all the Emerald Swans to leave. Also, I don't wish for any other soul beast to be around."

"Oh?" Xu Sanshi was truly stunned this time. Logically speaking, soul beasts should be very willing for other soul beasts to be with them when they underwent Spirit Fusion, especially the Emerald Swans, which were powerful soul beasts in terms of healing! They were best able to ensure the safety of other soul beasts.

However, this Golden Tortoise didn't want any Emerald Swans to be present. This was very weird. However, Xu Sanshi still nodded in agreement, then turned his head in Huo Yuhao's direction.

Huo Yuhao's spiritual power continued to engulf the entire place, and he nodded back. Huo Yuhao wasn't afraid of this Golden Tortoise causing trouble. Given the abilities of this Golden Tortoise, every human present was able to easily kill it. Xu Sanshi wouldn't have chosen it if not for the fact that it could help Xu Sanshi's martial soul evolve.

Bi Ji naturally heard its words, and furrowed her brow slightly. However, she didn't say anything. Given how this Golden Tortoise's life energy was dissipating, it wasn't very useful to the Great Star Dou Forest anymore. With her cultivation, she didn't think that there was much about this Golden Tortoise that she should have to be concerned about.

At this moment, she continued, and introduced the third soul beast present to Jiang Nannan. "Beside this Heavenly Dragon Horse is a Ruby Soft Tendon Python.

"It has a thirty-thousand year cultivation. It hasn't reached the end of its life, it's just that it has been tormented by its injuries ever since it was hurt the last time. Because its injuries are too serious, I can only preserve its life. However, it's in danger of dying at any time. Ruby Soft Tendon Pythons are very adept at close-combat fighting, especially among python-type soul beasts.

"This python was hurt by a Transcendent Douluo from Shrek City.

"If it can become your Spirit, it will be very useful, and give you an overall increase in your abilities. This Ruby Soft Tendon Python can confer great confusion-type abilities. More importantly, it can be part of your fighting strength, and directly help you fight. Ruby Soft Tendon Pythons are extremely spiritual. Their brains aren't as small as ordinary python-type soul beasts, they are as large as human brains. Previously, there was a case of a Ruby Soft Tendon Python becoming the Spirit of a soul master, and both of them managed to become telepathic with each other. Not only did that python give that soul master soul skills, but it also managed to learn a soul skill from the soul master.

"This python has a thirty-thousand year cultivation. If it can become linked with you, your fighting strength will undoubtedly increase."

"Thank you, Elder Bi Ji," Jiang Nannan said to Bi Ji respectfully.

From Bi Ji's introduction of these three soul beasts, it showed that she had gone to great lengths to gather them. These three soul beasts were especially suitable for Bei Bei, Xu Sanshi, and Jiang Nannan. They had many similarities to their martial souls.

Bi Ji said, "Let's start, then. Since the Golden Tortoise doesn't want me to be present, it shall be the last to fuse. I still have to take care of the other two. Jiang Nannan, you can interact with this Ruby Soft Tendon Python for a while first."

"Alright."

Jiang Nannan slowly walked towards the python. Although it was seriously injured, the look in its eyes was still very sharp. When it saw Jiang Nannan walking over, it lifted its head and bared its fangs at her.

Xu Sanshi was immediately drawn over, and internally accumulated his soul power. If this python tried to harm Jiang Nannan, he would attack it immediately. To him, there was nothing more important than Jiang Nannan's safety.

Jiang Nannan wasn't too alarmed, though. She slowly extended her hands out and said softly, "How are you? I don't have any ill intentions. You don't have to be so nervous."

The python stared coldly at Jiang Nannan.

Jiang Nannan could sense its hostility and sighed. "I'm sorry. It's humans that harmed you so seriously. I can sense your hatred for humans. If possible, I'm more willing to help heal your injuries rather than make you my Spirit. Ever since the Spirit Pagoda was constructed, I've begun to understand that the relationship between humans and soul beasts shouldn't be like it was before. Killing has only filled both parties with hatred, and influenced the ecological balance of the entire world. I, Jiang Nannan, hereby swear today that I won't ever kill another soul beast to obtain a soul ring again. If I betray this promise, I'll be condemned."

She was very decisive when she said her vow. Evidently, she had been thinking about this for some time.

After hearing her words, the python wasn't the only one that was astonished. Even Bi Ji, the Heavenly Dragon Horse, and the Golden Tortoise couldn't help but be moved.

How many years had it been? The hatred between soul beasts and humans had existed forever. Ever since the beginning, soul beasts were food for humans, and vice versa. Slowly, human soul masters hunted soul beasts to obtain soul rings. There was a huge conflict between both parties that couldn't be resolved.

Even with the appearance of the Spirit Pagoda, the conflict between soul beasts and soul masters was only slightly alleviated. Everyone knew that this conflict couldn't be resolved, at least for now.

Jiang Nannan had six rings now. This meant that she needed another three soul rings if she wanted to become a Titled Douluo.

This Ruby Soft Tendon Python had a thirty-thousand year cultivation, and so could only give her two soul rings, at most. She even had to choose on her own. If she gave up hunting soul beasts, Jiang Nannan had to take a risk to fuse with another Spirit if she wanted to obtain her final soul ring. Given her spiritual power, she might not be able to do this in the future. Her martial soul was still inferior to the likes of Bei Bei, Xu Sanshi, and Huo Yuhao. All along, Jiang Nannan's abilities were one of the weakest among the Shrek's Seven Monsters. She might even be the weakest.

Under such circumstances, she actually swore not to kill soul beasts in the future. This showed her determination and her sincerity to make amends. How could this not move all these sentient soul beasts?

Xu Sanshi and Bei Bei looked at each other, both in admiration of her. Bei Bei nodded and said, "Nannan is right. It's not only her; I'll also do the same. In the future, I'll never kill another soul beast to obtain another soul ring. If I betray this promise, I shall be condemned!"

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Xu Sanshi stood up and looked at Jiang Nannan, "A husband follows his wife's wishes. Nannan's decision is also my decision. I also swear that I won't kill another soul beast to obtain a soul ring. If I do so, Nannan will leave me forever."

Bei Bei was stunned as he looked at him. He understood that this vow was much worse and more vicious than condemnation to Xu Sanshi!

Huo Yuhao revealed a comforted smile on his face as dim lights flashed. This was what he had hoped to see! At the same time, he nodded. "I, Huo Yuhao, also swear that I won't kill another soul beast to obtain a soul ring. If I betray this vow, I shall be condemned. I'll do my best to help humans and soul beasts fuse peacefully with each other, creating Spirits."

Bi Ji's eyes were a little red and she muttered, "Although it's only the few of you who have sworn this today, I believe this is a huge step towards peace between soul beasts and humans. Right here, I also declare, on behalf of all the soul beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest, that all of you here will be respected guests of the Great Star Dou Forest. When you need Spirits, we'll do our best to coordinate and give you priority."

Bei Bei stood up and looked at Bi Ji seriously. "Elder Bi Ji, although I can't guarantee anything now, I promise on behalf of the Tang Sect that I'll restrict everyone from the Tang Sect to only obtaining soul rings through Spirits. Even those whose cultivations are slightly weaker must try their best to reduce any killings. We have no way of influencing others, but we are willing to be role models for other humans in this aspect."

Bi Ji's voice trembled slightly. She looked at Bei Bei and nodded slowly. "Thank you, thank all of you. I can sense your sincerity. This shall be the beginning."

As she spoke, she walked in front of the three soul beasts. There was a dominant look in her eyes, "The three of you have heard their words too. I'm delighted for the three of you today, that you can meet such humans. I believe that the three of you know what choice to make, even if I don't say anything."

The three soul beasts silently nodded their heads. Even the Ruby Soft Tendon Python, which had seemed very hostile earlier, appeared much friendlier now. It was much more willing to get close to Jiang Nannan now. After all, she was the one who had started the series of vows. It wasn't far-fetched to say that she was the one who had started everything, which led to the series of changes that happened after that.

Bi Ji said, "Alright, let's start now. Who wants to go first?"

The Heavenly Dragon Horse forcefully stood up and let out a soft dragon roar before it rubbed its head against Bei Bei's shoulder.

Bi Ji smiled slightly as she retreated and gestured for it to proceed.

Bei Bei touched the neck of the Heavenly Dragon Horse lightly and followed it to the center of the magical formation of the Spirit Transmission Hall. After that, he stood in front of the Heavenly Dragon Horse.

Huo Yuhao also came over and stood beside them. He revealed a slight smile on his face and said to Bei Bei, "Eldest senior, are you prepared?"

Bei Bei nodded.

Huo Yuhao then turned his attention to the Heavenly Dragon Horse, and it roared.

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "Alright, I'm going to begin."

Suddenly, the Heavenly Dragon Horse roared again. Compared to before, it sounded much sharper this time. Huo Yuhao was a little confused as he looked at it. He could sense that it felt very close to Bei Bei right now, but he couldn't understand what it was trying to say.

Bi Ji said, "It wants Bei Bei to put his hand on the gem on its forehead."

Bei Bei was astonished as he looked at the Heavenly Dragon Horse. The Heavenly Dragon Horse nodded gently at him.

Such a proud Heavenly Dragon Horse actually permitted a human to place his hand on the gem on its forehead, which was supposed to be the most painful spot when touched. What did this mean? It meant that it had completely accepted Bei Bei! Bei Bei was delightfully surprised by this. With such a recognition, it was impossible that the pact between them would fail.

Bei Bei looked at the Heavenly Dragon Horse and nodded strongly. He lifted his right hand and carefully placed his hand on the gem on its forehead.

The Heavenly Dragon Horse moved slightly. In the next moment, Bei Bei felt intense soul power undulations surging from the gem. Following this, a layer of golden light was released from his and the Heavenly Dragon Horse's bodies simultaneously. Bei Bei clearly felt the thoughts of the Heavenly Dragon Horse right now. That gem was like a bridge between their souls.

Bei Bei didn't know that the gems on the foreheads of Heavenly Dragon Horses were the most important part of their bodies. Not only could they be used for offensive purposes in a fight, but they could also be used for interaction. When Heavenly Dragon Horses reached a sexually receptive stage, a female Heavenly Dragon Horse would accept a male Heavenly Dragon Horse as her husband by letting their gems interact with each other.

"It's now," Bi Ji reminded him from one side.

