

## Tang Sect 441

### Chapter 441: The Child Backed by His Father

Dai Hao nodded, "Yes, it's us. Even though my cultivation isn't the best in the military, I'll personally send you into the air in order to keep things confidential. Don't worry. I have a Class 7 flying-type soul tool to help me. It should be fine for me to send you five thousand meters into the air. However, I'm a marshal of three armies. After I send you into the sky, I'll need to return to lead my troops. I'll command the soul engineer legions to attack for around an hour. You must complete your mission within this time frame. It's still the same advice; safety first! As long as you can come back safely, you've done your part."

"Alright." After Huo Yuhao agreed, he quietly walked to a seat nearby and sat down, waiting for the time to come.

The White Tiger walked out of the tent and watched as the soul engineer legions were deployed.

A playful smile appeared at the side of Huo Yuhao's lips. "Send me personally into the sky? That's not a bad idea! If that's the case, the effect will be much better than expected.

Whether it's life or death, tonight's plan seems to have become more perfect.

Tang Wutong kept on watching Huo Yuhao, and managed to catch a glimpse of his smile. When she saw his smile, her heart shuddered. "What is this fellow thinking about? How can he still smile at such a time? His smile is even so..."

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Fifteen minutes were soon up.

Dai Luoli rushed in from outside. "Everyone, the marshal has instructed you to get ready."

Everyone from Shrek Academy stood up and walked out of the tent.

Dai Luoli intentionally delayed himself and waited for Huo Yuhao before walking out of the tent with him. He whispered, "Elder brother, what are you doing? What are you going to do tonight?"

Huo Yuhao felt warm when he heard Dai Luoli calling him 'elder brother'. He patted his shoulder and replied, "Nothing. Don't worry, everything will be fine."

Dai Luoli twisted his lips. "Elder brother, don't get into any danger. I still hope that you'll come back and continue to guide me along. There have been too many things happening over these past few days. I didn't have the time to look for you. When you return, I'll find you, and you can continue to teach me. After that, you must also tell me why you left so suddenly that day. After you left, you don't know how anxious I was! I still thought that the Sun Moon Empire..."

Huo Yuhao chortled and replied, "Why do you have no confidence in me at all?"

Dai Luoli replied, "It's not that. It's just that our enemies are too strong."

Huo Yuhao replied, "Luoli, remember something. There's nothing impossible in this world."

Dai Luoli was stunned for a moment, before nodding firmly.

He had learned many things about Huo Yuhao from Xu Jiujiu and Dai Yueheng over the past few days. Yes! There was nothing impossible in this world! His elder brother was a great testament to that statement!

When his elder brother only had two rings, he had competed in the Continental Advanced Soul Master Academy Soul Dueling Tournament with his seniors from the inner courtyard. He even turned the tables at the last minute, and preserved the glory of Shrek Academy!

Even though Dai Yueheng was already a Soul Emperor back then, he couldn't help but compliment Huo Yuhao when he talked about him.

That was six years ago. Huo Yuhao was a two-ringed soul master six years ago, while Dai Yueheng was a six-ringed Soul Emperor.

Now, six years later? Dai Yueheng was already a Soul Sage. However, Huo Yuhao was also a seven-ringed Soul Sage! He even possessed twin martial souls!

Dai Yueheng even told Dai Luoli that Huo Yuhao was the future Master of the Sea God's Pavilion!

Even though Dai Luoli didn't feel close to Dai Yueheng and Dai Huabin, he still respected both of his elder brothers. He was jealous that they could enter Shrek Academy to learn.

However, their talents seemed to pale in comparison to Huo Yuhao. His three elder brothers were likely to be some of the most elite soul masters on the continent in the future!

Dai Luoli couldn't help but respect Huo Yuhao more after learning about all his miracles.

The sky had turned completely dark by now. The White Tiger Duke descended from the sky. Evidently, he had just come down from the watchtower, where he had looked on as the troops were deployed.

Huo Yuhao received him, and the White Tiger Duke said, "Our men are already on the move. Yuhao, are you ready?"

Huo Yuhao nodded slightly and replied, "Anytime."

The White Tiger Duke nodded and replied, "Alright. We'll take action immediately then." As he spoke, he retrieved a flying-type soul tool from his storage-type soul tool and put it on. As a Titled Douluo, it was still much more comfortable for him to use a flying-type soul tool, even though he was able to fly freely in the air. It was also easier for him to help Huo Yuhao into the air with the help of a soul tool.

Huo Yuhao also started to get ready, and put on his own flying-type soul tool.

"Let's go." The White Tiger Duke stood behind Huo Yuhao, grabbing him below his arms.. His soul power surged, and the two of them rose into the air. They ascended in a straight line into the sky.

Huo Yuhao's gaze was fixated on a specific position on the ground. At this moment, his gaze was gentle, indistinct, and carried a sense of yearning. It felt as if he wanted to imprint everything that he was seeing into his head.

The look in Tang Wutong's eyes was equally indistinct. She had never seen a man's gaze so deep and emotional before. Within all the emotions he was experiencing, there seemed to be one of desolation...

Something isn't right.

It is unlikely that he has an eighty percent chance of survival. It might not even be fifty percent.

At this moment, Tang Wutong finally understood everything. However, the White Tiger Duke was already high up in the air with Huo Yuhao. In such a short span of time, they managed to reach more than a thousand meters into the air as they raced skywards.

Eight soul engineer legions were deployed at the same time. Even though they were only there to distract their enemies, almost all of the soul masters of the Star Luo Empire had been deployed. At such a time, the mission had to be carried out.

This fool!? Tang Wutong furrowed her brow. Even though she didn't want to admit it, she was clearly aware that it was highly likely that Huo Yuhao had persisted in carrying out his surveillance of the Death God because of what had happened last night.

Is it really possible for someone to forgo his life because of a romantic relationship? This fellow is really a fool!

Tang Wutong clenched her fists tightly. She felt breathless, as if some special power were controlling her innermost feelings.

As Dai Hao unleashed his strength, everything below started to become a blur. Huo Yuhao also finally lifted his head. He stopped looking at Tang Wutong, who had become indistinct.

Even though she's not Dong'er, she still looks very similar to Dong'er! Tonight, I'll treat her as Dong'er, since I might not be able to survive this ordeal.

A slight smile appeared on Huo Yuhao's face. As he sensed the low surrounding temperature, his soul power started to circulate. As the aura of Ultimate Ice filled his body, the external cold wasn't able to affect him at all.

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One thousand meters, two thousand meters, three thousand meters...

After rising three thousand meters into the air, the external temperature dropped significantly. Even the White Tiger Duke was slowing down as he continued to climb.

"Yuhao, how are you feeling? If you aren't feeling comfortable, please tell me. We can stop."

"I'm fine. Please continue," Huo Yuhao replied calmly.

Dai Hao furrowed his brow. From Huo Yuhao's tone of voice, he could evidently sense indifference and coldness.

What's going on with him? Don't tell me he's experiencing emotional changes right now?

Glancing down from the sky, it was clear that countless soul masters were already flying towards the Ming Dou Mountain Range from the Northwestern Field Army's military base.

All those who were involved were wearing flying-type soul tools. Even though the operation was jointly carried out by eight soul engineer legions, there were only two thousand-plus soul masters involved. They were mainly four-ringed and five-ringed soul masters, and were widely scattered. From afar, they were subtly creeping their way towards the Ming Dou Mountain Range.

There were a few Titled Douluo among these four-ringed and five-ringed soul masters. They were the main commanders of this operation.

Even though they weren't really attacking, they still had to make their enemies feel threatened. At the same time, they had to try to minimize their losses. Under such a situation, the Titled Douluo were the best candidates to ensure a smooth flow of the operation.

Furthermore, they weren't attacking close to the main peak. The Death God couldn't reach them. Of course, there were still other terrifying soul tools that the Sun Moon Empire possessed, hidden in the mountains. Without accurate intelligence, it wasn't feasible to venture deeper.

The Sun Moon Empire was bullying the Star Luo Empire in terms of its lack of surveillance ability. It was difficult to tell how many soul tools they had planted in the Ming Dou Mountain Range. After all, the Star Luo Empire didn't have any credible intelligence.

At four thousand meters, the temperature had already fallen far below zero, and it was falling even further. Every few hundred meters up, the temperature dropped a further five to six degrees. After five thousand meters, the temperature was below negative a hundred degrees Celsius! Literally no biological organism would be able to survive at such a height. It was also why high-altitude aerial surveillance soul tools weren't able to develop further.

The White Tiger Duke was draining a lot of his soul power. As Huo Yuhao was close to the White Tiger Duke's body, he could clearly sense the explosive strength and immense soul power from him.

These were soul power undulations from a Titled Douluo! They were strong and consolidated.

If his martial soul hadn't followed his mother's Spirit Eyes, he might have had a White Tiger, too. In addition, his destiny might have been completely different.

It was his father. This was his father behind him!

Naturally, Dai Hao didn't know about Huo Yuhao's complicated emotional changes as he rose into the sky. He only sensed a layer of soul power that seemed to be there, and yet seemed not there in Huo Yuhao. The circulation of qi in his body was also very gentle. Under such low temperatures, Huo Yuhao was less drained than him. No wonder he's a top student, and someone who possesses Ultimate Ice.

Forty-five hundred meters.

Dai Hao also found it a little strenuous right now. He was carrying someone, and had to keep climbing. At the same time, he had to resist the low temperature and the thinning air.

There was also a lack of elemental power at such high altitudes. It was practically impossible for a soul master to replenish himself.

Even if the Milk Bottle technique was advanced, it wasn't very helpful for a Titled Douluo at his level. The best Milk Bottle was only Class 7. Currently, there wasn't a Class 8 Milk Bottle developed for a Titled Douluo to use.

The soul power requirements for a Class 8 Milk Bottle were simply too high. No material was currently able to support these requirements, leaving Class 7 the limit.

Furthermore, a Titled Douluo could recover faster by absorbing origin energy than by using a Class 7 Milk Bottle, so a true Titled Douluo couldn't use a Milk Bottle to replenish himself. Milk Bottles were useless to them!

They were at forty-eight hundred meters now. Dai Hao's flying speed was already very slow. At such an altitude, it was actually much brighter than it was on the ground, the stars were blinding amid such thin air.

Spots of starlight filled the sky, and fell on Dai Hao and Huo Yuhao.

There weren't any signs of any living organisms around them. At such a low temperature and amid such thin air, no one or thing could possibly survive.

Between forty-eight hundred meters and forty-nine hundred meters, Dai Hao used one minute to ascend. In addition, his speed kept slowing down.

"Hey!" Huo Yuhao heard a shout behind him.

Following that, he felt his body lighten. Dai Hao's hands had disappeared, and a strong burst of soul power came from behind him.

Huo Yuhao subconsciously lowered his head and saw that the White Tiger Duke had turned into a huge White Tiger. He had lifted Huo Yuhao up and let him sit on him.

This...

As he sat on the huge White Tiger's back, Dai Hao rose faster and faster. In just a few breaths, he managed to surge beyond five thousand meters, and was surging even further.

Martial Soul True Body, White Tiger!

The White Tiger Vajra Transformation and White Tiger's Devilgod Transformation were both unleashed. Right now, the White Tiger Duke had increased his cultivation to his strongest state to send Huo Yuhao further up into the air.

Someone else was already taking such a great risk. How could he possibly not give his all?

However, Dai Hao didn't know that Huo Yuhao was very conflicted right now.

When he was young, Huo Yuhao had lived in the Duke's Mansion with his mother and the servants. The White Tiger Duke's servants also had kids, and he would always watch as they were carried by their fathers, looking very blissful.

When that happened, he would always ask his mother where his father was. When can I be carried by my father, just like them?

Every time, his mother would always tell him that it would happen in the future, and that his father was very busy.

He had waited for twenty years, just like that.

Huo Yuhao didn't expect to be carried by his father in this lifetime. He was already tearing up. No matter how much he hated Dai Hao, he now deeply understood that he was right to have saved Dai Hao twice.

The quiet night sky was extremely chilly. However, there was only warmth coming from the White Tiger Duke's fur.

I can finally... be carried by my father.

A mother's love was boundless. What about a father's love? A father's love was always deep. Perhaps a father wasn't very good at expressing himself, but there was no doubt that a father's love was comparable to a mother's love. A father ran around outside to support his family. Perhaps he might be less caring, but how would there be a warm family without a father supporting it?

#### **Chapter 442.1: Spiritual Barrier, Terrifying Mountain Peak!**

Five thousand meters!

Huo Yuhao was riding the White Tiger Duke, and finally managed to reach an altitude of five thousand meters. He watched the soul tool that measured their altitude as he sensed the White Tiger Duke's surging soul power, filled with complex feelings.

This was his father's back, wide and strong, and giving him a sense of security!

Dai Hao, who had transformed into a White Tiger, was still rising quickly. In just a few seconds, he managed to climb a few more hundred meters.

The night sky was getting quieter. Right now, the lights that came from below them also became unclear. Everything around them was pitch-black and cold. However, Huo Yuhao wasn't terrified at all. He didn't know why... it might have been because of Dai Hao, or for some other reason.

Dim white light was shining from the White Tiger Duke's fur. The extremely low surrounding temperature also spurred Huo Yuhao to unleash his Ice Empress' Armor to protect himself from being frozen.

The White Tiger Duke's aura was at its limit. Even though he didn't unleash it toward Huo Yuhao, Huo Yuhao still felt slightly petrified.

However, he felt as if some kind of energy in his body was being summoned just as he was petrified. This feeling was very weird. Huo Yuhao quickly found the source of this energy... blood! More accurately speaking, it was his lineage.

It was the lineage that he had inherited from his father! When the White Tiger Duke unleashed his soul power to his full ability, the power of his own lineage rose along with his martial soul. Huo Yuhao shared the same blood as him, while his cultivation was also weaker than the White Tiger Duke's. Naturally, he was drawn by the White Tiger Duke's lineage.

Blood is thicker than water. Given that they were directly related, the connection of their lineage was undoubtedly very close. Under such a situation, Huo Yuhao felt even closer to the White Tiger Duke.

The circulation of the White Tiger Duke's blood was increasing quickly. Also, Huo Yuhao was astonished to realize that the White Tiger Duke's aura seemed to have some kind of weird power that was fusing into his body in streaks. His circulation was increasing quickly as this power fused into his body. As the weird power spread over him, Huo Yuhao's real eyes couldn't help but appear. To prevent the White Tiger Duke from finding out, he had no choice but to use his Imitation to conceal them.

"Yuhao!" the White Tiger Duke's voice sounded.

"Yes?" Huo Yuhao was immediately jolted to his senses.

"I can send you to an altitude of almost six thousand meters. If I continue to rise further, I'm afraid that you'll drain too much of your soul power when you glide over the mountains. My limit is around fifty-eight hundred to six thousand meters. Do you think you need to reach a greater height?"

Huo Yuhao said, "There's no need to. Fifty-five hundred meters is sufficient."

"Alright then, prepare yourself!" The White Tiger Duke's body started to shine even brighter. The glaring white lights engulfed Huo Yuhao's body and isolated him from the cold. He turned into a ball of intense white light that rose further into the sky. In an instant, they rose several hundred more meters.

Huo Yuhao's eyes brightened, and his soul power surged, completely transforming into Ultimate Ice. Given his immense spiritual power, he could sense more than one thousand meters around him, even without his Spirit Eyes. He knew that the White Tiger's sudden outburst meant that the mission was about to begin.

Indeed, the white light slowly retracted after a moment. The White Tiger's momentum seemed to have stopped. The huge White Tiger turned into a ball of light that surrounded Huo Yuhao. As the white light surged, the White Tiger disappeared, and the White Tiger Duke had already returned to Huo Yuhao's back. He grabbed Huo Yuhao's waist and shouted, "Yuhao, you must be careful, and mind your safety. Don't be reckless. I'm going to send you in. Get ready!"

"Alright." Huo Yuhao simply acknowledged his words. His Ice Empress' Armor strengthened slightly, and a stalk of shiny and smooth Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass appeared on his shoulder. It released an icy-blue aura around Huo Yuhao.

The White Tiger Duke shouted, and the veins on his burly arms bulged. His explosive strength was instantly unleashed. He exerted strength from his waist and flung Huo Yuhao out.

Huo Yuhao rolled up naturally in the air and shot forward more than a few hundred meters like a grenade. As he shot forward, he slowly opened up his body like a big bird. A butterfly-shaped flying-type soul tool opened up behind his back and stabilized his body in the air.

The White Tiger Duke drifted in mid-air. After seeing that Huo Yuhao had stabilized his body and flown off into the distance, he heaved a sigh of relief.

Before he personally witnessed it, he couldn't believe that Huo Yuhao could survive at such a high altitude even though he was only just a Soul Sage. His Ultimate Ice was indeed extraordinary!

At this moment, the White Tiger Duke focused his gaze. He was stunned to discover that Huo Yuhao, who was within his field of view just earlier, had already disappeared. He had disappeared without a trace. Even with his acute senses as a Titled Douluo, he wasn't able to locate him.

This kid! He's indeed unparalleled in his surveillance abilities! How did he manage to do this? Even if he possesses twin martial souls, shouldn't he be using his Ultimate Ice martial soul? How is he able to use his spiritual-type martial soul at the same time?

It was normal for the White Tiger Duke to be unable to comprehend this. He was still very unfamiliar with the newly-discovered Spirit system.

Although Huo Yuhao was gifted, he couldn't use two martial souls at the same. However, it was different if he had a Spirit.

More accurately speaking, the Ice Empress was his martial soul. She wasn't considered his Spirit. However, the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass was a pure Spirit.

When the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass appeared on Huo Yuhao's shoulder, it immediately had a protective effect on him. The extremely low temperature in the sky couldn't affect the Ice Grass, which favored low temperatures. In the thin air, there was only one element that was in abundance... ice! The Ice Grass tapped into this power after it appeared to create a layer of icy air around Huo Yuhao that helped to protect him. Huo Yuhao then changed his martial soul to his Spirit Eyes and unleashed them, melting into the night sky.

The powerful effects of a Spirit were immaculately demonstrated on Huo Yuhao, who had twin martial souls.

He unleashed his butterfly wings, but Huo Yuhao didn't increase his speed to the maximum. After changing to his Spirit Eyes, the thin air continued to affect him, but not too badly. As for the external cold, he wasn't bothered at all.

After he unleashed his spiritual power, he started to survey the lands below him. He suddenly realized that he enjoyed the feeling of this quiet night sky. Up here, no biological organism could survive for long. It was rare for any living organism to even attempt to reach such an altitude. He felt as if he were the only person in the world. Although it was lonely, there was still an exhilarating feeling of freedom.

Up here, the restraints of the world didn't seem to be a problem anymore. His mood gradually entered an ethereal state. His soul power slowed down through a very special method, and his spiritual and soul power fused together perfectly.

Right now, Huo Yuhao seemed to have entered an ascended state. It was like his first time in the Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineering Academy, but it also felt like his first time looking at the boundless sea of clouds when he first climbed Clear Sky Peak.

His body fused with nature, and a layer of dim golden light shone about him. The golden light was clear, as if he had become a star. It seemed like Huo Yuhao had become a part of the sky right now.

The summoning feeling that he had once sensed in the Spirit Pagoda appeared once again. Perhaps it was because he was high up in the sky, but this summoning feeling was even clearer this time.



Huo Yuhao suddenly felt that his entire world had turned golden. The pitch-black night sky was no longer dark. It was as if some special power of longing was about to descend from the sky onto his body.

At this moment, a strong dark aura spread from his chest. A strong power of darkness spread, and a layer of thin scales appeared once again.

The rise of this darkness jolted Huo Yuhao to his senses. He furrowed his brow and quickly exited his exalted state.

Everything around him was still as dark as ever. There was no gold around him at all. A sarcastic smile appeared on Huo Yuhao's lips. "Di Tian, it's you again."

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The Great Star Dou Forest.

The clear Lake of Life suddenly surged. A ball of intense black light shot into the sky. A terrifying aura was immediately released and diffused into the air.

Even the powerful soul beasts that lived in the Slaughtering Grounds were all shocked when they sensed this aura, immediately throwing themselves onto the ground like astonished little cats.

The black light gradually retracted. Di Tian slowly appeared in mid-air.

He had already turned pale, and his fists were clenched. His entire body was filled with a dangerous aura.

"Second time. This is already the second time. Why? Why is this so? I've been pursuing it for eight hundred thousand years, but I've not obtained it. But it's already appeared twice on his body, summoning him! Why is this so unfair? Is it just because I'm a soul beast and he's a human?"

Low-pitched roars echoed in the Great Star Dou Forest. However, no one could answer Di Tian's question.

Di Tian gradually calmed down. However, his expression was still as gloomy as ever.

### **Chapter 442.2: Spiritual Barrier, Terrifying Mountain Peak!**

"No matter what, I won't let you complete it. As long as my reverse scale is in you, you can only remain in this world and protect the fortune of the Great Star Dou Forest. After you die, I'll use some methods to make you transfer the power of destiny to a soul beast, and further the fortune of the Great Star Dou Forest."

Di Tian looked a little hesitant as he muttered to himself. If not for the fact that he couldn't use brute force to make destiny submit to him, he would have killed Huo Yuhao long ago. However, the power of destiny could only be transferred willingly, it couldn't be taken by force. No matter how strong Di Tian was, he couldn't challenge the laws of the world. He could only wait while protecting Huo Yuhao...

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After snapping out of his contemplative state, Huo Yuhao looked very calm once more. This wasn't Di Tian's first time hindering him. However, he had also used his actions to prove to his Spirits that

searching for that feeling wasn't so difficult. This actually wasn't the second time. More accurately speaking, it was the third time. It was just because he was too invested earlier on, which stopped him from controlling his own sensations. Otherwise, he might not have been discovered by Di Tian this time, either.

His gaze suddenly turned sharp. He summoned all his soul power and poured it into his flying-type soul tool. Suddenly, all of his soul tool's ports started to circulate at full speed, thrusting him forward like a streak of flowing light. He charged towards the Ming Dou Mountain Range at lightning-quick speed.

Huo Yuhao was still five thousand meters in the air right now, and finally tapped into his own soul power to fly. It was also now that he finally felt the burden of moving at such a high altitude.

He was still using his soul power to propel his soul tool, but he was drained three times as quickly as normal. His flying-type soul tool seemed to be affected by the low temperature and thin air, and was quickly drained. At the same time, Huo Yuhao had no choice but to use his soul power to change the speed of his blood circulation in order to maintain the necessary functions of his own body. Concurrently, he filtered the thin air and absorbed what he could into his body. These processes drained him even further.

Flying at an altitude of five thousand meters, he was naturally unafraid of being spotted by the Sun Moon Empire. However, Huo Yuhao clearly understood that even a Titled Douluo couldn't withstand being at such a high altitude for long. If not for his flying-type soul tool, he couldn't possibly fly here, given his abilities as a Soul Sage.

In less than half a minute, Huo Yuhao's soul power was drained by almost twenty percent. If he continued flying like this, he couldn't possibly reach the Ming Dou Mountain Range.

His butterfly-winged flying-type soul tool's ports stopped working under Huo Yuhao's control. He couldn't sustain this any longer. If he continued to do so, he couldn't possibly complete his mission.

After he shut the ports, he continued to maintain his flying speed. However, he was slowly descending as he glided towards the Ming Dou Mountain Range. This had always been his plan.

Descending from such a great height was completely in contrast with ascending into the sky. The pressure that he had to bear was naturally dipping, and he didn't need to use his soul power to fly anymore. He was in a much better position now.

Huo Yuhao continuously used his spiritual detection to observe everything below him. At the same time, he kept an eye on the detector on his wrist. Above three thousand meters was a safe height to remain at, a height where he would still remain undetected.

This surveillance mission involved a few critical risks. Comparatively speaking, getting closer to the Ming Dou Mountain Range was actually the safest part. This was because Huo Yuhao could remove any soul power undulations by shutting his flying-type soul tool off and using his Imitation to conceal himself. With the help of his Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass, his body temperature was also regulated to a temperature identical to the air. Unless oscillation detectors were used, there weren't any soul tools that could possibly detect his presence.

Oscillation detectors were usually very short-range. They couldn't possibly detect anything three thousand meters up in the sky.

On the other hand, there were two different times that would be the most dangerous. The first would be when Huo Yuhao unleashed his Spiritual Detection and tried to survey the area around the Death God.

The second period would be when he retreated. During the process of retreating, he would need some thrust, which could only be achieved through unleashing his soul power. His Imitation couldn't possibly remove all traces of his soul power undulations, it could only conceal them to the best of his ability. As for the Sun Moon Empire's soul power detectors, Huo Yuhao wasn't certain whether he would be detectable by them. After all, he hadn't obtained any information about the soul tools that the Sun Moon Empire had installed in the Ming Dou Mountain Range.

As he drew closer and closer, he was also descending through the air. From five thousand to four thousand meters, he was able to see lights coming from the ground as the pressure on him lessened.