Huo Yuhao recited his incantations at the same time. As he did so, the Spirit Transmission Ritual began.

On the ground, golden halos were released from the center of the magic formation. Gentle, light-type undulations started to fill the entire Spirit Transmission Hall.

The entire process wasn't just successful, it carried on very naturally!

When Bei Bei focused his spiritual power on the head of the Heavenly Dragon Horse, there was a gentle look of recognition in its eyes. Its body was becoming weaker and weaker, but its eyes were getting brighter and brighter. The gem on its forehead released a bright light that completely engulfed Bei Bei.

Right now, Bei Bei was like a small, golden sun. No one dared to look at him directly. Intense soul power undulations were continuously being released from his body. He immediately broke through the Rank 70 bottleneck.

The Heavenly Dragon Horse started turning transparent, beginning from its tail. After this, it quickly turned into flying ash and disappeared. It didn't leave any traces behind.

Bi Ji stood to one side, silently in awe. This was a perfect fusion! There were only two cases like this in the previous rounds of fusion. Under such a fusion, the relationship between the Spirit and the soul master would become especially close. All the abilities of the soul beast could combine with the soul master, and the soul master might even be able to make his own choices. It wasn't just a random fusion anymore...

The Heavenly Dragon Horse gradually disappeared, but the light from Bei Bei's body became extremely bright. The entire Spirit Transmission Hall was illuminated by this golden light, and the intense light-type undulations became stronger and stronger.

Bei Bei didn't just cross Rank 70. Huo Yuhao was stunned to sense that Bei Bei's soul power kept on increasing. He wasn't at Rank 70 anymore. He shot through Rank 71 before rising to Rank 72. He actually managed to rise by two ranks before his progress tailed off!

A low-pitched dragon roar was released from that ball of golden light. This dragon roar gradually became more and more resounding. As the golden light slowly retracted, a huge light projection of a golden dragon claw extended out. Following this, huge golden dragon wings opened up.

When the golden light fully retreated, Bei Bei had already turned into a huge golden dragon standing in the center of the Spirit Transmission Hall.

His seventh soul ring... Radiant Holy Dragon True Body!

Bei Bei's martial soul had finally completed a qualitative change and became a Radiant Holy Dragon after he completed his perfect fusion with the Heavenly Dragon Horse. Not only that, but something weird also surfaced on his body. On the forehead of his Radiant Holy Dragon was an extra diamond-shaped gem, exactly the same as the gem on the Heavenly Dragon Horse's forehead previously. Furthermore, the Heavenly Dragon Horse didn't appear after he turned into a Radiant Holy Dragon. It seemed to have fused completely into his body.

The Radiant Holy Dragon that Bei Bei turned into was more than seven meters long, with about the same wingspan. His entire body was covered with dazzling, golden dragon scales. The strength of his aura far surpassed that of Yan Feng's Bone Dragon. Furthermore, his Radiant Holy Dragon secretly concealed a Holy aura within the aura of light.

As the golden light retracted, Bei Bei slowly turned back into human form. When he completely turned back into human form, everyone was stunned to find that the Heavenly Dragon Horse had appeared again. In addition, it seemed like it was completely real as it stood beside him.

However, there was a huge difference between how it was before the Spirit Transmission and how it was now. Its body was extremely muscular now, very toned and athletic. The look in its eyes was also much more vibrant than before. There was also an extra pair of dragon wings behind its back. As they opened up, everyone could see that they were very similar to the wings of Bei Bei's Radiant Holy Dragon.

This Heavenly Dragon Horse had indeed evolved after its fusion with Bei Bei, as Bi Ji had expected. This evolution made it seem real and material, even though it was now a Spirit.

Bei Bei now had two yellow, two purple, and three black soul rings. Furthermore, there were even golden patterns on his seventh black soul ring!

As he gently hugged the Heavenly Dragon Horse's neck, Bei Bei said from the bottom of his heart, "Thanks, Heavenly Dragon Horse. I shall call you Heavenly Dragon in the future."

The Heavenly Dragon Horse nodded gently and showed deep affection for Bei Bei. They were extremely close now.

Everyone from the Tang Sect could sense that Bei Bei's abilities had greatly increased, exceeding that of most Soul Emperors after they became Soul Sages. Although they didn't know how he would fare in a fight, they could imagine that the strengthening effect the Heavenly Dragon Horse had on him was far beyond what normal Spirits could achieve.

Bei Bei brought the Heavenly Dragon Horse to one side. It turned into a streak of flowing light and fused directly with his forehead. A golden, diamond-shaped gem instantly surfaced on his forehead, which disappeared after it flashed a few times.

"Congratulations, eldest senior!" Huo Yuhao smiled as he looked at Bei Bei.

Bei Bei was also delighted. As his abilities grew, it meant that he was growing closer to success in his mission to rescue Tang Ya. After he returned from the Icefire Yin-Yang Well, he had pleaded with the Great Star Dou Forest for help in finding the Bluesilver Emperor. However, the Bluesilver Emperor wasn't in the Great Star Dou Forest. Di Tian even personally sent an order for the other soul beasts to search for the Bluesilver Emperor for him in other soul beast forests.

In the world of soul beasts, he couldn't possibly find the Bluesilver Emperor if even the God Beast couldn't. According to the God Beast, the Bluesilver Emperor might appear in a few other soul beast habitats. Bei Bei was waiting now. Once he got the help of the Bluesilver Emperor, he could prepare to rescue Tang Ya!

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"Fourth senior, come over here." As Bi Ji mentioned that the Golden Tortoise would be the last to undergo the fusion, Huo Yuhao turned to Jiang Nannan next.

Jiang Nannan nodded and walked towards Huo Yuhao with the Ruby Soft Tendon Python.

The python looked at Huo Yuhao before it gently lay down on the ground.

Huo Yuhao asked Jiang Nannan, "Fourth senior sister, are you ready?"

She smiled and replied, "Yuhao, do you need to rest?"

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, "No need. Eldest senior's fusion was very successful. I wasn't drained very much."

Jiang Nannan said, "Alright then. I'm prepared, too. We can start."

Huo Yuhao looked at the python and asked it the same question.

The python then did something that astonished everyone. It ignored Huo Yuhao and instead turned its head before it started to wrap itself around Jiang Nannan.

Everyone was stunned, but Jiang Nannan hurriedly said, "No worries. It doesn't harbor any ill intentions. Yuhao, please begin."

Huo Yuhao's spiritual power engulfed them. Indeed, the Ruby Soft Tendon Python didn't exert any force on Jiang Nannan even though it wrapped itself around her. Instead, it only stuck close to her.

Xu Sanshi muttered to himself unhappily as he saw this. "I hope this fellow is a female. Otherwise, I'll really be at a disadvantage!"

Tang Wutong was standing behind him. After hearing his words, she almost laughed. She was more amused by the fact that the Golden Tortoise beside Xu Sanshi also nodded its head and seemed to agree with his words.

This is indeed a case of 'birds of the same feather flock together'...

The second Spirit Fusion began. As Huo Yuhao recited his incantations, gentle lights rose and surrounded the Ruby Soft Tendon Python and Jiang Nannan.

The Ruby Soft Tendon Python wasn't like the Heavenly Dragon Horse earlier; it didn't slowly disappear. Bright, rose-colored light slowly lit up from its body, and it gradually became more and more transparent.

Even Huo Yuhao was stunned this time. He had been involved in many Spirit Fusions, but this was the first time he had seen something like this.

The Ruby Soft Tendon Python had a huge body. When it wrapped itself around Jiang Nannan's body, it was impossible to see Jiang Nannan from the outside anymore. Only the python's body could be seen.

Right now, its huge body actually slowly became like gelatin and completely sealed Jiang Nannan within. Its body then started to melt, and became like a transparent, rose-colored larva.

As Huo Yuhao recited his incantations from the side, he also became more focused. If Jiang Nannan met with any danger, he would react immediately.

Fortunately, his worries were unfounded.

Jiang Nannan's aura became stronger and stronger inside the rose-colored larvae. As intense soul power undulations were released, her seventh soul ring slowly took form.

More astonishingly, Jiang Nannan's aura was like Bei Bei's aura earlier, becoming stronger and stronger. The larvae seemed to have a life of its own and pulsed slightly to the rhythm of Jiang Nannan's heartbeat.

As Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection was very sensitive, he could detect that the size of the larvae was expanding slightly with every movement that it made. It was as if it was fusing with Jiang Nannan's body. This was a penetrative form of fusion.

Without a doubt, this was a complete fusion! It was unexpected that the cold and hostile Ruby Soft Tendon Python had actually completely accepted Jiang Nannan.

The pinkish halos slowly disappeared, and the python was completely fused into Jiang Nannan's body as they formed a telepathic bond. As the python's body became more transparent, Jiang Nannan's aura also grew stronger and stronger.

All of Jiang Nannan's soul rings shone extremely brightly. It was like this fusion was causing all of her soul rings to experience some form of advancement. This was something that would never happen when soul rings were ordinarily fused!

The entire process was shorter than expected. When the python disappeared completely, and Jiang Nannan re-appeared in front of everyone, all the lights from her body had been retracted. Only her two yellow, two purple and three black soul rings were shining brightly.

With a thought from her, a streak of pinkish light was released from her body. It slowly took form behind her, while her body actually turned hollow before disappearing completely. The Ruby Soft Tendon Python appeared in front of everyone again. The injuries on its body had disappeared, while its aura had become much stronger than before. Its rosy red eyes were like two rubies, shining brightly.

The python's body turned hollow again after this went on for around ten seconds. After this, Jiang Nannan re-appeared where she was earlier, and the seven soul rings on her body strangely surfaced on the python's body instead of hers. Everyone was shocked when they saw this scene. It was indeed like Bi Ji had claimed; a Ruby Soft Tendon Python was extremely spiritual! Some miraculous change must have had happened between this python and Jiang Nannan.

Everyone wasn't very concerned about what this change was. They only hoped that Jiang Nannan's abilities had grown stronger.

The slightly hollow python didn't disappear. Instead, it slithered forward and encircled Jiang Nannan before it slowly slithered its way up her. Finally, its huge head stopped behind the top of Jiang Nannan's head. Its ruby-red eyes coolly watched everyone else, looking rather arrogant.

Bi Ji was delightfully surprised. "It seems like they're telepathically-linked now. Jiang Nannan, can you sense if it has learned any soul skills from you?"