At this moment, the Star Luo Empire started to launch their attack to cover the traces of his surveillance. Balls of light could be seen being unleashed toward the Ming Dou Mountain Range.

These balls of lights also helped Huo Yuhao determine the position of the Ming Dou Mountain Range, and more accurately locate his target.

Even given Huo Yuhao's abilities as a Soul Sage and a possessor of twin martial souls, he found it difficult to fly without using a flying-type soul tool, so he was very cautious in the control of his butterfly-winged flying-type soul tool. During the process of gliding, he used the wind currents to maintain his altitude.

Finally, the highest peak of the Ming Dou Mountain Range came into his field of view just as the detector on his wrist indicated that he was at an altitude of three thousand six hundred meters. More accurately speaking, the highest peak came within the range of his Spiritual Detection.

This was roughly the distance he had planned for. Huo Yuhao used his Spirit Eyes to observe his surroundings and made a simple estimation. He was now around eight to ten kilometers away from the highest mountain peak of the Ming Dou Mountain Range. Ten kilometers was the upper limit of his unidirectional detection. However, he was high up in the sky, which affected the accuracy of his detection to some degree, and he could only make a conservative estimate.

His butterfly wings curved in the air to aid him in gliding with the wind currents. Huo Yuhao controlled his flight and tried his best to drift in mid-air. On his forehead, his Eye of Destiny slowly opened under the stimulus of his spiritual power. Clear rose-gold light flashed slightly, and a huge vertically-pupiled eye appeared behind Huo Yuhao.

To raise the effectiveness of his Spiritual Detection, he needed the help of his Eye of Destiny!

Without any hindrance, Huo Yuhao's first and second soul rings lit up at the same time. Under the effect of his Imitation, all the light that he released was assimilated into his surroundings. It made him look like a ball of air that could generate soul power and spiritual undulations.

His immense spiritual power cut through the sky like an invisible ray of light. It went straight toward the highest peak of the Ming Dou Mountain Range.

According to his understanding of the Death God, the Death God's effective range was roughly five thousand meters, coincidentally outside the range of Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection. In this case, he wouldn't be in much danger even if he was discovered on his way back. After all, a Titled Douluo would still need some time to catch up with Huo Yuhao, given the speed he was capable of. By the time that happened, he would have returned to the territory controlled by the Star Luo Empire, and people would be there to reinforce him.

However, Huo Yuhao's expression turned serious after a brief moment. This was because he was stunned to discover that his Spiritual Detection was blocked off by an invisible barrier when it was only a thousand meters from the highest peak. After this, his Spiritual Detection dissipated. The barrier was even shaking slightly.

This wasn't some protective barrier created from soul power. It was a real, spiritual barrier! *nOVE/lb*-In Strong spiritual power. Don't tell me that this was generated from a soul tool?

Huo Yuhao was shocked.

Although there were soul tools that could enhance one's spiritual power, they were very rare. Furthermore, the extent of the increase was limited. Otherwise, Huo Yuhao would have equipped himself with one. Even though his spiritual power didn't penetrate the barrier earlier, he could still clearly sense that a massive spiritual barrier covered the entire highest peak of the Ming Dou Mountain Range. There weren't any loopholes. This meant that he had to overcome this barrier before he could perform any surveillance.

Huo Yuhao couldn't guess who had erected such a powerful and sturdy spiritual barrier. At the very least, a spiritual-type soul master with the powers of an eight-ringed Soul Douluo was needed to mount such a defense. More importantly, the area that it covered was simply too huge. The amount of spiritual power drained to erect such a spiritual barrier had to be incredible!

Among all the powerful individuals that Huo Yuhao knew, only the Evileye Tyrant King was so specialized in spiritual power and possessed such terrifying spiritual strength. However, the Sun Moon Empire couldn't possibly have engaged the Evileye Tyrant King's help, no matter how influential it was.

This was why he deduced that a few spiritual and defensive-type soul tools were being used to protect the highest peak of the mountain range. The Sun Moon Empire's knowledge of soul tools has actually reached such a level! No matter how much Huo Yuhao had overestimated them earlier, he couldn't help but be shocked right now.

At this moment, he saw a streak of light on the highest peak. It was an object that resembled a spire. Although it was very far away, Huo Yuhao could still see it clearly.

That spire-like object came from the top of the mountain peak. After that, it quickly grew upward. Very quickly, it was more than ten meters high. The top of it flashed with glowing metal. Suddenly, a bright, white halo spread from that spire-like object, projected towards Huo Yuhao.

The white halo quickly spread after moving away from the spire-like object. It kept on growing, as if it were a rising tidal wave!

**Chapter 442.3: Spiritual Barrier, Terrifying Mountain Peak!**

What is this?? Undoubtedly, it was another soul tool that Huo Yuhao had never seen before. However, just because he had never seen it before didn't mean that it wasn't dangerous. His senses were also very acute. Although the white halo had yet to reach him, he could judge that it wasn't offensive or lethal. However, it contained gentle undulations, and a spiritual aura.

Spiritual-type, oscillation detector? Once-off thing? This isn't good. It's trying to locate my position!

After a brief moment of judgment, Huo Yuhao immediately reacted. The white halo covered more and more area as it spread out. At first, it was only a meter wide. However, it instantly grew to more than a hundred meters wide, and it continued to expand further. At such a speed, it would be more than five hundred meters wide by the time it reached Huo Yuhao. There wasn't any way he could avoid it if it expanded to that width.

At this critical moment, Huo Yuhao's decisiveness developed during the Ultimate Soldier Plan played a prominent role. He put his flying-type soul tool away without any hesitation and allowed himself to freefall.

He might possibly enter the surveillance range of the Sun Moon Empire's surveillance soul tools. However, he wasn't willing to be engulfed by the white halo even if he ran the risk of doing just that. He could sense a lethal threat from that non-lethal, inoffensive white halo.

He fell very quickly. The wind around him was extremely strong, but Huo Yuhao's spiritual power kept him focused on the white halo.

His quick reaction saved him. That white halo swept past his head, and only slowly dissipated around ten kilometers from the mountain peak.

As it swept past his head, Huo Yuhao immediately confirmed his judgment earlier. He was right. There wasn't any strong aura within that white light. However, it clearly contained some kind of special frequency wave, as well as a light spiritual aura. That was sufficient to determine the position of anyone it ran into.

As he fixed his gaze on the mountain peak, Huo Yuhao could subtly see a dim-red object flashing slightly before disappearing.

Lucky!

If his position had been determined, he might have been struck a deadly blow in the next instant.

What kind of power does this mountain peak possess? Its defense is actually so strong! My spiritual power only slightly touched the barrier before such a huge reaction was sparked.

As he thought to himself, Huo Yuhao summoned his soul power and reduced the momentum of his fall. His Imitation was fully unleashed before he slowly opened his butterfly-winged flying-type soul tool.

He couldn't open it too quickly, as he was falling too fast. If things went amiss, his flying-type soul tool would be destroyed.

As he lowered his head to look at the detector on his wrist, Huo Yuhao cursed to himself. This short period of freefall had caused his altitude to fall from thirty-five hundred meters to twenty-five hundred meters. He was within the range of the Sun Moon Empire's surveillance soul tools now. Even though

there were only a few soul tools that could detect him, he would have raised alarm bells by now. Very soon, he was sure to be the focus of all surveillance.

What should he do?

Every time he was in such a crisis, Huo Yuhao was always stimulated to the best of his potential due to the massive pressure. This time was no exception.

He knew that his surveillance mission today would be unlikely to yield too much progress. However, it wasn't a complete failure. At least he had managed to see what was going on at the mountain peak. He had to return now.

He managed to halt his freefall, and changed his unidirectional detection to an all-around detection, sensing the changes coming from the Ming Dou Mountain Range. At the same time, he unleashed his Spiritual Interference while using his Imitation. With his Spiritual Interference, hundreds of square meters of air around him were covered in invisible spiritual undulations. Any form of surveillance that entered this region would certainly be affected.

Just like Huo Yuhao had judged, the Sun Moon Empire's reaction was quick. It was just a matter of seconds before several surveillance soul tools were up around Huo Yuhao. These souls tools employed virtually all the types of surveillance abilities that were available. All that surveillance was focused on Huo Yuhao. They were directly aimed at the region below where the white light had passed earlier.

The Sun Moon Empire's experience in terms of reconnaissance through surveillance soul tools impressed Huo Yuhao. They must have concluded that he couldn't possibly fly upward, and could only choose to descend. At such an altitude, he couldn't gain any speed if he tried to fly. Furthermore, they clearly didn't locate him earlier, though they were clearly studying the region he was in right now.

He turned around immediately. He couldn't care about being exposed now. He opened his flying-type soul tool fully and turned into a streak of flowing light before charging toward the military base of the Star Luo Empire.

Behind those surveillance soul tools, a dozen figures continued to chase him. Without a doubt, the Sun Moon Empire had sent out their most outstanding soul engineers.

Huo Yuhao was very impressed with how the Sun Moon Empire was able to seal off all counter-surveillance on them. His appearance drew great attention from the Sun Moon Empire.

Someone powerful from the Sun Moon Empire gave out instructions that Huo Yuhao had to be killed, no matter the price! A spiritual-type soul master that could perform long-range surveillance was too important for the Star Luo Empire. However, it was very rare to find such a soul master, so the Sun Moon Empire was determined to kill him!

The Sun Moon Empire's judgment of Huo Yuhao was also very accurate. They didn't think that the Star Luo Empire had any soul tools that could perform long-range detection. Since it wasn't a soul tool, it had to be a soul master!

When Huo Yuhao unleashed his full strength, his release of soul power reached a maximum immediately. This was something ordinary soul masters couldn't do. Releasing soul power was generally something that required a process. Releasing soul power at such an immense speed might cause

damage to the passageways of ordinary soul masters. In fact, it might be so damaging that it was life-threatening! This was especially relevant to soul masters whose soul power was very dominant.

But Huo Yuhao didn't have any such problems. His body had gone through a major transformation through his immense spiritual power. His body was much stronger than most other soul masters. It was like he was using the body of a Soul Douluo or Titled Douluo to control the soul power of a Soul Sage. He would be fine even if he unleashed all his soul power suddenly.

The moment he tried to escape with full force, the surveillance soul tools behind had already roughly located his position. Among the figures that chased after him, the one that was leading the pack raised his hand before a ball of blinding golden light shot out. This ball of golden light shot like a shooting star towards Huo Yuhao. After around hundred meters, it suddenly blew apart, and turned into a huge patch of golden rain that engulfed the sky.

Domain-type attack! His enemies had realized that Huo Yuhao's position could not be specifically determined. The purpose of this domain-type attack wasn't to kill Huo Yuhao, but to determine his specific position. At the same time, it would also slow his escape.

Stationary soul cannon shell? So brutal?

Huo Yuhao was also a soul engineer. He could tell how powerful that soul tool was, at least a Class 6 stationary soul cannon shell. The Sun Moon Empire was going all out with their efforts to kill him!

Snorting coldly, Huo Yuhao maintained his speed. A deep-blue projection suddenly appeared behind him. It was the Snow Lady.

The Snow Lady sat on Huo Yuhao's shoulder. Her slender figure resembled that of a teenager right now. Her face looked as refreshing, austere, and confident as ever. She raised her right hand as she faced behind him. Suddenly, the cold currents in the air started to gather at an alarming speed.

As deep blue lights flashed, large patches of deep-blue snowflakes appeared in front of the Snow Lady. These snowflakes weren't very evident in the night sky. However, they soon gathered to form a huge, deep-blue whirlpool. The golden rain that chased him was quickly devoured by this whirlpool, and disappeared without a trace.

The Snow Lady raised her head and looked at the sky. She pointed her left hand into the distance and a glaring, deep-blue glow formed on her hand. Even though it wasn't as cold at an altitude of twenty-five hundred meters as compared to five thousand meters, it was still much colder compared to the ground. To the Snow Lady, it was undoubtedly a great opportunity to demonstrate her abilities, and this was not even including the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass yet.

The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass was on Huo Yuhao's other shoulder. An icy-blue halo spread out before fusing with the Snow Lady, boosting her power.

The Snow Lady's help undoubtedly exposed Huo Yuhao's position. However, Huo Yuhao had already managed to escape more than ten kilometers from the Ming Dou Mountain Range within this short span of time.

The soul engineers that were pursuing him charged forward at full speed, and drew closer and closer to him.

However, it was at this moment that a snowstorm descended from the sky.

Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice!

The snowstorm brought an unprecedented chill, and wreaked havoc with the sharp snowflakes.

Huo Yuhao's figure was once again concealed by the snowstorm. The soul engineers shot out more than ten streaks of lights, but they weren't able to determine Huo Yuhao's position. They lost their way amid the Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice before he disappeared.

When they wanted to attack from all fronts, Huo Yuhao had already disappeared once again, along with his Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice.

Air or ground?

The soul engineers in pursuit were all stuck. At a height of twenty-five hundred meters, Huo Yuhao could either ascend or descend.

The speed of surveillance soul tools couldn't compare to these outstanding soul masters, and were even lagging behind. By the time they managed to close the gap, Huo Yuhao would already have disappeared.

One soul engineer said hatefully, "This guy can conceal himself. What should we do?"

The leading soul engineer shook his head and said, "Everything's too hasty. We don't have time to prepare. Let's return first. I'm afraid there'll be people from the Star Luo Empire coming very soon."

The soul engineer who had spoken earlier twisted his lips and said, "They dare to come close to us? Aren't they afraid of being killed by the Death God? I don't think they have the guts to do so. It's a pity that this guy has gotten away. The Death God Douluo personally instructed us to catch him!"

#### **Chapter 443.1: Rushing Towards the Ming Dou Mountain Range Once Again**

Huo Yuhao was flying very quickly, and he knew that he was safe when his enemies didn't pursue him.

Since that was the case, he chose to fly upwards. He flew back to a height of almost three thousand meters with the help of his Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice and Spiritual Interference Domain before he channeled all his strength to escape.

Once he was safe, everything that he had just investigated surfaced in his mind.

The defense on your peak is so tight – how can I discover what your concrete situation is like? What will happen if I unleash Spiritual Shock against the spiritual barrier? What's going to happen?

Huo Yuhao could faintly see after some calculations that he could possibly tear that spiritual barrier open temporarily if he used Spiritual Shock. However, he could only tear it open temporarily, and his Spiritual Detection was not nearly enough to investigate the circumstances inside! Unless...

Unless, he snuck through the barrier himself in the short window of time that the spiritual barrier was torn open. This was the only way so that he could scout everything clearly. However, he would undoubtedly be within attacking range of the Death God, and a single misstep could lead to obliteration.



There were many things that Huo Yuhao could do to protect his life. For instance, he had his spectral demiplane. He considered whether he could phase into the spectral demiplane first after going through the barrier, and then return to his original space to continue investigating once everything was safe and settled down.

However, he quickly refuted this idea, and the reason was simple – he needed time to enter the spectral demiplane. At least, he needed time for warmup and preparation. He didn't need much time; five to ten seconds were enough. However, would his enemies give him five to ten seconds? Evidently, they wouldn't.

This was like back when he and Wang Qiu'er were trapped within Sunrise City. There were legions of soul engineers looking and patrolling around, and two evil soul masters who were also Titled Douluo had locked onto them. They would undoubtedly be safe if they could jump into his spectral demiplane, but Huo Yuhao wasn't even confident in jumping over himself, let alone taking Wang Qiu'er, Nan Shuishui, and Nan Qiuqiu together with him within such a short period of time. Therefore, he chose to burn his spiritual fire, and that eventually led to the tragedy of Wang Qiu'er sacrificing herself.

If he couldn't rely on jumping into his spectral demiplane, then he could only rely on his own abilities to investigate before forcing his way back out. However, that probability was way too low.

Once the Death God was unleashed, he would be obliterated. It was difficult to even run inside the spiritual barrier.

Even though spiritual barriers were not like soul power barriers, which could create direct blockading effects, even somebody with spiritual power at Huo Yuhao's level would be mired within temporary confusion and a trance if they came into direct contact with it. Even a single moment of confusion and dazzlement would very likely be fatal.

Is this really a mission that's impossible to complete?

Huo Yuhao continued thinking, as he gradually flew back to territories controlled by the Star Luo Empire. He slowly descended and revealed himself in the air at the same time.

Two silhouettes swiftly came close in midair, and they arrived before him in no time – they were Tang Wutong and Ye Guyi, who were responsible for providing support for him in the sky.

They could see that Huo Yuhao's eyebrows were tightly knitted together, and they immediately understood that Huo Yuhao's reconnaissance effort was probably a failure. They didn't ask much, and they escorted him towards the ground.

Inside the commander's tent.

The White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu were both waiting there. The White Tiger Duke had returned to the observation deck after he sent Huo Yuhao away. Even though he was very far away, the White Tiger Duke could still see some faint sparkles and flashes in the distance.

The White Tiger Duke only came down from the observation deck after Huo Yuhao met up with Tang Wutong and Ye Guyi, and he returned to the commander's tent to wait for them.

Xu Sanshi and the others met up when Huo Yuhao touched the ground.

Xu Sanshi asked quietly, "What's the situation like, Yuhao?"

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly and shook his head. "No, I couldn't scout anything at all. Come, let's talk inside."

Tang Wutong followed behind Huo Yuhao. When she saw Huo Yuhao returning, she felt as if something heavy was immediately lifted from her chest. Even she was a little surprised – since when am I so concerned about this fellow's safety?

Xu Jiujiu came forward to welcome him personally once he entered the commander's tent.

Huo Yuhao forced another laugh and shook his head.

Xu Jiujiu's expression didn't change. She smiled faintly and said, "This is but our first try, and failure is the mother of success. Yuhao, everything's fine as long as you're back safe."

Even though Huo Yuhao knew that she didn't really mean some of the things that she said, his mood was still lifted a little. He smiled back and nodded before he swiftly stepped towards and in front of the sand table inside the tent.

The White Tiger Duke looked at Huo Yuhao and asked, "What's the situation like?"

Huo Yuhao pointed to the Ming Dou Mountain Range's main peak and lowered his voice as he said, "If my judgment is correct, not only is the Death God on top of this main peak – I'm afraid even its creator is there as well."

Everybody was momentarily stunned when they heard his words.

The Death God's creator?? The White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu's expressions changed slightly. Yes! If there was such a thing as the Death God, then, naturally, there was a creator. This soul tool probably wasn't something that normal people could use. However, according to the intelligence that they had received, the Death God Douluo hadn't appeared within the Sun Moon Empire in for thirty years. Did this mean that the Death God Douluo was truly here in person? That individual who was known as the existence closest to becoming a Class 10 soul engineer?

Huo Yuhao didn't look at the White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu's expressions. Instead, he recounted his reconnaissance mission in the sky and the circumstances that he had encountered in detail.

Princess Jiujiu couldn't help but draw a cold breath when she heard Huo Yuhao speak of the spiritual barrier within a one-kilometer radius encircling the main peak. "This means that the Death God Douluo isn't just adept with crafting soul tools like the Death God – he's also talented in creating powerful spiritual-type soul tools?"

The corner of Huo Yuhao's mouth twitched. Even though he didn't say anything in response, his expression was clear enough. This was common knowledge – since he was the soul engineer closest to becoming a Class 10 soul engineer, how could he not know how to craft other kinds of soul tools?

The White Tiger Duke then asked Huo Yuhao, "Yuhao, what do you think the class of this spiritual barrier is? And what is that white circle of light that tried to scan you?"

Huo Yuhao didn't hesitate as he replied, "The spiritual barrier is definitely a Class 9 soul tool. Even though it's not as valuable as the Death God, it's likely to be the most powerful spiritual-type soul tool in the world today. The white light that was trying to probe me was undoubtedly also a Class 9 soul tool. Even though it could only probe outwards explosively and spontaneously, the area that it can cover is simply too great. Ten kilometers! Its detection uses both undulations and spiritual power, and it's possibly even more powerful than the spiritual barrier. Investigating the main peak with a thing such as this around is far too difficult."

The White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu's expressions became incredibly black after listening to Huo Yuhao's words. Just as he had said, a single mountain's peak had three Class 9 soul tools installed for defense and offense. This meant that this peak was completely locked down. They had all experienced Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection before – even he couldn't complete this reconnaissance task properly under such circumstances, so there was no need to talk about them.

The White Tiger Duke heaved a long sigh and said, "This expedition was too dangerous. Fortunately, you managed to react in time. Otherwise..."

Huo Yuhao frowned a little as he lowered his voice and said, "However, my trip wasn't completely wasted. Duke, Princess – if my guess is right, the Death God is probably more powerful than we imagined him to be."

"Eh? Even more powerful?"

The White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu couldn't help but draw cold breaths at the same time. The Death God had already massacred so many of their powerful soul masters the last time around. If it was more powerful than they had imagined, how powerful could it possibly be?

Xu Jiujiu asked with great difficulty, "What aspect are you referring to, Yuhao?"

Huo Yuhao lowered his voice and said, "Distance."

"Previously, I was about eight to nine thousand meters away from the Ming Dou Mountain Range's tallest peak when I attempted detection. Suppose that the white light released from the main peak did reach me, and that would mean it had locked onto my position. This means an attack was bound to come right afterward. I could faintly feel that a red metal object flickered on the main peak, though it disappeared because the white light didn't touch me."

"My enemies didn't know what my cultivation rank was, and they must have had expended a lot of energy to activate that special Class 9 soul detector. They weren't afraid to consume energy, and that means they weren't about to let their efforts go to waste. If they were just going to send soul engineers to run me down, they shouldn't have any confidence of doing so at such a great distance from the main peak. In the end, they didn't know what kind of cultivation I possess. Therefore, the most likely case was that the main peak could launch a direct attack against me. Under those circumstances, during that time, only the Death God on the main peak would be able to kill me with one strike and with absolute certainty. This means that the Death God's attacking range could be more than five kilometers. In other words, it can reach five kilometers when it's unleashing an attack over an area, but it can reach further when it's attacking in a single direction.

The White Tiger Duke clenched his right fist and pressed it against the edge of the sand table as he listened to Huo Yuhao's analysis. He contemplated momentarily as he lowered his voice and said, "That's very possible. If that's the case, the Death God would still have been able to cause us heavy losses the next time around if we had estimated its range at five thousand meters. It's possible that even its range for area attacks can reach further than that. If that's the case, then the Death God is just too terrifying."

Huo Yuhao said, "We can't make any other judgments about the Death God because we are terribly short on information regarding it. I feel that we have to continue our reconnaissance missions, and we should only stop once we figure everything out about this soul tool. The Death God's attacking strength is far too frightening – furthermore, its surrounding defenses are tight and strict. One can say that the Death God is the key to whether we will be able to break through the Sun Moon Empire's defensive perimeter. As long as we can do something to get rid of it, we will have very good chances of breaking through the Ming Dou Mountain Range's defensive perimeter. In the end, we have many soldiers and soul masters. Our forward push and momentum will be unstoppable once we break through this defensive perimeter."

The White Tiger Duke answered, "But conducting any more scouting missions against them is just too dangerous. Furthermore, only you possess abilities like that, and I can't let you put yourself in harm's way again."

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Huo Yuhao smiled plainly and said, "That's fine, Duke – with this attempt, we have obtained a better understanding of the Death God. I will be even more careful next time, and I will not use Spiritual Detection rashly to investigate what's happening on the other side. You can rest assured that I will not treat my life like a joke."

The disappointment in Huo Yuhao's heart had vaporized after tonight's investigation. If his opponents were too simple, they wouldn't trigger his fighting spirit, while the Death God's mysteriousness and how powerful it was piqued his interest greatly. He was the only successful product of Shrek Academy's Ultimate Soldier Plan.

Wasn't investigating the Death God the best platform to evaluate his ability as an Ultimate Soldier?

The White Tiger was momentarily stunned as he stared at Huo Yuhao, who was overflowing with fighting spirit – only true heroes come forward in times of trouble and difficulty. This youth was faced with almost impossible circumstances and a dead end, but he was still full of fighting spirit and wasn't in the least bit timid or afraid. He didn't just have laudable spirit, he also had confidence in his own abilities at the same time! He would push forward even in the face of impossible opposition – such a role model!

Xu Jiujiu stared at Huo Yuhao, and strange lights flickered continuously in her beautiful eyes. This fellow is just too outstanding. If only I were a few years younger...

The princess couldn't help but blush a little when those thoughts ran through her head.

Dai Hao contemplated momentarily and said, "I won't try to give you any more advice, Yuhao, and I represent the Star Luo Empire's millions of citizens and thank you. As soldiers, it is our duty to protect our country so that our country's citizens will not suffer the cruelty and torment of war. From now on,

please tell us if you need anything or any help with regards to your investigation – the Northwestern Field Army and I will do everything we can to give you sufficient aid.”

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, “Thank you for your trust. I will go back first so that I can have a long and detailed think about this.”

“Alright.” The White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu also needed to digest the news that Huo Yuhao had brought back tonight.