Jiang Nannan nodded gently and said, "I think it has learned three soul skills. However, it's still comprehending them now. In the future, it might be able to learn more."

Everyone was stunned after hearing her words. Spirits could actually help soul masters in a fight. If a Spirit could learn a soul master's soul skills, it would be equivalent to an avatar of that soul master! Furthermore, a Spirit wouldn't die unless the soul master died. Spirits relied on soul masters to survive. For Jiang Nannan, it was like she had an extra life.

Jiang Nannan might seem the weakest among the members of Shrek's Seven Monsters, but she was still considered extremely strong compared to ordinary soul masters. Her soul skills were all very strong. Whether it was her Instant Teleportation, Gravity Control, or Invincible Golden Body, they were all very impressive soul skills. The Ruby Soft Tendon Python learned three of her six soul skills, which included at least one of these three divine skills. In this way, Jiang Nannan's survival abilities in the future were bound to greatly increase.

This was the effect of a perfect fusion with a Spirit. Everyone was happy. Not only were those from the Tang Sect extremely excited, but Bi Ji was also delighted, which was very rare. She was definitely very pleased that soul beasts were able to willingly fuse with humans and become such strong Spirits. This meant that the conflict between soul beasts and humans was more likely to be resolved. With such precedents, more soul masters would be attracted to the Spirit Pagoda and choose to use Spirit Transmission to replace killing soul beasts as a means of obtaining soul rings. For such perfect fusions, it was possible for a Spirit to even replace two or even three soul rings.

"It's my turn, it's my turn." Xu Sanshi quickly rushed in front of Jiang Nannan. Seeing that Bei Bei and Jiang Nannan's powers had greatly increased, how could he not be eager?

Jiang Nannan smiled before retracting her Spirit and conceding her position to him.

Xu Sanshi loudly said, "Little junior, do you need to rest? If you aren't tired, we can start now. Elder Bi Ji, brother Tortoise doesn't really want you to be here to watch. Do you think..."

Bi Ji was a little perplexed as she looked at the Golden Tortoise, but it didn't look at her. It only slowly moved in front of Xu Sanshi before lying down.

"Alright." Bi Ji was very mild. If it were the Bear Lord, he would have immediately raged at such presumption. However, she readily agreed. Although she didn't know what the Golden Tortoise had to hide from her, at least this secret didn't come from humans. Furthermore, the Golden Tortoise would no longer be a soul beast after it fused with Xu Sanshi. She wouldn't be able to control its future. She readily walked out and waited outside.

Huo Yuhao was also a little confused. However, he wasn't worried about the Golden Tortoise playing any tricks. While soul beasts and soul masters shared an equal lives contract during the process of Spirit Transmission, he was the one who was controlling the process. In addition, the Golden Tortoise was very weak. If it tried to play any tricks, it would be the one suffering instead. Xu Sanshi would be fine. At most, he would have to find another Spirit to fuse with.

"Third senior, Golden Tortoise, I'm going to begin. The two of you can prepare."

Xu Sanshi might seem very casual, but he was in fact very similar to Bei Bei in many ways, other than his lecherous ways. The fusion was about to begin, and he quickly retracted his cheeky laughter before calming himself down. He circulated his soul power and adjusted his mentality.

After a brief moment, he felt that his three energies were in place, and nodded at Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao looked at the Golden Tortoise, and it also nodded at him.

For some reason, Huo Yuhao suddenly felt that this Golden Tortoise was even more intelligent than the Ruby Soft Tendon Python. It appeared much more quick-witted all of a sudden. Even in such a weakened state, it was unable to conceal the deep and contemplative look in its eyes.

Huo Yuhao recited his incantations for the third time. Gentle golden light surrounded Xu Sanshi and the Golden Tortoise before starting to spread. A fusion between human and soul beast began.

A huge projection of a Xuanwu Shield surfaced behind Xu Sanshi. The concentrated aura of water resonated with the aura of light within the formation. Gentle soul power undulations started to spread as if they were ripples in water.

Huo Yuhao's recitations slowly grew more and more resounding. Xu Sanshi and the Golden Tortoise started to connect with each other, and their equal lives contract started to take effect.

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As the previous two fusions were perfect fusions, they had gone very smoothly. The Heavenly Dragon Horse and Ruby Soft Tendon Python were very weak. They didn't experience any changes, and their soul power undulations couldn't really be felt before the fusions were completed. They only revealed their strength after their fusions were completed.

However, the Golden Tortoise experienced abnormal changes the moment Xu Sanshi started to fuse with its strength.

The Golden Tortoise exuded concentrated golden light from its body, which surged towards Xu Sanshi and started to fuse with him. However, a wave of strong life aura suddenly surged from the Golden Tortoise. Its shell didn't turn illusory as a result of the fusion. Instead, it became more and more real. Streaks of strong golden light filled with a strong life aura were released from its shell. Every ridge on its shell was shining with golden light.

Huo Yuhao focused his gaze and subconsciously lifted his right hand. If something was amiss, he would immediately end this Spirit Transmission and kill the Golden Tortoise.

However, Xu Sanshi waved his hand at him, signaling that things were fine.

While Huo Yuhao was very adept at Spirit Transmission, he wasn't the one undergoing the process right now. Xu Sanshi was very surprised by the sudden changes, but he could sense that the Golden Tortoise was completely willing to fuse with him. Furthermore, this sudden, strong life aura was only beneficial to him. There weren't any drawbacks.

Throughout this entire process, he clearly felt that the strength of his Xuanwu blood lineage was stabilizing. It was even rising continuously. This meant that the blood lineage of the Golden Tortoise was extremely compatible with him. This was what every soul master desired. How could he bear it if the process were interrupted?

The Golden Tortoise also glanced at Huo Yuhao. However, it seemed to be in pain, and immediately shut its eyes.

The life aura was simply too strong.

Suddenly, a buzz sounded, and the entire Spirit Transmission Hall shook slightly. Following this, the Eye of Destiny on Huo Yuhao's forehead opened on its own. A streak of jade-green light was instantly released from his Eye of Destiny and drifted above the Golden Tortoise's shell.

Suddenly, jade-green light shone brightly, and the strong life aura in the air surged towards a small carving blade that was shining with jade-green light.

This was a situation that no one had expected, including Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao's Life Guardian Blade appeared on its own to absorb the strong life energy. What did this mean?

As he had nourished his Life Guardian Blade for a long time, Huo Yuhao was very familiar with it now. There was an immense and pure life energy contained within his Life Gold. It had always been scornful of other external energies. Even if it absorbed the life energy of certain matter, that life energy would dissipate on its own and wouldn't fuse with its origin energy. It was proud, or perhaps picky. It was as if there wasn't any life force in this world that could satisfy it.

However, something surprising happened today. When Xu Sanshi was undergoing his Spirit Transmission, the life energy that surged from the Golden Tortoise's body was actually absorbed by it. In addition, Huo Yuhao could sense that this was a pure absorption and assimilation. The life energy it had just absorbed wasn't going to dissipate after being absorbed.

Did this mean that the Golden Tortoise possessed life energy that was of the same tier as Huo Yuhao's Life Gold? However, why was this Golden Tortoise's life energy so weak that it was even on the verge of death if this was the case? This was extremely difficult to comprehend.

Slowly, the Golden Tortoise's life aura became less intense after it was devoured by Huo Yuhao's Life Guardian Blade. However, its body started to expand, and a stronger life aura started to surge out.

The jade-green light from the Life Guardian Blade also became stronger and stronger as it absorbed that pure life energy. Huo Yuhao's body also received some feedback. As the life energy permeated through him, he felt extremely restrained.

Streaks of light surged out from his body, turning into three projections. They were the projections of the Snow Empress, the Ice Empress, and the Skydream Iceworm. Of course, the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass wasn't excluded either. It was just that it grew directly from Huo Yuhao's shoulder.

Everyone was stunned when they saw the four projections that surged from Huo Yuhao's body. Even those of Shrek's Seven Monsters didn't know that he had so many Spirits in his body! They were only familiar with the Snow Empress.

Gentle, jade-green halos appeared on the bodies of all four Spirits. These halos were like dim flames that surrounded their bodies.

The Snow Empress, Ice Empress, and Skydream Iceworm were all excited. Such strong life energy was great for them. Although they were Spirits, they still craved life energy. As Spirits, they could only become more corporeal if they had sufficient energy.

Generally speaking, Spirits couldn't leave their soul masters. However, they could travel further away from their soul masters if they were strong enough. They could also get closer to becoming as corporeal as they were when they were still alive.

Life force, especially pure life force, nourished their bodies much more than soul power. How could these four Spirits be unwilling?

Xu Sanshi's fusion also seemed to be going smoothly. His Xuanwu Shield already shone with a layer of bright gold, and the tortoise-snake on it seemed to come alive as it squirmed slightly. But the Golden Tortoise kept on expanding in size. Right now, it was already five meters in diameter. As it lay where it was, golden light shone brightly from its body, making it look extremely magical.

It definitely wasn't a twenty-thousand or thirty-thousand year soul beast. Huo Yuhao could tell that by now. The size that this Golden Tortoise had expanded to was the actual size of its body. Even for tortoises, a species that enjoyed great longevity, it was impossible for a twenty-thousand or thirty-thousand year tortoise to grow to such a size! This meant that this Golden Tortoise indeed suffered from a problem. Its problem was very obvious, and it was even taboo for the kings of soul beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest. Otherwise, it wouldn't have to restrain its own size. Only one thing about it was real.. its weakness!

Right now, Huo Yuhao was certain that the Golden Tortoise's life energy didn't belong to it, even though it was immense. It wasn't able to control such great life energy. The force that was restraining all the life energy disappeared after the Golden Tortoise fused with Xu Sanshi, releasing it all in the process.

Huo Yuhao wasn't the only beneficiary. To different extents, everyone around him felt comfortable as they were immersed in this immense life energy.

When a soul master reached an advanced tier, his physical strength was an important barrier that limited the increase of his cultivation. The immense life energy that they basked in was enough to provide them with sufficient energy to fight for years!

Apart from Huo Yuhao, Xu Sanshi benefited the most. During his fusion with the Golden Tortoise, the amount of life energy he absorbed was only less than what Huo Yuhao's Life Guardian Blade absorbed.