Huo Yuhao returned to his room and crossed his legs on his bed. Images and scenes of his reconnaissance mission targeting the Ming Dou Mountain Range’s main peak surfaced in his mind continuously, and he didn’t let any single detail slip through his fingers.

With his superior memory, everything that he had experienced just now replayed over and over again in his mind with almost complete accuracy.

Is there really no weakness or loophole?

Huo Yuhao opened his eyes again after two hours, and his eyebrows were tightly locked together. He had attempted many different conjectures in his mind again and again, but every single conjecture ended up at a dead end with no exception. Charging through the spiritual barrier created by the Class 9 soul tool wasn’t difficult, but the hard part was how he could come back out alive. Furthermore, investigation required time once he was inside, and would that mysterious Death God Douluo give him the time he needed?

His eyes slowly turned golden, and two shadows were released from Huo Yuhao’s body and took human form – the Skydream Iceworm and the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion.

Huo Yuhao lowered his voice and asked, “Brother Skydream, Ice Empress, help me think of solutions. Do I have a chance from your perspective?”

The Skydream Iceworm said, “Yes, of course you have a chance.” There was a sneer on his face when he spoke.

“Ah?” Huo Yuhao looked at him in surprise. He had been wracking his brains for such a long time to no avail, and the Skydream Iceworm immediately said he had a chance once he came out.

The Skydream Iceworm sneered and said, “You have forgotten one thing, Yuhao! You have a powerful protector. If you factor this into your calculations, you may not even be able to die even if the Death God gives you a direct hit.”

Huo Yuhao’s eyes lit up and said, “Are you saying...”

The Ice Empress chimed in, “We can’t just let him just do bad things by attaching himself to you. He has to show some responsibility.”

There was no question that the Skydream Iceworm and the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion were talking about the Beast God, who had a reverse scale attached to Huo Yuhao.

The Beast God was afraid of Huo Yuhao attaining the Godly Seat and breaking through the human limit in the future. However, he was afraid of Huo Yuhao dying at the same time. If Huo Yuhao died, the Great

Star Dou Forest's fortune and destiny would be terminated, and that could be considered absolutely destructive for them. Therefore, Di Tian had to use his own strength to protect Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao squinted his eyes as he lowered his voice and said, "Brother Skydream, Ice Empress – how much, do you guys think, of Di Tian's strength can be channeled through that reverse scale when it takes a destructive hit?"

The Skydream Iceworm said, "Attacking strength will be hard to say, but at least eighty percent of his defensive strength can be channeled. Previously, when he stopped you twice from feeling the God Realm's energy, he almost used a conversion technique to bring his aura to the surface of your body. Under such circumstances, you can almost directly pass on the impact of any destructive attack to his body."

"Di Tian is able to control a certain amount of spatial energy with his cultivation, and he can locate your position through the reverse scale, and transfer his own strength through spatial energy. When you're in danger, you can use spiritual power to stimulate that reverse scale so that Di Tian's reaction can be even faster. Perhaps you can even rip him off a little. As for you, as long as there's enough defensive strength, you can at least run into your spectral demiplane. Of course, we also have to be extra careful – we should be alright at long as we don't take a direct hit from the Light of the Death God."

Huo Yuhao's eyes slowly started to glow after he listened to the Skydream Iceworm's words. A crack had seemed to appear in the dead end from before.

"If that's the case, then we can..."

One day later.

Huo Yuhao was up very early in the morning, and his spirits were a lot better compared to the previous day.

For Huo Yuhao, there were many times when Dong'er was his everything. His conclusion that Tang Wutong wasn't Dong'er had affected him a lot, and investigating the Death God became the best way for him to free himself. The pain in his heart became a lot lighter if he channeled his energies and emotions into this endeavor.

He cast his gaze towards the east as he left his tent. He made use of the purple energy from the east that came in the early morning and cultivated his Purple Demon Eyes. Huo Yuhao didn't give up on cultivating his Purple Demon Eyes even though it had been raised to its limit. Cultivation had long since become the most important thing in his bones.

Warm purple energy nourished his eyes and made his already extremely clear and transparent eyes even more glossy and full of luster, and the pale purple hues emanated an elegant and noble aura.

Tang Wutong walked out from her tent, which was next to his. She saw Huo Yuhao, who was still cultivating on his side, once she came out.

Tang Wutong realized to her surprise that she felt a little dazed when she concentrated on Huo Yuhao. In that moment, she felt as if his entire being had integrated into the air, and it seemed like his body was part of the sunlight and the air. This clairvoyant and penetrating feeling didn't have a single trace of impurity.

How can that be??She felt like she had only had this feeling from her father before.

His soul power was like great waves, and his blood qi was like mercury.

With every breath that Huo Yuhao took, the qi and blood in his body, his soul power, and his spiritual power fused together almost perfectly, and circulated at the same time.

Huo Yuhao subconsciously felt as if his cultivation was improving again.

For Huo Yuhao in his current state, a pure improvement in his soul power was not enough to satisfy his needs. It was more important for him to feel the great laws of heaven and earth during the process of cultivation. Previously, he had only managed to gain that blessing from the aura of the world during his moments of deep contemplation.

Huo Yuhao stood there for an hour. He exhaled a long breath when the soul power in his body followed the Mysterious Heaven Technique's pathways back into his dantian. The air became mist, and was thin like a thread, but condensed without dissipating. This stream of air reached one hundred meters, and it stretched through the sky like a fine white line.

Light flickered beneath Huo Yuhao's eyes, and golden light erupted from them. The white mist was swiftly converted into thin threads in the next moment, and these threads wrapped back around as they merged into circle after circle of light before they re-entered his body.

Huo Yuhao's three energies reached their peak condition in that moment. There seemed to be mystical energies resonating around his body, and the vital energies of heaven and earth seemed to gather towards him with a speed visible to the human eye with every breath that he took. Even though they quickly dissipated from his body after that moment of aggregation, one could tell with a closer look that the most important parts of the vital energy of heaven and earth that was released after absorption had disappeared, as if those most important parts had been completely fused into Huo Yuhao's body.

This continued for almost another hour, and the sky was almost completely bright by now. The sudden onset of Huo Yuhao's Conscientious State of cultivation ended.

Huo Yuhao's soul power had improved a little. More importantly, his spiritual energy and soul power had developed more chemistry, and it was the same with his blood and qi as well.?This feeling is just fantastic, and it seems like the previous night's danger was also quite stimulating for my potential.

Huo Yuhao walked towards the canteen with a satisfied smile on his face. He was about to wash up before having some breakfast.

"Hey!" An exclamation suddenly stopped him in his tracks.

"Eh?" Huo Yuhao turned around, and he saw Tang Wutong with her hands on her waist and an angry-looking demeanor. She seemed like she was covered with a layer of golden light under the light of the morning sun, and her pinkish-blue hair was colored with another dash of gold. She was as pretty as pretty could get.

"Is something up?" No matter how beautiful Tang Wutong was, she already had a different place in Huo Yuhao's heart once he concluded that she wasn't Wang Dong'er.

Tang Wutong was very upset! That fellow had been standing there for two hours, and she actually watched him from the side for two hours. In the end, this guy turned around and walked off after his cultivation without even giving her a single glance. She could tell from his tone that he evidently hadn't noticed her presence.

Tang Wutong glared at him as she asked, "To think you're known for your spiritual power. There's a living human being standing right next to you – didn't you see?"

Huo Yuhao said apologetically, "I'm sorry! I was too into my cultivation before this. Do you need anything else?"

"I..." She stared at Huo Yuhao's clean eyes that were clearly a little distant. Tang Wutong was momentarily stunned –?yes! I called him to stop him for nothing. But why do I feel like this fellow's current behaviour and appearance is just so disgusting? It seems like this is worse than how he looked when he behaved like a pervert.

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Of course, Huo Yuhao didn't know what Tang Wutong was thinking inside. He nodded at her with a faint smile on his face when she didn't answer him, and then turned around and walked towards the canteen.

Tang Wutong shook her fist furiously as she watched Huo Yuhao's figure gradually disappear. She really wanted to beat this detestable guy up, even though she didn't know why this guy was so detestable...

"I also want to eat!" Tang Wutong stomped her foot, and raised her little arrogant chin proudly as she stepped towards the canteen.

After breakfast, everything around Huo Yuhao seemed to become air. He directly returned to his tent, and didn't reappear until evening. He didn't even come out for lunch.

Others naturally wouldn't go disturb him. Soul masters sometimes skipped meals when they were having closed-door cultivation. That was very normal.

Huo Yuhao only reappeared once the sky had gone completely dark. This time, he went right into the commander's tent.

"Duke, sir." Huo Yuhao greeted respectfully as he came before the White Tiger Duke.

"I heard you didn't eat lunch, Yuhao. Were you cultivating?" The White Tiger Duke asked with a faint smile on his face. He had a very good impression of Huo Yuhao – this youth wasn't even twenty, but he had a very calm and stable personality. More importantly, he had that Spiritual Detection, and he could be said to be a fantastic boost for the Star Luo Empire's reconnaissance efforts and capability. Even though they were mired in a terrible situation at the moment, they were at least able to find some chances to resist their enemies on the level of soul masters.

Huo Yuhao said, "Sir, I have to go out tonight. I'm here to report my intentions to you."

"What?" The smile on the White Tiger Duke's face immediately froze.

"You're going back out tonight? No." Dai Hao almost immediately denied Huo Yuhao's words. What kind of joke is that? Last night's expedition was already so dangerous, and he almost didn't come back.



What are we to do if the Death God is activated when he heads back out tonight??Without considering how he felt about him, and just considering his reconnaissance value and his importance to the entire Star Luo Empire, his death in action would be an enormous and irreparable loss!

Huo Yuhao smiled and said, “Rest assured, Duke. I will not risk my life to investigate the Death God. I have to think about this a little more because I haven’t done sufficient preparation. However, I can’t do nothing right now – otherwise, we’re as good as trapped right here, and the Sun Moon Empire would have achieved their goal in this aspect.”

“Then what are you going to do?” The White Tiger Duke’s expression relaxed a little.

Huo Yuhao squinted a little and said, “The Sun Moon Empire have locked down our surveillance capabilities for such a long time. I don’t have a solution for the main peak where the Death God is located, but can I not do something about those surveillance soul tools? I’m going to cause some trouble for them.”

The White Tiger Duke’s eyes glowed. “Are you saying…”

Huo Yuhao stepped in front of the White Tiger Duke and whispered some things to him. The White Tiger Duke’s eyes became increasingly bright as he listened, and he nodded continuously towards the end.

“Alright, do that. Don’t worry, everything that you achieve or obtain will belong to you. Of course, if you’re willing, the empire is willing to pay and purchase them from you as well. What do you think?”

“Deal.” Huo Yuhao answered without hesitation.

The White Tiger Duke asked, “Do you need me to help with anything?”

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, “No need. I’ll be the smallest target by myself, so my buddies from the Tang Sect will be enough to give me support. One reason why I came to tell you is so that you will know, and another reason is so that I can tell you to pay attention to your defenses and to safeguard against any operations that our enemies make take in revenge.”

A sneer appeared at the corner of the White Tiger Duke’s mouth. “Revenge? I was afraid that they wouldn’t come. I earnestly wish that they send their entire army to take their revenge.”

The Star Luo Empire had an absolute advantage in terms of open battle. They had eight soul master legions’ worth of fighting strength, and without considering soul tools, the White Tiger Duke was confident of completely defeating the soul engineers in the Sun Moon Empire’s Hand that Protects the Nation if they were fighting one-on-one. Of course, the premise was that the soul engineers appeared as soul masters.

Huo Yuhao immediately gathered his companions once he exited the commander’s tent and told them about his plan.

No one was overly worried about his plans. With Huo Yuhao’s abilities, he wouldn’t be in too much danger as long as he didn’t investigate the main peak. In the end, his abilities to confuse his enemies were too strong.

One hour later, the camp that belonged to the Star Luo Empire’s Northwestern Field Army was completely pitch-black. There was light shining from the surveillance towers, but besides that, the

soldiers were all resting. Such was life in the military – everyone slept early and woke up early. They did this to avoid ambushes from their enemies at midnight, and so that the army could keep themselves in top fighting condition.

A black shadow rose soundlessly through the air and high into the sky in the darkness of the night. All of the Northwestern Field Army's aerial surveillance soul tools were entirely shut down at this moment, and this shadow didn't trigger any reaction at all as it rose into the sky.

Shadow after shadow rose into the sky immediately afterwards, and they followed that first figure.

Huo Yuhao was flying at an altitude of about one thousand meters. His flying-type soul tool was activated, and he was using Imitation at the same time. It was easiest for him to control his flight at such a height, and his speed was incredible. Typical surveillance soul tools in the air couldn't even detect his existence.