Right now, there was an additional dim golden glow on his skin, which seeped into his body and even made his blood vessels visible. They were stained gold, and even his blood turned gold. This gold that covered and penetrated his entire body was filled with life energy.

This was the origin strength of the Golden Tortoise. Although it couldn't absorb all that life energy, it seemed to have fused with a lot of it. Right now, all of that was pouring into Xu Sanshi's body.

The Golden Tortoise suddenly lifted its head and said to Xu Sanshi, "If you go against this contract in the future and don't find me a pretty tortoise, I'll fight it out with you. You've gained greatly this time!"

Xu Sanshi chuckled and replied, "Don't worry. I'm a man of my word. However, what's going on here?"

The contract was about to be completed, but the Golden Tortoise's body was still very corporeal. There wasn't any sign that its body was about to gradually disappear as it neared the end of this Spirit Fusion.

The Golden Tortoise laughed bitterly. "Greedy! Greedy! Otherwise, why would I bother fusing with a human? It's all my fault. I was too greedy then."

"I seem to be familiar with your aura." Beside Huo Yuhao, the Skydream Iceworm, who presented himself as a handsome man, suddenly opened his mouth.

The Golden Tortoise glanced at him and said, "Familiar? Who are you? Why do I sense something from your aura, too?"

The Skydream Iceworm squinted slightly and rings of gold quickly rose from his feet. There was a total of ten rings. After they drifted up, they surrounded his body in a parallel manner and stopped.

The Golden Tortoise was stunned as he asked, "Ah? It's you! You were that Iceworm. My gosh! Why have you fused with a human, too? This is too unbelievable."

The Skydream Iceworm turned fierce and said, "Idiot, you also absorbed my life energy back then, right?"

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The Golden Tortoise coughed awkwardly after discovering the existence of its victim. However, its eyes turned slightly red after this. "That's right, I absorbed some of your strength then. However, I absorbed it sneakily. I didn't do anything to you. But did you know the problems I suffered after absorbing your life energy? If I hadn't absorbed your life energy then, I wouldn't have been so sensitive to life forces, and wouldn't have turned greedy, eventually landing myself in such a state!"

Huo Yuhao was confused as he looked at the Golden Tortoise and asked, "What's going on? Do you know Brother Skydream?"

The Skydream Iceworm snorted and replied, "Yuhao, do you remember what I told you before? My life energy and soul power were absorbed by a group of the strongest soul beasts in the Great Star Dou Forest. I was only left with pure spiritual power when I met you. It must be this guy who absorbed my life energy. From the life energy that he released, I can sense a part of it contains my aura. That's why I found it so familiar."

As Huo Yuhao's abilities grew stronger and stronger, the Skydream Iceworm didn't have to hide himself so much. Even if the God Beast Di Tian knew that he was inside Huo Yuhao's body, he wouldn't dare to deal with Huo Yuhao. Huo Yuhao controlled the destiny of the entire Great Star Dou Forest!

Furthermore, those who were present now were all Huo Yuhao's close friends, and given the strength of Huo Yuhao's spiritual power, even Bi Ji wouldn't be able to eavesdrop on them.

The Golden Tortoise's tone of voice suddenly sounded very depressed, "It's none of my business anyway. I only absorbed your life energy then. However, I landed myself in a tragic state because of that. If I had known what was going to happen, I wouldn't have been so greedy."

Xu Sanshi was curious as he asked, "What happened? You don't really have a thirty-thousand year cultivation, right?"

"Of course not," the Golden Tortoise said arrogantly, "Most Golden Tortoises are able to survive for more than ten thousand years. I'm a hundred-thousand year soul beast."

If there were any other soul beast present to hear its words, they would have the urge to knock themselves against a wall. Most Golden Tortoises were indeed able to survive past ten thousand years. Even the Golden-Eyed Black Dragon King Di Tian wouldn't dare to dispute this. Most species of soul beast would have an enemy. Golden Tortoises were one of the rare, few species that didn't have a natural enemy.

Any soul beast that got close to them would be blessed by their fortune. It would take it half the cultivation effort to achieve double the result. The Golden Tortoise's fighting strength was naturally not very great, but their reputation was built on their longevity. Naturally, they were adept at something, their defense! Among their innate skills, they had one called Invincible Barrier! Humans' Invincible Barriers were, to some extent, inspired by and derived from the Golden Tortoises.

Even a savage beast would find it difficult to overcome the defense of a hundred-thousand year Golden Tortoise. Some kind of special method would have to be used to slowly weaken the defense of such a beast.

Xu Sanshi was perplexed as he asked, "Since you are at the tier of a soul beast king, why are you in such a tragic state?"

The look in the Golden Tortoise's eyes turned dimmer, and it appeared to be in great pain. "Initially, I absorbed the Iceworm's life energy and soul power from underground. Due to my fortune, I was able to hide my aura very well. Even the God Beast Di Tian didn't realize it. Furthermore, there were many hundred-thousand year soul beasts there then. I'm also a hundred-thousand year soul beast. If not for the fact that I was afraid of being remembered by Di Tian, I would have dared to absorb his life energy openly. I followed him underground and absorbed it until he had no more life energy left, and then I escaped while Di Tian wasn't looking.

"I was very proud and delighted then. After absorbing so much life energy, I was confident of crossing the twenty-thousand year bottleneck by coupling it with my own life energy. Tortoises, especially Golden Tortoises, rarely reach a twenty-thousand year cultivation, even though most will survive beyond ten thousand years. If we choose to be reborn, we'll become nourishment for humans and other soul beasts. We won't dare to do that. That is why we'll generally wait until we die. If I reached at least a twenty-thousand year cultivation, I'd become a hero among Golden Tortoises even if I wasn't the first to do so. My confidence was bursting then, and caused me to become complacent.

"As I'm a water and earth-type soul beast, I'm very adept at moving underground and underwater. However, I was greedy, and snuck my way into the Lake of Life that Di Tian normally rests in.

"I always knew that the Lake of Life was a secret existence. Di Tian has been living there since ancient times. I can almost confirm that he was able to reach his eight-hundred-thousand year cultivation and achieve breakthrough after breakthrough because of his Lake of Life. Back then, Di Tian wasn't in the Lake of Life, because he was trying to capture the Iceworm's spiritual energy. That was why I tried to sneak my way in and use my concealment abilities to hide myself from Di Tian.

"I thought that I might be able to become as strong as Di Tian in the future if I could find the secret to the Water of Life, and eventually lead all the tortoises to rule the Great Star Dou Forest."

Everyone's expressions turned weird when they heard the Golden Tortoise's words. It was being overly arrogant! A tortoise who wasn't adept at fighting was dreaming if it thought that it could rule the Great Star Dou Forest. The Golden Tortoise must have had been extremely conceited back then. It was its egocentricity that brought it so much trouble.

The Golden Tortoise didn't seem to sense the weird looks that everyone was giving it and continued, "After I snuck into the Water of Life, I was especially careful. This was because I knew that it was Di Tian's habitat. I was confident that he wouldn't kill me even if he found me, because my destiny was especially strong after I reached a ten-thousand year cultivation. In the entire Great Star Dou Forest, no other soul beasts could compare to me, apart from the Auspicious Emperor Beast. My survival is extremely beneficial to the entire forest. It's also because of this that I was so brazen.

"As a result, I sought the secret of the Water of Life. The more I swam, the closer I got to the core of it. I discovered that the life energy in the Water of Life was especially immense. Although I couldn't directly absorb and assimilate it like I managed to absorb the Iceworm's life energy, it could continuously nourish my body. I was fully certain of my conjecture. Di Tian was able to live so long and achieve breakthrough after breakthrough because he was nourished by the Water of Life. It's just that he's too powerful, and thus no soul beasts can venture into his territory.

"I guessed that the Water of Life must have an origin if it contained such immense life energy. Given the amount of life energy present, it might have originated from some kind of treasure. That's why I went to find this treasure! Finally, I found the mouth of a spring at the core of the Water of Life. It was the source of the entire Lake of Life. Around this mouth was a ring of green metal. This green metal was very weird. It contained the purest life energy above it. I knew that I had found the correct place. Although I couldn't leave with the mouth of that spring, I could still leave with the metal!

"Although Golden Tortoises aren't adept at fighting, our bite is one of the strongest in the world of soul beasts. As a result, I bit hard on a piece of that metal, and bit off close to one-fifth of the jade-green metal. However, Di Tian was simply too strong. He immediately sensed it when the metal was damaged. A terrifying suppression immediately descended on me.

"I was very scared then, as I sensed Di Tian's extreme fury. I was really afraid that he might kill me without regard for anything else. As a result, I did my best to dive all the way down to the bottom of the lake and into the mud at the bottom. After that, I kept on digging, and also did my best to conceal my aura so that he wouldn't find me.

"However, I soon realized that it was all for nothing, because the piece of metal that I stole contained too much life energy. I could conceal my aura, but I couldn't conceal its aura! I would have definitely been exposed. Eventually, I decided to swallow it, since it was good stuff anyway."

"What?" Huo Yuhao exclaimed. "You ate Life Gold? No wonder your life energy is so immense, but doesn't belong to you!"

Huo Yuhao could roughly guess what was going on after hearing the Golden Tortoise's description. He had been to the Water of Life before. He could sense that the concentrated life energy there seemed to be related to Life Gold. It was just that he couldn't confirm it, and he wasn't as bold as the Golden Tortoise. He wasn't bold enough to search for treasures in Di Tian's habitat.

Not only did the Golden Tortoise succeed, but it even managed to eat the Life Gold. But judging by its current condition, it seemed that eating the Life Gold didn't generate any benefits for it. n.)OVe1b1n

"So that metal is called Life Gold to humans. It's this thing that got me into so much trouble," the Golden Tortoise said depressingly. "After I devoured the Life Gold back then, I realized that it indeed contained life energy. I also sensed that the immense life energy was permeating through my entire body. After Di Tian returned, he wasn't able to find me, which left me extremely delighted about managing to sneak into an area that he controlled.

"However, I started to realize that things were amiss after I returned to my own habitat. At the start, that metal was releasing life energy that infiltrated my entire body. However, it seemed to slowly familiarize with my body, and then started to absorb my life energy, instead."

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"Golden Tortoises have very prosperous life energy, especially me, since I have a hundred-thousand year cultivation. My life energy was naturally very prosperous. However, this thing is completely irrational. It just keeps on absorbing my life energy every day. I tried to expel it from my body, but it seemed to grow inside my body instead. No matter what I did, I couldn't drive it out. I could only look on helplessly as it sucked my life energy away every single day, until it was almost drained.

"Given my current state, I don't dare to ask other soul beasts for help. Di Tian wouldn't let me off if he found out about this. This is why I can only let you humans take advantage of me. At least I'll be able to survive longer in a different form in this way. This is why I say one shouldn't be greedy! Greed kills! Ah ah ah!"

Everyone had a different feeling when they saw this Golden Tortoise wailing so depressingly. However, most of them were alerted.

Yes! Greed was fatal. While Life Gold was a good thing, this Golden Tortoise's life energy was slowly sucked away after it swallowed the metal into its body, to the point where it was about to die. This was a very heavy lesson to learn.

As the Golden Tortoise spoke up to here, its fusion with Xu Sanshi was about to be completed. However, its body still didn't disappear.

Its huge body slowly drifted into mid-air and started to shrink. During the process of shrinking, its golden tortoise shell became brighter and brighter. It seemed to be molten gold as it shot out light in all directions. The earlier release of the immense life energy seemed to be ending. Most of it had been devoured by the Life Guardian Blade.

When the Golden Tortoise's body shrank until it was only one meter in diameter, it suddenly whooshed and flew over to Xu Sanshi, and was imprinted onto Xu Sanshi's Xuanwu Shield, which was showing behind him.

Xu Sanshi's shield and the tortoise shell suddenly resurfaced, and Xu Sanshi's body jerked. Following this, a red soul ring instantly rose from beneath his feet.

His seventh soul ring was a hundred-thousand-year soul ring!

His Xuanwu Shield slowly revolved behind him. Ridges started appearing on the tortoise shell. Just like the Golden Tortoise's back, the snake was now dyed gold, and the entire Xuanwu Shield was also covered with a layer of dark gold light.

With just a glance, it was possible to sense the thick aura exuding from this shield. It felt indestructible, as if it could provide an eternal defense.

Xu Sanshi was delighted. He waved his right hand, and his Xuanwu Shield flew into his hands. Instantly, his entire body was covered with a layer of dark golden light. His seventh red soul ring surged with light continuously.

It wasn't just a hundred-thousand-year soul ring. It was also a hundred-thousand year Spirit! Besides Huo Yuhao, he was the only other person with a hundred-thousand year Spirit. The Golden Tortoise didn't just give him two soul rings, it provided him with an all-around enhancement. His Xuanwu Shield had completely evolved into a Xuanwu, and it even carried the aura of a Golden Tortoise now. More accurately speaking, it carried the aura of a Golden Xuanwu now!

At the same time, the life energy that the Golden Tortoise brought to him was sufficient for him to cultivate until he became a Titled Douluo. The overall enhancements that he had received completely consolidated his foundation to become a Transcendent Douluo in the future.

Furthermore, Xu Sanshi was holding his Golden Xuanwu Shield right now. He could clearly sense his defensive strength soaring. As he held this shield, he felt completely worry-free. It was something that he had never experienced before. Even when he didn't circulate his soul power, his Golden Xuanwu Shield was still extremely strong.

Was there even anything else that was more wonderful than this? Xu Sanshi danced in excitement.

At this point, a jade-green light flashed, and a piece of metal separated from the Golden Xuanwu Shield. It dropped onto the floor and made a jingling sound.

This piece of metal didn't seem very big. Its shape was also not uniform, and there even seemed to be teeth marks on it.

The Golden Tortoise's voice sounded, but it was sighing. "It's finally out. This terrifying fellow has troubled me for thousands of years. Whoever wants it, quickly put it away. Don't let the Emerald Swan see it. Otherwise, the Beast God will find trouble with you."

Xu Sanshi didn't take it. Instead, he looked at Huo Yuhao and said, "Little junior, quick!"

Huo Yuhao was stunned for a moment, "Third Senior, Life Gold is invaluable. It should belong to you!"

Xu Sanshi laughed and replied, "Forget it, I have no use for this thing. In addition, this Tortoise really hates it. I believe you are the only one who really knows how to use it. Just put it away for now. We can talk about it later."

Huo Yuhao wasn't one to procrastinate either. He nodded and said, "Alright, I'll keep it for now, but it belongs to the Tang Sect."

The Life Guardian Blade in the air fell downward and stuck closely to that piece of Life Gold. Suddenly, a magical scene appeared. Streaks of jade-green light were released from the Life Guardian Blade. The

piece of Life Gold seemed to have been devoured, and slowly melted before fusing within the Life Guardian Blade, becoming a part of it.

Originally, the Life Guardian Blade was only as big as a carving blade, but as it consumed this piece of Life Gold, it was now slowly becoming more like a dagger. Even Huo Yuhao was stunned when he saw this.

Why did the Life Guardian Blade devour the Life Gold? He just said that it's going to be part of the Tang Sect in the future, but now...

What Huo Yuhao didn't know was that his Life Guardian Blade was strongly supporting his life after he had nurtured it for so long, and after his immense spiritual power fused with Wang Qiu'er's power of destiny. Naturally, the piece of Life Gold was much stronger than any ordinary Life Gold. But although that piece of Life Gold had devoured the Golden Tortoise's life energy and was very strong, a lot of its life energy was released under the effect of the pact earlier. Furthermore, it was absorbed by Huo Yuhao's Life Guardian Blade. It was at its weakest state right now, so it was easily devoured by Huo Yuhao's Life Guardian Blade.

Huo Yuhao didn't know that his Life Guardian Blade had slowly developed its own sentience as he nurtured it. Although it wasn't considered intelligent yet, it was still capable of strengthening itself as it devoured the Life Gold.

Just as Huo Yuhao thought of something, his Life Guardian Blade flew back in front of him.

The jade-green dagger was now around seven inches in length, and looked more like a flying dagger. It seemed slightly thicker than its original appearance. The shiny and translucent blade of the dagger shone brightly with jade-green light, and Huo Yuhao could feel the strong life aura coming from it.

Huo Yuhao felt very fortunate that he couldn't swallow a carving blade back then, and more fortunate that he had had Electrolux to guide him.

In fact, he had also fused with a piece of Life Gold. However, the difference between him and the Golden Tortoise was that he had used his spiritual power to complete his fusion with his Life Gold, whereas the Golden Tortoise had simply swallowed it. After using his spiritual power to fuse with and nurture his Life Gold, he finally received positive feedback.

After devouring that piece of Life Gold and the immense life energy it contained, Huo Yuhao could subtly sense thin arteries and veins developing inside his Life Guardian Blade. These thin arteries and veins were like human blood vessels, and there seemed to be something flowing in them. It could only be life energy flowing inside his Life Gold, but how did it take a fluid form? Right now, his Life Guardian Blade was like a living entity!

Huo Yuhao used his right index and middle fingers to gently grab hold of his Life Guardian Blade. Suddenly, everyone saw a layer of jade-green light constantly flow over Huo Yuhao's body from the Life Guardian Blade. As the jade-green light flashed, Huo Yuhao seemed to enter a sublime state.

As he thought of something, his Life Guardian Blade turned into a ray of jade-green light and re-entered his Eye of Destiny. The immense life energy it brought with it caused Huo Yuhao's body to shudder several times.

This life force, which seemed to have turned material, actually caused his spiritual and soul power to fuse even more. Huo Yuhao could subtly sense something as they blended together.

He subconsciously lifted his head to look into the sky. Even though he could only see the roof of the Spirit Transmission Tower, his eyes had turned transparent at this instant. He seemed to be able to penetrate everything with his gaze.

Everyone was drawn by Huo Yuhao's gaze. No one said anything, or rather, no one dared to say anything. Right now, Huo Yuhao had entered an extremely strange state. It was like time and space had stopped.

Tang Wutong was the most astonished. She was in a daze as she looked at Huo Yuhao's eyes. She was in complete disbelief. Impossible, how is this possible? Why do I see my father's eyes in his eyes? He only has seven rings! How is this possible?

This state didn't last for very long before Huo Yuhao lowered his head, and his gaze calmed down. However, in just these few dozen seconds, he seemed to have changed completely. His soul and spiritual power didn't increase, but he seemed to have become different.

Among the four Spirits, the Snow Empress' expression seemed to have become more agile. She turned around and hugged the Ice Empress beside her. She sincerely said, "Ice, thanks."

After she finished speaking, she turned into a streak of white light before disappearing into Huo Yuhao's body. The Ice Empress was stunned. She subconsciously turned around and looked at the Skydream Iceworm. After hesitating for a moment, she drifted in front of him and gently hugged him.

"Skydream, thanks." After she finished speaking, she also flew towards Huo Yuhao and disappeared into his body.

The Skydream Iceworm was tearing up heavily. It was unknown whether he had sensed something, or whether he was touched because the Ice Empress had hugged him.

The Skydream Iceworm flew in front of Huo Yuhao. He didn't immediately fuse into Huo Yuhao's body. Instead, he opened his arms wide and hugged Huo Yuhao.

"Yuhao, thank you. You've finally let us see hope." After he finished speaking, he turned into a streak of flowing light before fusing into Huo Yuhao's body and disappearing.

The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass swayed gently, and didn't say anything. However, the icy-blue glow from its body had evidently become much stronger. It leaned closer to Huo Yuhao's face. After that, it fused into his body and disappeared.

Everyone else was confused when they saw all this. It was only Huo Yuhao who understood why the four Spirits had acted in this way.

Yes, they finally saw hope. They saw hope that Huo Yuhao could possibly transcend the mortal world!

Even though he was only a Soul Sage now, they could sense what had happened earlier.

Huo Yuhao felt it the clearest. After he re-fused his Life Guardian Blade and his spiritual world and soul power took one more step towards complete fusion, he seemed to have heard a call. He didn't know where it came from. It was a call that was guiding him towards the skies.

He felt that he saw another world. The call that he heard sounded very ethereal, but it gave him an indescribably strange feeling.

At this moment, an indescribable, terrifying aura was suddenly released from Huo Yuhao's body.

Everyone around suddenly appeared very astonished. That terrifying aura, which was filled with dark power, surged like a sovereign that had descended. Everyone was suppressed by this aura and couldn't move.

It was the same for Huo Yuhao. A streak of pitch-black gas spread around his entire body. His skin started to grow black scales, and a thick aura of darkness instantly engulfed his entire body.