The Ming Dou Mountain Range was but several dozen kilometers from the Northwestern Field Army's camp. Soul sages required very little time to fly across such a short distance.

The dark towering mountain swiftly appeared within Huo Yuhao's vision. At this moment, he was completely within the range of the Sun Moon Empire's aerial surveillance soul tools.

Huo Yuhao stabilized himself in midair and looked up at the sky.

He ran the risk of being detected if he continued forward. The oscillation detectors were the most troublesome for him – those soul tools released countless soundwaves, and their method of detection imitated that of bats. Any kind of soul skills meant for concealment wouldn't avoid detection. Oscillation detectors were undoubtedly the mainstream for future development in surveillance soul tools. At this point, their detection range was just relatively shorter.

Huo Yuhao released his spiritual power and stretched it far into the distance.

Huo Yuhao's eyes quickly revealed surprise –?damn! How many surveillance soul tools are there?

Not far in the distance, there were thousands of surveillance soul tools of many different kinds dotting the sky. There were surveillance soul tools of almost every type, and they were arranged neatly in midair as they stretched out to both sides of the mountain range. They stretched beyond the horizon with no end in sight, and just looking at them in front of him made him feel like there were thousands of them – it was hard to say how many more there were further out.

That's nice – the Sun Moon Empire is very wealthy.

A faint smile appeared on Huo Yuhao's face as his flying-type soul tool slowly became vertical. The blast ports pointed downwards, and he released his own soul power at the same time. His entire body surged into the sky, and he flew towards a higher altitude.

The aerial surveillance soul tools in front of him weren't his targets. There were large amounts of ground-to-air and air-to-ground offensive soul tools behind those surveillance soul tools cooperating with them. That was position after position of soul tools. Individually, their offensive capabilities paled in comparison with that of the Death God, but if all their offensive capabilities fired off at the same time,

they would be able to cover an incredibly massive area. Escaping from them wouldn't be that easy – otherwise, what did they rely on to stop the Star Luo Empire's great army?

The sky became increasingly cold, and everything on the ground became increasingly small. Huo Yuhao took about fifteen minutes to fly from one thousand meters all the way to around three thousand meters in the air.

He began to expend his soul power swiftly once he reached this height.

A target came within range of Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection not far in the distance. Huo Yuhao immediately activated Imitation to the highest possible level, and he channeled his soul power and suddenly picked up speed as he flew towards the large item that was over two meters long.

High altitude aerial surveillance soul tools – only these types of soul tools could hover at three thousand meters.

The power that the aerial surveillance soul tools one thousand meters in the sky used mostly came from Milk Bottles, and they flew very quickly when special attachments were added to them. However, high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools had to resist the bitter cold, and there were multiple other requirements that they had to deal with to remain at such an altitude, so they seemed a lot more unwieldy and heavy. Huo Yuhao had captured one before, so he understood their structure very well.

High altitude aerial surveillance soul tools relied more on visual detection. Oscillation capabilities hadn't been developed yet, and thermal detection wasn't very useful, so they weren't installed. Huo Yuhao relied on his Imitation, and in addition to his aura of Ultimate Ice concealing him, it was impossible for him to be discovered as he moved closer.

He quickly arrived above this high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool. He wasn't hasty about it, and he activated Spiritual Detection and surveyed his surroundings.

The same models' altitudes in the sky wouldn't vary that much, and searching for high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools at such a height was naturally the easiest.

About three minutes later, the corner of Huo Yuhao's mouth curled into a satisfied smile. He suddenly descended a little, and placed a metal piece that was about the size of a palm against the top of that high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool. This metal piece didn't have a large surface area, and it was stuck against the soul tool's blind spot, so Huo Yuhao wasn't afraid of it being discovered at all.

He flew back up again afterwards and went towards his next target.

There were six Milk Bottles attached to the flying-type soul tool behind him. These six Milk Bottles could double the amount of time that Huo Yuhao could continue flying at a height of three thousand meters. But even then, he had to continuously consume his own soul power at the same time, and he also had to fight against the thin air and the bitter cold, so his soul power and physical strength were still being continuously expended.

Huo Yuhao finally began to feel a little fatigued roughly one hour later. He turned around and flew back in the direction he had come from.

Huo Yuhao dropped back to the ground only after he flew out of the detection range of the Sun Moon Empire's surveillance soul tools.

"How's it?" Xu Sanshi had been waiting here for a long time, in accordance with the arrangements of Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection.

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Huo Yuhao was evidently a little excited. He chuckled and said, "It's done, third senior brother. Just wait and see – this time, the Sun Moon Empire will definitely feel the pain in their bones."

Xu Sanshi laughed and said, "I like that. Don't worry, everyone's in position. Go and take a rest."

"Yes," Huo Yuhao retrieved two Milk Bottles and crossed his legs as he sat down. He absorbed the soul power within those Milk Bottles as he activated his Mysterious Heaven Technique at the same time so that he could replenish what he had expended from before.

Wang Dong'er's figure suddenly appeared in his mind in that instant. How fantastic would it have been if Dong'er was here! With Dong'er around, we could use the Haodong power together, and that would help me recover a lot faster than using these Milk Bottles.

Huo Yuhao's heart began to throb painfully when he thought about Wang Dong'er, and his excitement from before dropped a little.

However, Huo Yuhao was a high-level soul master, and he was very aware of the effect inner demons had on cultivation. He quickly dispelled his thoughts and returned to calmness.

Huo Yuhao's recovery abilities were very formidable. He leveraged his tremendous life energy and recovered most of his physical strength and spiritual power after a few moments.

Huo Yuhao opened his eyes, and two cold lightning streaks seemed to flash across the night sky. Huo Yuhao nodded at Xu Sanshi, who was protecting him beside him, and said, "Alright, that's good enough. I'm going, third senior brother."

"Alright. I'll back you up. Let's go!" Xu Sanshi chuckled, and he surged into the air with Huo Yuhao at the same time. However, Huo Yuhao was flying towards the Sun Moon Empire, while Xu Sanshi went straight up into the sky.

Huo Yuhao was back in the air, and he flew to about one thousand meters high. He returned to the edge of the Sun Moon Empire's aerial surveillance soul tools before he stopped, and retrieved a strange-looking soul tool from his pocket.

This soul tool looked like a metal box. It wasn't very big, and it was about half a meter long, thirty centimeters wide, and twenty centimeters thick.

This metal box's structure seemed a little crude, but one could tell upon closer inspection that the crudeness and roughness was actually caused by uncountable fine patterns aggregated together. There were many demonic patterns etched into the box.

Huo Yuhao made several quick presses on its surface, and faint soul power undulated from the box. In the next moment, a single metal line protruded from its front and quickly stretched out to almost two

meters long. The metal line's tip suddenly opened, and transformed into circle after circle of metal threads. The whole thing looked extremely strange.

Huo Yuhao infused his soul power into the box, and swiftly pressed a few more lines. The protruding metal threads glowed with circles of silver light as formless waves rippled outwards discreetly.

"Teacher Xuan, I hope your toy works!" Huo Yuhao muttered to himself amusedly.

High up in the sky over the horizon.

There was a high altitude aerial surveillance tool that had many auxiliary attachments opened to help it hover in midair. The metal piece that was about the size of a palm at its tip suddenly lit up as whirlpool-like circles of light quickly appeared on top of it. That light was very strange, and gentle undulations emanated from its surface.

The lights suddenly became stronger, and lit up the area above this high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool.

"Bam!" A crisp sound could be heard, and wave after wave of electricity was released from that metal piece, which quickly surged inside the high altitude surveillance soul tool.

The high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool was originally operating stably, but it suddenly began to tremble violently as the light on top of it became even more intense.

The same situation happened to every single high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool within hundreds of kilometers around. It seemed as if they were all malfunctioning.

Inside the Sun Moon Empire's camp on the Ming Dou Mountain Range.

"What? The high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools are malfunctioning? We've lost communication?"

They were camped in a depression within the mountain, and they even bored a cave into the mountain for safety purposes. They were located not far behind the Ming Dou Mountain Range's tallest peak, and they were specifically responsible for controlling all the surveillance soul tools in the area. This place could be called the Sun Moon Empire's intelligence headquarters in the Ming Dou Mountain Range, and a Class 9 soul engineer was personally in charge of it.

This Class 9 soul engineer was the Mad Bull Douluo, Wang Yiheng, who was also the commander of the Evil Tyrant Soul Engineer Legion.

He was deployed here impromptu. The Evil Tyrant Legion had switched guard duties with the legion that was originally stationed here for one simple reason – the Evil Tyrant Legion's soul engineers were the quickest, and they were the most skilled and adept at reacting to all kinds of situations.

Wang Yiheng's face turned black as he listened to that soul engineer's report.

Just several minutes ago, across several dozens of kilometers of the sky in front of the Ming Dou Mountain Range's main peak, they lost contact with more than twenty high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools.

This situation was unprecedented.

If they lost contact with a single high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool, one could still say that the soul tool had malfunctioned by itself. However, losing contact with so many at the same time – what did that mean? Somebody had done something to them!

Even Titled Douluo had trouble unleashing their abilities at an altitude of three thousand meters. There might be reason to believe that someone had incapacitated a single high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool without being discovered, but incapacitating tens of those things at once? Could it be that tens of Titled Douluo who were adept at concealing themselves had made a move at the same time? How was that possible? Not even the entire continent had so many Titled Douluo who were good at concealing their tracks!

“Has the patrol legion been activated?”

“They have been deployed, sir.”

“I’m afraid they won’t have enough manpower. Pass down my order – deploy the Evil Tyrant Legion’s Dagger Section, and they have to do everything they can to capture their enemies should they run into any. If they discover our high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools, they have to snatch them back. If we really can’t take them back, we can’t let them end up in the hands of the Star Luo Empire even if they’re broken.”

“Yes.”

Orders quickly came out from the intelligence headquarters.

Wang Yiheng paced up and down inside his cave, and his expression was as black as could be. His back was drenched with sweat after pacing a few rounds.

The Sun Moon Empire’s high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools were immature, but they still represented the Sun Moon Empire’s highest standard of surveillance soul tools! If the Star Luo Empire managed to obtain and decipher those things, then he would have committed an unforgivable sin...

“No, I have to go.” Wang Yiheng continued contemplating, but he wasn’t assured enough, and immediately rushed out of the cave. He activated his Class 9 flying-type soul tool and rose into the sky like a beam of light. He activated his communication soul tools at the same time so that he could receive intelligence from their intelligence arm in real time.

It was no wonder that Wang Yiheng couldn’t figure out what was going on. The Sun Moon Empire had been very good at locking down the Star Luo Empire’s surveillance capabilities over this period of time, and the Star Luo Empire had been suppressed to the point where they couldn’t resist at all.

High altitude aerial surveillance soul tools were more than three thousand meters in the sky. They were about two meters in diameter, and seemed quite bulky. But that size was barely anything in the boundless horizons of the sky, and it wasn’t even as large as a dust particle when viewed from afar. Looking for one was already difficult, let alone finding more than twenty across several hundred kilometers of the sky.

What was more frightening was that his enemies could mess things up at the same time – that was just an unimaginable situation.

The Sun Moon Empire had only made a little more than one hundred such high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools, and this was the product of their latest research discoveries. They still needed to continue refining them afterwards, but all that refinement had to be based on the original foundations. Loss of even a single one was a terrible loss. Without discussing other things, the materials used to craft these soul tools so that they could continuously operate at high altitudes meant these were top-grade materials used for crafting soul tools. They had just lost more than twenty at once – wouldn't the Sun Moon Empire's emperor Xu Tianran go insane?

Huo Yuhao was still hovering in midair, and the smile on his face became increasingly radiant. A small screen appeared on that metal box of his, and its display clearly showed that more than twenty green dots of light were flying in his direction. Furthermore, they were moving at an altitude of three thousand meters.

"Very nice. Not even the Sun Moon Empire can possibly discover that I've stolen those things. Heh, let me capture them."

Huo Yuhao quickly surged into the sky, and began to fly towards an altitude of three thousand meters. At this point, those high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools were flying towards him at speeds as fast as they could reach. The Sun Moon Empire's aerial surveillance soul tools were completely useless at three thousand meters, and his location wasn't close to the Ming Dou Mountain Range. How could he be detected at that altitude?

The metal pieces and the metal box with a metal thread that was more than two meters long were all newly-developed creations by the master of the Tang Sect's Soul Tool Hall, Xuan Ziwen.