The entire outside seemed to have been covered. Huo Yuhao's eyes immediately turned dim. Everything had happened too suddenly, but it struck him very strongly.

The connection that Huo Yuhao had sensed earlier was cut. He seemed to have returned to the state that he was in before he fused with his Life Guardian Blade. It was like whatever had happened before had ceased to exist.

The dark power slowly disappeared. The scales also slowly retracted into Huo Yuhao's body. The terrifying aura also disappeared, and everything returned to normal.

Huo Yuhao seemed to have guessed that this would happen. His expression was very calm. As he looked at everyone around him, who were all very astonished, he smiled slightly as he shook his head and said, "I'm fine."

At this point, his spiritual sea started to surge with waves.

The Skydream Iceworm, Ice Empress, Snow Empress and even the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass started to roar maniacally.

The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass had the weakest cultivation among the four Spirits. In fact, it had only existed in this world for ten thousand years. It had only reached a hundred-thousand year cultivation because it was bred by the Icefire Yin Yang Well. However, even it could sense that Huo Yuhao's change was something very rare.

Earlier, Huo Yuhao must have had sensed the Godly Realm! However, this sensation was cut short by the sudden force that came afterward.

If this sensation had remained, Huo Yuhao might have found it easier to become a God in the future. Such an opportunity was extremely valuable, even for an Ultimate Douluo. The reason why they were so moved was that they truly saw how they could transcend this world and avoid the wheel of reincarnation by following Huo Yuhao!

However, their hope was extinguished, just like that.

It was the Beast God, Di Tian!

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Huo Yuhao was just standing there quietly, and there was a faint smile on his face from the beginning to the end. However, a dash of coldness flashed deep inside his eyes.

The Beast God, Di Tian!

Impressive, Di Tian!

Torrential tides were set off inside his spiritual sea. Huo Yuhao gradually drifted into view there, and he swiftly calmed down the raging tides that his four powerful Spirits had started. All four of them trained their eyes on him.

“Don’t be worried.” Huo Yuhao’s calm voice travelled throughout his entire spiritual sea.

“Yuhao!” The Skydream Iceworm was panting, and his breathing was thick and heavy.

Huo Yuhao’s eyes suddenly became very majestic and dignified. “Don’t worry. Since I have triggered this for the first time, there will be a second time, and there will be a third time. Do you guys trust me?”

All four Spirits were starting at him. The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass was the first to transform into a beam of flowing light and land on his body. It didn’t have that many expectations and hopes when it chose Huo Yuhao, therefore, it also experienced the least disappointment. Faced with Huo Yuhao’s calm and formless pressure, it instantly made its choice.

The Ice Empress, the Snow Empress, and the Skydream Iceworm were all looking at Huo Yuhao.

The Skydream Iceworm muttered under his breath, “But a chance like this is only likely to come by once every thousand years!”

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, “I’m a Soul Sage, and I seem to have found a very minute part of the solution. Furthermore, even Di Tian can only obstruct me, but he cannot obstruct the heavens. Not even the Beast God can stop the heavens! Therefore, he was one step behind me today.”

All three soul beasts trembled at the same time when they heard his words, and their eyes flowed with incredulous looks.

Huo Yuhao’s majestic eyes gradually became full of fervor. “Furthermore, there’s another solution.”

All three soul beasts’ eyes widened at the same time. What other solution was there?

Huo Yuhao slowly clenched his fists. His spiritual sea riled up once more with him as the epicenter, but his spiritual sea was rippling with a rhythm this time. His immense spiritual power circulated rapidly around his body as a whirlpool.

“That is to defeat Di Tian!”

To defeat Di Tian! These four words were simple, but who dared to say something like this in the world today? Who even dared to think such a thing?

Di Tian was the strongest individual in the world, after the Gods. He was the Douluo Continent's number one Savage Beast, and he was possibly the strongest individual across the entire Douluo Continent. He was a Golden-Eyed Black Dragon King with eight hundred thousand years of cultivation!

He had almost obliterated Shrek City all by himself. With his strength, how many people dared to challenge him, and how many people dared to claim they could defeat him?

The Beast God, Di Tian, had reached the highest possible strength that one could attain in this world a long time ago!

However, when Huo Yuhao uttered those four words seriously, all three powerful soul beasts felt as if those four words were real. Huo Yuhao's tone didn't contain any outrageousness or arrogance; there was only seriousness, perseverance, and persistence.

Defeating Di Tian was Huo Yuhao's target for the future!

If someone who didn't know him, or someone who didn't know about his experiences heard his words, they would burst out laughing. A human who wanted to defeat the Beast God one on one... that was simply a joke. Even the strongest human that people knew about in the world today, the Dragon God Douluo Long Xiaoyao, wouldn't say something like that. The stronger one became, the more one knew about how difficult it was to become stronger after a certain level.

The Beast God was someone who had gone through eight hundred thousand years of cultivation to reach his strength today. Only an Ultimate Douluo and other individuals of that strength could guess exactly how deep Di Tian's foundations were.

However, Huo Yuhao made this claim, and he definitely wasn't joking about it. He was very serious.

Ten years ago, he was a child inside the Duke's Mansion who didn't have proper meals to satiate his hunger. However, now, he wasn't even twenty years of age, and he had already become a Soul Sage!

A Soul Sage with twin martial souls!

This cultivation speed was one of the fastest across human history. He had invented Spirits, and founded the Spirit Pagoda. He had become something like a imperishable monolith in the history of soul masters, and his name was spread across the entire Continent with the Spirit Pagoda's establishment. Every soul master knew his name.

He possessed powerful spiritual power, and even with his seven soul rings, his spiritual power was stronger than that of a Titled Douluo. Furthermore, he also possessed Ultimate Ice, a truly formidable existence.

Huo Yuhao seemed exceptionally gifted in every aspect and characteristic. However, only the Ice Empress and the Skydream Iceworm, who had always been by his side, knew how much Huo Yuhao had given, and how much effort he had put in throughout the entire process. Only they knew how much determination and resolve he had to have to achieve everything that he did.

Huo Yuhao had displayed resilience unmatched by normal people ever since he began fusing with the Skydream Iceworm. After joining Shrek Academy, he cultivated hard with inferior talent and innate

abilities compared to everyone else. Huo Yuhao had gone through so many ordeals and trials during every step of his life.

Huo Yuhao had had to watch the woman that he loved the most enter a deep slumber with his own eyes, and he had to watch another girl that loved him dearly offer her life for him. Every leap forward that Huo Yuhao's strength took was accompanied by uncountable pains and toils.

But he had taken everything in his stride on his journey.

Huo Yuhao had truly grown up today. He wasn't that small blade of grass that swayed in the rain and the wind, he had grown into a robust and large, sturdy tree. Even though he was only a Soul Sage, nobody dared to claim that he wasn't someone who played a decisive role, and one who held a balance of power on the Continent.

He was the youngest member of the Sea God's Pavilion, and a human that the Great Star Dou Forest had sworn to protect. Even the Beast God, Di Tian, had had no choice but to monitor him, though he didn't dare let him communicate with powerful individuals from another world.

When he uttered those words, that he wanted to defeat Di Tian, the first thought that appeared in the three soul beasts' minds was, "He will definitely work as hard as he can to reach this goal." Everything seemed impossible, but was it really impossible? How many things had Huo Yuhao done that were impossible for normal human beings? Huo Yuhao himself was like a monster!

"I'm sorry, Yuhao." The Skydream Iceworm lowered his head, and two rows of tears flowed down his cheeks.

Huo Yuhao didn't release his tightly clenched fists, but his voice became a lot plainer than before. "There's nothing to be sorry for, brother Skydream. I can understand what you're feeling inside. I hate what's happened to me, too, but hatred can't achieve anything. All I can do is become stronger continuously, and one day, when I have enough strength to defeat the Beast God, I will make the reverse scale that he has attached to my body disappear. That day will be the day that I will take you guys into eternity. This is the goal that I have chased and desired my entire life. Furthermore, I trust that this goal is definitely not too far away."

The Snow Empress' icy voice rang out. "We will always accompany you as long as you still have that fighting spirit. Good luck!" After she finished her sentence, her wise and ice-cold eyes became crystal clear once again, and the little Snow Lady returned. She transformed into a beam of white light and disappeared into Huo Yuhao's body.

The Ice Empress nodded and said, "The Snow Empress is right. As long as you have the will to fight, we will always be your strongest and most determined supporting strengths. Good luck, Yuhao!"

The Ice Empress pulled the Skydream Iceworm's hand as she spoke, and they flew towards Huo Yuhao together. They vanished into his body inside his spiritual sea.

A plain, faint smile appeared on Huo Yuhao's face. He raised his fists and silently gazed into the distance.

Di Tian!

I have to defeat you one day!

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“Yuhao, Yuhao, how are you feeling? What happened?” Bei Bei asked in concern from beside Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao had told him that he was alright before he descended into deep contemplation.

He was alright... but how could he be alright? That power of darkness didn't belong to Huo Yuhao! That power of darkness suddenly appeared in a place like this, a place filled with light energy. That was highly unnatural in the first place!

Huo Yuhao's body trembled as if he had awoken. He glanced at his companions, who were watching him with concerned expressions, and smiled as he shook his head. “I'm alright. That came from some power that the Beast God Di Tian has infused into my body. That power is meant to protect me. It might have sensed that my aura was starting to change, so it appeared to protect me. I'm okay now.”

“Are you sure?” Bei Bei asked a little doubtfully. “Why do I feel that that aura didn't come out to protect you?”

Huo Yuhao shook his head and smiled. “Eldest senior brother... you, third senior brother, and fourth senior sister have successfully fused with your respective Spirits. Congratulations! This time, your strengths have been greatly boosted. We should be going, right?”

Bei Bei could tell that Huo Yuhao wasn't willing to tell him. He gave Huo Yuhao a serious look before he tilted his head slightly and said, “Alright, let's go then. Little junior brother, if you have any problems, you have to tell me in time. Even if the Tang Sect can't resolve these problems for you, we can still find Elder Xuan.”

Huo Yuhao heaved a faint sigh inside. Not even Elder Xuan could resolve the problems in his body!

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Everyone exited the Spirit Transmitting Hall. Bi Ji was still waiting outside, and she inquired about the process when she saw them walk out. She felt relieved when she heard that Xu Sanshi's spirit transmission was smooth and successful, and she personally escorted them out. The Spirit Transmitting Hall was still being constructed, and it wasn't appropriate to receive any visitors, so Bi Ji didn't ask them to stay behind.

Bei Bei stared at Huo Yuhao as they stood at the entrance to the Spirit Transmitting Hall. “Yuhao, you guys have to be careful on your journey. It's the same thing every time: safety first, always!”

Huo Yuhao nodded faintly, and replied, “You too, eldest senior brother. Don't force yourself if anything out of the ordinary happens in the Setting Sun Forest. You can wait for me to return, and I'll go back there with you.”

Bei Bei smiled and said, “Don't worry. If the Tang Sect can't even deal with a patch of toxic miasma, then we would have grown so much and so long for nothing. Depending on the situation, I might even bring Teacher Xuan along on my journey. He has been working too hard, and he's tired himself out too much over the past few years. It's time for him to change his mood and his environment. Who knows? This journey might be beneficial for him in breaking through to become a Titled Douluo.”

Huo Yuhao's eyes lit up as he said, "It can't get any better if Teacher Xuan follows you." Xuan Ziwen was a Class 8 soul engineer, and very close to becoming a Class 9 soul engineer. His soul tools were very powerful, and he wouldn't be afraid of any dangers if Xuan Ziwen followed Bei Bei to the Icefire Yin Yang Well. Huo Yuhao just wasn't sure to what extent the plants and herbs over there could help those two Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bears grow.

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Bei Bei bid farewell to everyone, and then flew in the Tang Sect's direction by himself. He had to go back and prepare as quickly as possible before he would set off on his own journey.

Huo Yuhao turned around to his companions and said, "Alright, let's go, too." His destination was, of course, the Star Luo Empire's front lines.

Xu Sanshi laughed out loud, and released his martial soul proudly. He stared at his red soul ring, and was as pleased as he could be. Having a hundred-thousand year soul ring was very impressive for soul masters! Furthermore, hundred-thousand year soul beasts didn't just provide soul rings – they also came with soul bones!

The Golden Tortoise shell that had fused into his Shield of the Xuanwu Turtle before this was the soul bone that the Golden Tortoise had given him. Furthermore, this soul bone was the most valuable soul bone, a torso bone!

For defense-type soul masters, torso bones were much more important than skull bones!

Xu Sanshi couldn't wait any longer, soaring into the sky after releasing his martial soul. He was a Soul Sage now, and could fly through the air without using flying-type soul tools. He was an exhibitionist and a show-off at heart, so how could he give up this opportunity to try flying out!?

Xu Sanshi flew into the sky, and pulled Jiang Nannan along with him. Jiang Nannan was a lot more reserved than he was, but she didn't reject her first time flying as a Soul Sage.

Ye Guyi and Nan Qiuqiu activated their respective flying-type soul tools and followed closely behind.

Jing Ziyang and Ji Juechen followed suit. Huo Yuhao led everyone as they surged into the sky at the same time.

Tang Wutong was relatively closer to where Huo Yuhao was. As everyone was rising into the air, her voice suddenly appeared in his ear.

"You're lying!"

"Eh?" Huo Yuhao glanced subconsciously at Tang Wutong.

She had compressed her voice into a single line. Dong'er didn't seem to possess such a level of control before!

Tang Wutong glanced at him with rather sophisticated eyes, and took the initiative to fly up next to him as she whispered, "You were lying just now."

"What did I lie about?" Huo Yuhao asked, confused.

Tang Wutong sounded a little proud as he said, "You were just lying about the Beast God protecting you with his strength. If he were protecting you, how could he sever your interaction with the God Realm's aura? This opportunity only comes once in a blue moon, and it can even trigger a Godly Appointment. If the Beast God's strength was protecting you, it should have been protecting you from being disturbed by others!"

Huo Yuhao stared at her in surprise. He was very sure that Tang Wutong was Wang Dong'er, except that she was a little different from how Wang Dong'er was like before. He could see Wang Qiu'er's shadow in her from time to time. However, even though Dong'er had lost her memory, she seemed to have gained knowledge that she didn't have before! How did that happen?

Tang Wutong giggled and pressed, "I'm right, am I not? Why are you lying!?"

Huo Yuhao smiled and said warmly, "Why should I tell you?"

Tang Wutong said threateningly, "If you don't tell me, I will expose your lie to everyone else, so that everyone will be unhappy with you."

Huo Yuhao laughed and said, "You're just like a child!"

"Who are you calling a child?" Tang Wutong raged.

Huo Yuhao laughed again and said, "What's wrong with being a child? Innocent and devoid of evil...I like how you're behaving right now."

Tang Wutong was momentarily stunned when she saw the love and concern in his eyes that he didn't bother masking. She blushed, and quickly said indignantly, "You lecher! Are you asking for a beating? Are you telling me or not?"

Huo Yuhao said plainly, "Actually, it's nothing much. I just didn't want everyone to worry for me. The Beast God, Di Tian, did place some restrictions on me. You're right, he wants to stop me from interacting with that illusory God Realm. What can I do? I can't defeat him, and I can't resist him. If he's stopping me from doing so, then so be it."

Tang Wutong glared at him with her large and pinkish-blue eyes. Her long eyelashes were quivering gently as she asked, "Do you know how important that state you that you were in is for your future?"

Huo Yuhao smiled faintly and replied, "Haven't you told me already? Of course I know."

Tang Wutong said, "Then why are you acting so indifferently? Since you've missed this opportunity, you may not come across another one in your entire lifetime."

Huo Yuhao answered, "You have no faith in me? But I have a lot of faith in myself..."

Tang Wutong was a little upset. "You're so dense and unreasonable! I'm too lazy to care about you anymore." She stretched out her wings behind her back as she spoke, and beat them forcefully as she flew towards the front.

Huo Yuhao's mood was a little suppressed before this, but he suddenly felt his spirits lift as he watched her charming back and her flowing pinkish-blue hair fluttering in the sky.

For him, what Tang Wutong had just said to him was a form of concern!

Dong'er, even though you've forgotten about me, are you still subconsciously concerned about me? Actually, everyone doesn't know this, but being able to be together with you is more important than becoming a god to me. Brother Skydream and the others have their hopes placed on me, and I will definitely work hard to become a god, but you are always the most important in my heart! No matter what, even if you've forgotten who I was before, I will definitely bring us together again as we are now!

Huo Yuhao's Butterfly Wings stretched out behind his back, and he accelerated as he chased after Tang Wutong. He flew behind her without going too fast or too slow and watched her enchanting back. For Huo Yuhao, this was the best form of relaxation for his mind.

Tang Wutong continued flying in the front. She didn't interact with anyone else because she wasn't familiar with the others. The more she flew, the more she felt as if something was wrong.

She subconsciously turned around, and was met with Huo Yuhao's mesmerized eyes. She trembled, and almost lost her balance in midair.

"What are you looking at?" Tang Wutong was beside herself with fury.

Huo Yuhao answered, "I'm looking at you!"

"Why are you staring at me so lecherously?" Tang Wutong said ferociously. But she was just too beautiful, and even though she was deliberately trying to put on a ferocious and wicked outward appearance, she was still so cute in Huo Yuhao's eyes.

Huo Yuhao felt amused as he said, "What? I can't look at you? I'm just flying behind you, so isn't it normal that my eyes are on you?"

"You're not allowed to look at me!" Tang Wutong raged.

Huo Yuhao put on a speechless look and said, "But if I don't look at you, what's going to happen if I crash into you? You can't ask me to close my eyes when I fly!"

Tang Wutong grunted coldly and said, "You'll fly in front me and stare at the air by yourself."

Huo Yuhao didn't argue with her. He nodded and said, "Alright," He immediately flew in front of her in a flash.

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Ye Guyi and Nan Qiuqiu were flying together not far from where Huo Yuhao was. Nan Qiuqiu was pouting, and a little displeased as she said, "Look at them, they're flirting in public! Hmph! She lost her memory? I think they're just putting on a show!"

Ye Guyi shook her head softly and said, "Try to be unbiased, pretty girl. Are you interested in him too? You should be able to tell from his eyes that he can't possibly like anyone else other than her. Is one-sided love so interesting?"

Nan Qiuqiu giggled and said, "You're trying hard to convince yourself by saying all that, right, sister Guyi? I wasn't paying attention to Huo Yuhao's eyes, but I saw a lot of yours. Ever since he came back, your eyes keep turning towards him carelessly. What are you trying to do?"

Ye Guyi blushed and retorted, "Why can't I look at him?"

Nan Qiuqiu laughed and shot back, "You can look at him, but you can't have him. Aren't you worried?"

Ye Guyi grunted and suddenly sped up as she surged towards the front and said nothing else. There was a faint trace of helplessness in her eyes.

You may like someone, but that someone may not have the same feelings for you...

However, even though she knew her feelings wouldn't lead to anything at all, she still couldn't help but yearn for him. Perhaps that was because he was simply too outstanding, and he had attracted her attention ever since the beginning. Ever since then, she couldn't notice other men at all.

The truth was, Ye Guyi didn't know how many times she had chided herself gloomily to walk away from her one-sided love, but discovered that she couldn't do it at all. The more she wanted to walk away, the deeper his figure was imprinted in her mind.

She gave up trying towards the end. It's like that already... if I like him, then so be it. I'm liking him while I'm cultivating at the same time, anyway. She didn't have any family, and nobody would hurry or urge her to find a man. She spent most of her time and energy cultivating, and she would let nature take its course with her feelings and love. Smoothing her state of mind and keeping peace with herself was a lot more comfortable. Thinking about Huo Yuhao from time to time was a kind of bliss for her, especially after he returned; her happiness was more conspicuous when she saw him.

She didn't wish or hope for anything at all, and was just staring at him quietly. She realized that she was quite satisfied with how things were. She had mocked herself, she had felt speechless about herself, but so what? She would have walked away from her feelings a long time ago if she could. Wang Qiu'er was so outstanding, but even she couldn't move his heart, and she even sacrificed herself to save him, in the end. I have never done anything for him, so I'm just going to bury my feelings for him deep inside my heart. Maybe, after a long time, these feelings will dampen, and I will naturally forget about them. Or, another man that can move me will appear and take his place in my heart.