Furthermore, Xuan Ziwen had custom-made those items for Huo Yuhao after he had brought that super-high aerial surveillance soul tool back the other time.

This was a Class 8 soul tool, and it was the best possible one that Xuan Ziwen could make – it was known as a long-range soul controller.

Xuan Ziwen had initially crafted this soul tool to remotely control his own aerial surveillance soul tools from a distance. The Sun Moon Empire was already very familiar with this technology, but Xuan Ziwen made the effects of their long-range soul controllers even better, so that they could be used at even greater distances for remote control purposes.

The Sun Moon Empire's aerial surveillance soul tools were controlled using similar mechanisms and attachments, but their receiving ends were installed inside them, while the metal piece that Huo Yuhao had used previously was installed on the outside.

Xuan Ziwen had made this thing after having an epiphany. He had quickly found loopholes in the high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool after giving it a simple inspection. This was one of the Illustrious Virtue Hall's most important research directions back when he was still there, and thus he knew a lot about them due to his position as their chief researcher.

Therefore, he gave the long-range soul controller that he had created to Huo Yuhao after refining it. He added some unique and special formation arrays meant for controlling purposes on the metal piece – these formation arrays could generate intense jolts of energy that destroyed the control units within the soul tool, and the metal piece would hack into the soul tool at the same time and gain control over the

entire control system of the high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools. They could then be remotely controlled by the metal box in Huo Yuhao's hands from a long distance away.

There were many complicated theories involved, and even Huo Yuhao wasn't very adept in this respect even though he was a Class 7 soul engineer.

Of course, his long-range soul controller could only control high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools after he had refined it. His soul tool couldn't control other kinds of soul tools.

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At this moment, Huo Yuhao used that feature to "kidnap" a bunch of high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools.

Just like what Wang Yiheng was worried about, the research conducted by the Douluo Continent's three original nations towards surveillance soul tools would be greatly boosted if so many high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools fell into Huo Yuhao's hands.

Huo Yuhao could already see high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools flying towards him one after another in the distance. However, he could also see beams of light flying out from the Ming Dou Mountain Range one after another at the same time, and they were heading right toward this side.

Huo Yuhao had already predicted this a long time ago – the Sun Moon Empire had just lost contact with so many high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools at the same time; things would really be strange if they didn't react.

I hope the Titled Douluo or a Class 9 soul engineer doesn't appear first from the enemy's party.

Huo Yuhao glanced at the metal box in his hands, and he squinted a little as he activated Spiritual Detection to its highest possible level.

There were self-destructive mechanisms installed in his long-range soul controllers, so he could still destroy those high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools if he couldn't take them away. However, that was a last resort – his heart would ache if he had to destroy so many precious things! The value of just the rare metals involved in crafting them was already unimaginable.

The first high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool quickly flew before Huo Yuhao. He swiftly went up, and the light on his Starlight Sapphire storage ring flashed once before it swallowed the entire thing.

First one!

Because every single high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool varied in distance from each other, their arrivals were bound to be staggered even if they started flying towards Huo Yuhao at the same time.

Second one!

Third one!

It didn't take long before Huo Yuhao had pocketed six high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools in his Starlight Sapphire storage ring.

Seems like I'll return with uncountable rewards and gains!



However, five shadows swiftly bore down on him at this moment. These five shadows didn't come together, but were separated in the sky.

Huo Yuhao had activated Imitation and his Spiritual Interference Domain, and it was very hard to discover his presence.

Huo Yuhao had already seen them coming a long time ago with Spiritual Detection. Every single one of these five soul engineers carried detectors in their hands, and these detectors were the most advanced oscillation detectors, things that Huo Yuhao wasn't immune to. Even though they didn't know Huo Yuhao's particular location, they could cover a large area of effect if they stretched their detectors in all directions. They would discover Huo Yuhao as long as they figured out his rough location.

These people were currently coming closer to Huo Yuhao's position.

Huo Yuhao swept his mind towards the sky in the distance with Spiritual Detection, and the other high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools that were still gathering rapidly. The safest decision for Huo Yuhao would be to turn tail and run, before destroying the ones that he couldn't keep. He would deal severe losses to his opponents and would also return with a decent harvest.

But he couldn't resign himself to making that decision! He could only use this method once; his enemies wouldn't be tricked the next time. Even one extra soul tool stolen was another giant pot of wealth gained.

Huo Yuhao contemplated for a moment before he decisively withdrew the metal box in his hands, and then turned around and went straight for lower altitudes.

The high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools that were hurrying over would gather at this location. Huo Yuhao was certain that he didn't have enough time to gather them all, so he took the initiative to reveal himself so that he could attract his enemies' attention, so that he could preoccupy them. Perhaps he could even defeat them in battle, so that he could buy time for those super-high surveillance soul tools to fly over before taking everything away after that. That would undoubtedly be the best outcome.

Before he executed this operation, Huo Yuhao had considered asking the White Tiger Duke to deploy soul masters to help him. However, normal soul masters couldn't even come near this region without being discovered by the aerial surveillance soul tools, so only he could conceal himself while maintaining himself at such a height.

I'll take this chance! If it doesn't work, then I'll run.

Huo Yuhao had become a lot more courageous after the Skydream Iceworm had reminded him of the "benefits" that the Beast God's reverse scale could bring him.

Huo Yuhao plunged downwards quickly, and immediately changed directions towards the side after he dropped to about two thousand meters. He didn't remove the effects of Imitation and his Spiritual Interference Domain because that would have been too obvious – his enemies might not be tricked if they were smart.

He flew across their flanks, and the oscillation detector that the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineer on the leftmost side was holding had a reaction.

“Over here!” He immediately informed his partners with his communication soul tool. A heavy black cannon instantly appeared on his shoulders, and he fired off a shot in Huo Yuhao’s direction according to the location shown to him by his oscillation detector.

A bolt of bluish-purple light fired out. Huo Yuhao’s opponent’s prediction was very accurate – if Huo Yuhao had continued flying forward, he would have very likely collided with this cannon shell.

Class 6 Lightning Cannon – fierce!

The Sun Moon Empire’s soul engineers who were responsible for intelligence and detection were the strongest ones. Previously, Huo Yuhao had discovered that two soul engineers among his five enemies were Class 7 soul engineers who were also Soul Sages, while the other three were Class 6 soul engineers.

There was hardly anybody in the world better than Huo Yuhao at prediction. Huo Yuhao’s frame suddenly halted midair as the cannon shell closed in on him, and the wings behind his back closed up before he began plunging downwards in freefall.

Huo Yuhao had used this move very often, and its effectiveness was time-tested. Normal soul masters didn’t dare to behave like him – dropping down was easy, but stopping the freefall would create such a heavy load that their bodies couldn’t take the pressure even if they had enough soul power.

“Boom –” An intense explosion cracked open above his head, and large swathes of lightning bolts covered several hundred square meters around him. If Huo Yuhao’s reaction had been a little slower, he would have immediately been struck by those lightning bolts.

The other soul engineers had reacted by then, and they were swiftly moving to outflank him.

Of course, Huo Yuhao wouldn’t just defend passively. He wasn’t just a soul master – he was also a soul engineer!

A sphere of brilliant blue light surged from his chest as he fell. One could tell upon closer inspection that there was a necklace hanging around his neck, and the pendant was what was shining with blue light.

This pendant seemed as large as a pigeon’s egg. It could only be seen through his clothes, but one could still see the radiant and brilliant blue light that was apparently from a soul tool crafted with Starlight Sapphire as its main body.

Light flashed again and again as blue light swiftly covered Huo Yuhao’s entire body, including his head. It didn’t take long before his entire body was covered in dark blue armor.

This dark blue armor was filled with a kind of streamlined elegance, and it covered every single part of Huo Yuhao’s body. The flying-type soul tool behind Huo Yuhao’s back had come off because of that, and Huo Yuhao withdrew it into his storage ring.

Three pairs of dark blue wings quickly stretched out behind his back, and fired out blue light to stabilize his body. His helmet was like a dome that covered his head, and even his face was covered. There was an opening on his forehead, and there was a pale blue jewel in that opening.

Yes, this was the human-shaped soul tool that Xuan Ziwen had tailor-made for Huo Yuhao.

The Sun Moon Empire had spent the longest time researching human-type soul tools. Back then, Huo Yuhao had stolen that giant human-type soul tool.

That item ended up in Xuan Ziwen's hands, and it was ultimately torn to pieces.

The Illustrious Virtue Hall and the Sun Moon Empire's world of soul engineers had always been going in two directions with their research into human-shaped soul tools. One direction was towards a giant human-shaped soul tool that was represented by the Hallmaster of the Illustrious Virtue Hall, Jing Hongchen. Jing Hongchen and many soul engineers believed that soul tools could only store more soul power when they had enough volume, and only then could they possess even stronger fighting strength to affect a battle.

On the other hand, Xuan Ziwen and several other soul engineers led a second direction – they wanted to minimize human-shaped soul tools.

Xuan Ziwen believed that even though giant human-shaped soul tools could have stronger and more forceful soul tools installed on them, and more Milk Bottles to store soul power could also be attached, that large volume would become clumsy, and a source of extreme inconvenience. The giant human-shaped soul tool would become very difficult to control, and they were more easily targeted and attacked by enemies. They would consume enormous amounts of soul power at the same time, and the pros didn't outweigh the cons.

These two different schools couldn't do anything to convince the other side, so they immersed themselves in their respective research directions.

There were more soul engineers who subscribed to the giant human-shaped soul tool, therefore this direction was the mainstream in the Illustrious Virtue Hall back then. Even though Xuan Ziwen didn't approve of that research direction, he had had no choice but to conduct research in the same direction. Otherwise, he wouldn't have had any chances to be involved with the newest technological findings in this area.

Huo Yuhao had given the giant human-shaped soul tool to Xuan Ziwen, and it was extremely important for Xuan Ziwen's research in soul tools. He summarized the giant human-shaped soul tool's pros and cons, and then acted according to his own principles and combined that with the human-shaped soul tool that Huo Yuhao had crafted back then with the Tang Sect's mechanical techniques, and thus created his own school.

Xuan Ziwen had conducted countless experiments before he finally presented this final product to Huo Yuhao.

Xuan Ziwen had called the human-shaped soul tool that Huo Yuhao was wearing a Class 7 soul tool. Even though it was Class 7, Xuan Ziwen was most satisfied with this creation amongst his many others. This product combined his own research, the Illustrious Virtue Hall's research findings, and the Tang Sect's mechanical techniques.

Back then, when research in human-shaped soul tools reached a certain standard, the most important point that puzzled soul engineers was how to control these soul tools.

From their perspective, soul tools could never be as agile or flexible as soul masters no matter how inherently flexible they were. This was one of the most important reasons why smaller human-shaped soul tools weren't recognized or approved of.

Since they couldn't be flexible or agile enough, these soul tools could only rely on force to fix their problems. Therefore, giant human-shaped soul tools were recognized.

However, once research in giant human-shaped soul tools reached a certain standard, the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineers discovered that controlling such an item wasn't something that a single soul master could achieve by himself. Even if those soul tools could be controlled through some complex formation arrays, the human-shaped soul tool would become extremely clumsy and bulky. Moving them around on the battlefield was difficult, and they could only be used as soul tool forts. That meant the entire motivation for creating human-shaped soul would be lost.

Under such circumstances, the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineers thought of something to resolve this – to control large amounts of complex formation arrays so that giant human-shaped soul tools could become agile, they could only rely on an individual's thoughts and consciousness to control those soul tools rather than one's hands using all kinds of remotes.

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However, this had a very high demand for spiritual power, and not even Class 9 soul engineers were certain to be able to meet this demand – unless they were Class 9 spiritual-type Titled Douluo; only then could they accomplish this.

However, spiritual-type Titled Douluo were very rarely seen across the continent, while most of the Sun Moon Empire's soul masters were soul engineers. This meant spiritual-type ones were even fewer and further between. That was the reason why this research dropped into a bottleneck when it reached that point.

On the other hand, Xuan Ziwen didn't have that problem with his research. First, he was researching small-scale versions, and soul masters could use their limbs to activate the mechanical parts in order to control them. At the same time, he didn't give up on the idea of soul masters controlling human-shaped soul tools with their consciousness and their spiritual power. Huo Yuhao was a live spiritual-type soul master! Furthermore, he would undoubtedly be able to become a Titled Douluo in the future. At the same time, smaller human-shaped soul tools required much less spiritual power for movement. Therefore, Xuan Ziwen began to gradually craft this particular item according to his own theories and principles.