Ye Guyi didn't have much faith in the latter. Finding someone who was more outstanding than Huo Yuhao seemed a little challenging.

Huo Yuhao naturally didn't know about the changes in Ye Guyi and Nan Qiuqiu's mentalities. He was flying in front, and still wore a faint smile on his face. His spiritual power was powerful, and he could clearly feel that there was a pair of pinkish-blue eyes trained on him from behind.

Whether I am watching the person I love, or the person I love is watching me is a kind of happiness! It's so nice that Dong'er is back...

Tang Wutong followed behind him and stared at his back. She couldn't help but start to daydream.

She didn't know why his flying-type soul tool seemed so familiar. He was just flying in front of her quietly, and he clearly wasn't doing anything, but he seemed to integrate into the air around him, as though he were part of that air and space in the first place, while she and everyone else were outsiders.

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Has this fellow really reached such a high level? No wonder, he can actually interact with the heavens and the earth. He's quite impressive – that's a pity, because he's not a good guy!

Tang Wutong had firmly branded Huo Yuhao as “not a good person” ever since the first time he had hugged her. At least, her impression hadn't changed much for now, and several adjectives could be added, at most... he was a scoundrel who had extraordinary abilities! Or, he was a scoundrel who possessed some strength...

Both guys and girls couldn't help but feel interested and curious about the unknown or mysterious things. Huo Yuhao was like that to Tang Wutong, and she was starting to feel interested and curious about him. This person seems to have uncountable hidden secrets. Furthermore, those secrets seem to have something to do with me...

Tang Wutong wasn't stupid. More accurately, she was incredibly intelligent. She had already heard of Huo Yuhao when she first came to Shrek Academy, because everyone believed that she and Huo Yuhao should be together.

She was furious at the beginning, and figured that everyone in Shrek Academy had gone insane. But with the passage of time and more and more people saying the same thing, she could faintly feel that. Perhaps someone that looks like me is related to that fellow. But can someone really look like me?

When Huo Yuhao first appeared in front of her and embraced her, Tang Wutong was completely dazed, and she had immediately lashed out at Huo Yuhao.

She knew that she didn't have a good temper, and if someone else did what he had done, she would probably have fought with that person until one of them dropped dead. When she first encountered Huo Yuhao, even though she had lashed out at him because she was angry, she couldn't feel any lethal intent in her heart at all during her attack. She even felt a little soft during the fight.

She didn't understand why that had happened, but her heart seemed to soften uncontrollably when she looked at that fellow's eyes. This was the same even when she had labelled him a scoundrel, and it seemed like there really was some connection between the two of them.

Tang Wutong found all that hard to believe, because this person had never appeared before in her memory! It was even more impossible that they were acquainted or had any interactions either.

She shook her head forcefully, and her wavy pinkish-blue hair fluttered in the sky behind her. I'm not going to think about him anymore. I'll just ignore him in the future.

Tang Wutong was thinking like that to herself, but she still couldn't help but look at him. She stared at his tall and slim figure flying in front of her, and she felt the gentle soul power undulations that were spreading from his body. For some reason, she couldn't shift her eyes away...

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The weakest individuals in their group were Soul Emperors, so nobody had any problems flying continuously for a prolonged period of time.

They flew for about two hours before Huo Yuhao suggested for everyone to come down and rest.

They had entered the Star Luo Empire's borders, and needed at least another two hours before they reached the Star Luo Empire's western regions. They would be very close to the front lines.

Everyone had started out very early in the morning, so they were a little hungry when they descended to the ground. They retrieved their respective rations and drinking water and began eating their own meals, and everyone rested at the same time.

Xu Sanshi and Jiang Nannan were in a jovial mood. They had just become Soul Sages, and flying through the air without any soul tools felt fantastic!

One's soul power rose exponentially after one became a Soul Sage, and the Soul Sage could unleash his or her martial soul true body. The Soul Sage would also experience a qualitative leap in fighting strength. They were gifted and elite students from Shrek Academy in the first place, and they had just become some of the strongest individuals of the younger generation after they became Soul Sages. They had also closed the gap between Huo Yuhao and themselves.

Huo Yuhao didn't go over to Tang Wutong's side. He believed that even if Tang Wutong had lost her memory, she would have Dong'er's personality from before, and him taking the initiative to get closer to her wouldn't result in anything good. Furthermore, he wasn't worried at all. For some reason, he was starting to enjoy the feeling of gradually awakening Dong'er's memories. He had made a decision in his heart long ago. "If I can't make Dong'er remember me, then I will let her fall in love with me all over again." No matter what happened, he wouldn't leave her side this time, and he would follow her wherever she went.

Their priority now was to execute their mission. Huo Yuhao munched on his rations as he contemplated in silence. "Should I directly reveal my identity to the White Tiger Duke on this journey to the front lines? It's quite inevitable that I'll run into Dai Luoli when I'm there. I wonder if that fellow has sold me out yet?"

Probably not. Luoli has some stubbornness in his personality, and he's not one to compromise easily. Hopefully the White Tiger Duke won't see through everyone.

An indescribable discomfort arose in Huo Yuhao's heart when he considered looking for the White Tiger Duke directly, according to Elder Xuan's instructions.

Some time ago, he could have confessed his feelings and thoughts to Wang Dong'er, at least. But now? Who could he talk to? He could only silently endure this heavy burden by himself.

Huo Yuhao took a deep breath, and placed his rations down before he closed his eyes and started to rest, leaning against a large tree behind him. Even he didn't know what to do at this moment, even with his extraordinary intelligence.

If Elder Xuan hadn't given him instructions, he would have returned to Dai Luoli's side and continued serving as Xu Yun's personal guard. He believed that with his abilities and strength, he would be continuously promoted if he participated in battle.

However, just as Elder Xuan had said, his strength would undoubtedly be wasted if he did that. He could participate directly in the war and be a lot more effective than otherwise. His Spiritual Detection could reach an extraordinary distance, just how much help could he give the Star Luo Empire?

Forget it... I can't affect the entire empire just because of my desires and wishes! Even though Huo Yuhao had never thought that the Star Luo Empire had given anything to him at all, it was still his home country. I'm just going to look for the White Tiger Duke directly. He doesn't know who I am, anyway, and I'll work hard to help the Star Luo Empire resolve their troubles before anything else. I can use other methods in the future to realize my wish.

Huo Yuhao finally reconciled his thoughts, and he exhaled deeply as he opened his eyes.

When he opened his eyes, he was met with two large pinkish-blue eyes staring at him, which startled him.

His mind and his energy were too concentrated before this, to the point where he didn't release his spiritual power. At this moment, he couldn't help but feel a little dazed when he suddenly saw Tang Wutong's eyes.

However, the shadow that had just arisen in Huo Yuhao's heart vanished into thin air when he saw her. As long as she was around, any trouble or challenge didn't seem like much of a problem anymore.

Huo Yuhao smiled at Tang Wutong and nodded gently.

Tang Wutong immediately turned away, and she chomped down on her rations forcefully, as if she were eating his flesh.

Huo Yuhao finished his food before he crossed his legs in a proper sitting position and started to meditate. Even though his cultivation speed was already incredible, his hard working attitude and the habits that he had formed over the years never changed.

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Everyone rested for an hour before they returned to their journey, flying straight towards the Star Luo Empire's borders.

Huo Yuhao took everyone over the outskirts and the wilderness so that they could avoid unnecessary trouble. Of course, they could do this because they were inside the Star Luo Empire. If they had been inside the Sun Moon Empire, there would still have been hordes of surveillance soul tools blanketing these regions, and they would have been quickly discovered.

They continued flying for a little more than two hours before they started to enter the region considered the Star Luo Empire's western borders. There, they were quickly met with blockades.

Everyone had no choice but to descend to the ground after revealing their identities. The Star Luo Empire soul engineers that had stopped them told them that the entire western border was locked down, and nobody could fly in or out. Otherwise, they could very easily be attacked. The company had no choice but to descend to the ground and move forward on foot.

They were a lot slower as they moved along the ground, and only arrived outside Imperial Radiant City, which Huo Yuhao had been to before, in the evening.

“What do we do, Yuhao? Do we enter the city?” Xu Sanshi asked Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao thought for a moment and said, “Forget that. The front lines are very jittery and jumpy right now, and the Star Luo Empire is very sensitive. What if they treat us like spies again, and interrogate us? Why don’t we pick up the pace and go directly to the front lines? I know where the White Tiger Duke’s base is. We can rest again when we’re there.”

Imperial Radiant City was less than two hundred kilometers from the frontlines. Even though they couldn’t fly, they only needed two hours at most to reach the frontlines with their abilities and strength.

Xu Sanshi nodded and said, “Alright. Let’s rest for a little while and have something to eat before setting out.”

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They didn’t want to create any misunderstandings with Imperial Radiant City, so everyone just proceeded through the wilderness for a while before they found a small creek in the hills, and stopped to rest.

Huo Yuhao found this creek with his spiritual power. The men didn’t feel much about this creek, but when the ladies saw this clear and transparent stream, they all exclaimed joyously at the same time and pounced at the stream. They all squatted beside the stream and washed their hands and faces, and were very happy.

There were too many women and too few men in this operation. Huo Yuhao, Xu Sanshi, and Ji Juechen were the only men in their company, while Ji Juechen was an enigma, and didn’t like to talk.

In contrast, there were five women: Tang Wutong, Ye Guyi, Nan Qiuqiu, Jing Ziyang, and Jiang Nannan.

Jing Ziyang’s looks were slightly inferior to the others. The four other girls were exceptionally pretty and beautiful, though Jing Ziyang could also be considered delicate and pretty.

The sun was setting in the west, and the sunset glow far on the western horizon tainted the edge of the sky crimson. These colors reflected off the stream and shone onto the girls’ faces. This glow brought out everyone’s charming looks even more. Their cheeks and faces were red and rosy, and looked incredibly enchanting.

Xu Sanshi’s reaction was most evident. He swallowed audibly before nudging Huo Yuhao beside him and said, “Little junior brother, can you tell that Ye Guyi and Nan Qiuqi both seem to be interested in you?”

“Eh?” Huo Yuhao was momentarily stunned. He had guessed that Ye Guyi seemed to have some feelings for him, but Nan Qiuqiu...

Nan Qiuqiu had hated him in the past, and her attitude changed a little only after he saved her and her mother. He didn’t sense anything about other things at all!