After Huo Yuhao put on this human-shaped soul tool, the space in between his eyebrows swiftly pressed against a transparent jewel as his consciousness and thoughts swiftly translocated throughout the entire human-shaped soul tool.

In this moment, he felt as if the entire human-shaped soul tool itself had become a part of his body, and controlling it was no different from controlling his body with his mind. Furthermore, all the attachments and mechanisms within the human-shaped soul tool were all within his thoughts' control.

Huo Yuhao hadn't even activated his Eye of Destiny, and controlling such a Class 7 soul tool with the strength of his spiritual power was very easy.

It wasn't because Xuan Ziwen didn't want to create a Class 8 human-shaped soul tool – his problem was that he didn't have sufficient good materials. Another limiting factor for a small human-shaped soul tool was the user's bodily strength and endurance. If the soul tool itself wasn't as strong as the soul master's body, or if its defenses couldn't compare to that of the user, then what use did it have?

Xuan Ziwen gave himself a marker for a Class 8 human-shaped soul tool's defensive capability. Such an item had to at least be able to take a hit from a Titled Douluo, but the material required became a crucial problem in achieving that goal, and it was a large one at that. He couldn't resolve this problem in his current circumstances.

Huo Yuhao's speed was greatly boosted by with the human-shaped soul tool. He wasn't willing to use this human-shaped soul tool in front of the White Tiger Duke.

In the end, this was something so valuable that even the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineers would be moved by it! This item also represented the product of the Tang Sect's research into soul tools. Just like how the Sun Moon Empire would never want their high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools to end up in their enemies' hands, Huo Yuhao would never want this soul tool's secret to be known by others – friend and foe alike.

Three pairs of wings spurted with light, and Huo Yuhao's body swung in midair as he instantly picked up speed. He immediately charged towards the soul engineer who had just fired a shot at him.

The position that Xuan Ziwen had given him wasn't long-range combat – instead, it was close combat. The reason for that was because close combat was Huo Yuhao's forte, and his strength would be boosted once more through the human-shaped soul tool, so that his fighting strength and survival capability could be raised even further. This was the motivation for Xuan Ziwen in creating this soul tool.

Huo Yuhao's speed was raised by almost one hundred percent in that moment with the help of his Class 7 human-shaped soul tool, and he reached the standards of a Soul Douluo. He managed to come close to the soul engineer who had used the Lightning Cannon within two blinks of an eye.

That soul engineer had his Lightning Cannon on his shoulder, and his oscillation detector had been focusing on Huo Yuhao's location this entire time. He suddenly realized that there a small bright dot on his oscillation detector that was swiftly coming towards him, and he was absolutely shocked.

However, he was a veteran soul engineer, and his reactions were also incredibly quick. He had no time to withdraw the oscillation detector in his hands – he opened his hands and immediately threw it away. At the same time, a white barrier immediately emerged outward with his body as the center.

Class 7 protective soul barrier – this was a Class 7 soul engineer.

That wasn't all. A layer of golden light glowed on his body immediately afterwards. He was the leader of this five-man team, and he even carried an Invincible Barrier that could only be used once.

This item wasn't standard issue in the Sun Moon Empire because it was simply too expensive. He had crafted it himself after saving up enough for the materials.

Huo Yuhao's speed had astonished him, because that speed could only mean that his enemy was a Soul Douluo. He didn't want to be obliterated in one hit, so he acted decisively, and used his Invincible Barrier.

However, what he didn't expect was that the heavy hit in his imagination never came. The light suddenly plunged down when it was about a hundred meters away from him, and the oscillation detector that had fallen from his hands from before suddenly vanished in midair. Afterwards, the light began dashing towards his flank at an incredible speed.

"Watch out, Little Four!" He began to shout hysterically.

Yes, Huo Yuhao didn't attack him, because attacking a Class 7 soul engineer who was using a Class 7 Invincible Barrier took too much energy and effort. Invincible Barriers could only be sustained for a very limited duration, so why would he waste his time?

Huo Yuhao managed to grab the oscillation detector. What a fantastic toy. This is a Class 6 soul tool! No, it's not a Class 6 soul tool, because it wouldn't be able to have a range like it did just now.

Huo Yuhao thought to himself in admiration as he raced one thousand meters horizontally, and arrived in front of another soul engineer.

This soul engineer's reaction was very quick as well. He swiftly withdrew his oscillation detector and activated his protective soul barrier at the same time. He opened his hands, and two light blades stretched out from his hands. He swung them around very quickly, and they cocooned his entire body like a sphere.

He was actually a close-combat soul engineer, and he seemed like he was quite strong. Six soul rings glowed on his body – two yellow, three purple, and one black.

Real battle wasn't like a practice fight. Nobody would feel like conserving their soul skills during crucial moments, and this soul engineer behaved in the same manner. The soul ring that lit up on his body was the last and sixth one – his black soul ring.

An enormous white sphere emerged from behind his back. It seemed like a white turtle shell. There were countless patterns on its surface, and this turtle shell swiftly transformed into pieces that began waltzing around this close-combat soul engineer – a shield formation.

A defense-type soul engineer similar to third senior brother? He uses his martial soul for defense and soul tools for offence – not a bad choice. He lives up to his status as one of the Sun Moon Empire's elites. There aren't many soul engineers and soldiers that the Sun Moon Empire has left guarding the Ming Dou Mountain Range, but they are all the elites, and quality has been used to resolve the problem of quantity.

But can defenses like that stop me?

This soul engineer was all tensed up as he activated both his defensive and offensive capabilities. The others were swiftly coming closer to him, and they only needed three seconds. He would only have to defend himself for three seconds before reinforcements would arrive!

Three seconds! Just three seconds!

This Class 6 soul engineer was very confident in himself. His enemy didn't attack his team leader, who was a Class 7 soul engineer, and that meant he wasn't confident of doing so. Since that was the case, his

enemy shouldn't be stronger than his team leader, or perhaps he was just a little stronger. With my defensive abilities, how can I not be able to hang on for three seconds?

His judgment was actually very accurate. In terms of soul power, Huo Yuhao's standard was similar to that of his team leader. They were both Soul Sages – but could their strengths be the same as well?

Huo Yuhao had obliterated an eight-ringed evil soul master when he only had five rings. When he had just obtained his seventh ring, he managed to kill a hundred thousand year Evileye Tyrant. How could power such as that be measured purely with soul power?

A crack seemed to suddenly appear in midair. This crack wasn't very obvious, and the Class 6 soul engineer could only see a sharp claw that seemed to appear out of nowhere, along with a dark golden shadow that carried a stifling sharpness, and flash by in front of him in the next moment.

He was still swinging his blades effortlessly. However, he suddenly felt his body going cold, as if everything had become different. All the clouds and mountains seemed to freeze, and everything that he had been able to control could no longer be controlled.

This is...

He was stunned momentarily, and he realized in the next moment that he was falling from the sky, in freefall. It's so dark! Why can't I see anything anymore...

Yes, a sharp claw did come out from the sky – there was only one, and it was a dark gold, razor-sharp claw! Huo Yuhao's Darkgolden Terrorclaw!

Frightening sharpness tore his enemy's body apart in an instant – naturally, his enemy couldn't control anything anymore.

Huo Yuhao's Darkgolden Terrorclaw in his right hand had power comparable to a strike from a ten thousand year Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's all-out attack, along with his increasing prowess. How could explosive power that came so quickly be something that a Soul Emperor, a Class 6 soul engineer, could resist? Even eight-ringed Soul Douluo would feel afraid when Huo Yuhao was near them, let alone soul engineers.

Huo Yuhao succeeded with one hit, and the dark gold light disappeared after a single flash. Terrifying soul rays and cannons condensed into a hurricane immediately erupted towards where Huo Yuhao had attacked from. However, he was already far from that location, and every explosion and attack didn't affect him at all.

Instant Teleportation! The skill that belonged to his left leg bone. He had already used Instant Teleportation in the moment right after he made his attack, and Huo Yuhao didn't even bother observing that Class 6 soul engineer that he had just attacked. What soul barrier, light blades, ten thousand year defensive soul skills – in the face of his Darkgolden Terrorclaw that had been infused with soul power and spiritual power, all of those meant nothing.

"He's over there!" The remaining four soul engineers quickly found Huo Yuhao's location with their oscillation detectors. However, Huo Yuhao was simply moving too quickly.

He rushed towards another Soul Emperor with a few explosive flashes before the four of them could surround him, and managed to break out in the end with Imitation.

Two Soul Sages and two Soul Emperors – those were his four remaining opponents.

Huo Yuhao turned and stared at a Class 7 soul engineer who had a piercing cannon on his shoulders as he was bolting forward.

In the next moment, all this Class 7 soul engineer could see was blinding purplish-golden light.

“Boom!” A crackling boom appeared in his head, and the three others looked on in utter astonishment as this Class 7 Soul Sage’s head suddenly exploded. Red and white parts splattered and flew in all directions – he didn’t even get to fire his piercing cannon before his body plummeted towards the ground like a falling rock.

This sudden change in circumstance shocked the other three, while at this very moment, Huo Yuhao collided into the Soul Emperor that he was targeting.

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There were lights like flowing lines all over the dark blue armor, and Huo Yuhao used Darkgolden Terrorclaw yet again. Across the sky! Torn! Death!

The armor on Huo Yuhao’s hands split open according to his will when he was unleashing Darkgolden Terrorclaw, and it flipped backwards onto his wrist and transformed into heavier bracers.

Xuan Ziwen had named this human-shaped soul tool the Solo Battle Armor, and the only problem with this soul tool was that it couldn’t amplify some of Huo Yuhao’s offensive abilities. For instance, Huo Yuhao’s Ultimate Ice and Darkgolden Terrorclaw were too destructive, and the suit probably couldn’t take that level of power when he unleashed everything at full strength.

Therefore, Xuan Ziwen placed extra emphasis and effort on speed and defense when he was building this soul tool – especially speed. This was a Class 7 soul tool, and it could erupt with an eight-ringed Soul Douluo’s top speed. Even Titled Douluo would have to put in some effort if they wanted to catch up to Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao’s formidable fighting strength became even more conspicuous by relying on this terrifying speed.

Huo Yuhao had killed three out of five men within a few blinks of the eye, and the two other soul engineers were not idiots. They didn’t have to speak to each other as they both turned tail and ran back towards the Ming Dou Mountain Range.

Huo Yuhao didn’t chase them. Even though he had taken three people down so quickly, his expression became very solemn – that was because he could see ten dark blue shadows flying towards him at breakneck speed. Huo Yuhao could tell from their soul power undulations that those ten who followed behind were much stronger than the five who had come before.

More importantly, Huo Yuhao was acquainted with them – weren’t they part of the Evil Tyrant Legion, which was a beast lord-ranked legion that was most adept at speed, who were also part of the Hand that Protects the Nation?



They were all Soul Sages, at least – Nine Soul Sages and a Soul Douluo? Huo Yuhao quickly judged his enemies' strength with Spiritual Detection.

Fierce! Thy must be the real elites of the Evil Tyrant Legion.

Even though Huo Yuhao was very confident, he wasn't willing to face off against enemies like that. He wouldn't be afraid if they were coming at him one by one, and the Soul Douluo was no exception. However, the most frightening feature of the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineer legions was the chemistry they had with each other with their soul tools. They would be able to amplify their fighting strength by several times once they began to work together, and the ten of them together probably had strength comparable to a Titled Douluo. That wasn't something that he wanted to face.

I can't delay any longer!

Thoughts spun like lightning in his head, and he surged into the air once more. He rose into the sky much faster than before due to his Solo Battle Armor. Furthermore, his armor itself provided him with extra protection.

Huo Yuhao activated Imitation and Spiritual Interference Domain once more. The soul engineers from the Evil Tyrant Legion hadn't come near, and they wouldn't be able to detect his actual location if they didn't have oscillation detectors.

The biggest problem when fighting against soul engineers was when they were able lock onto their opponents. Especially in one-versus-one situations, a soul engineer's opponent would only become a target if the soul engineer managed to lock onto his or her opponent. Huo Yuhao didn't have a hobby like that.

Seven other high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools had arrived, and the nine remaining ones were still in the process of flying over. However, Huo Yuhao knew that he couldn't wait any longer, and he couldn't possibly bring away all twenty-two of them.

I'll take whatever I can – I can't be greedy anymore, and safety is always first.

Those ten members of the Evil Tyrant Legion were bearing down on him very quickly. They were part of the Dagger section that the Manic Bull Douluo Wang Yiheng had ordered out into battle. There were only five teams like that in the Evil Tyrant Legion, and they were the legion's core fighting strength. They were also directly commanded by Wang Yiheng – they were the best of the best!

The two soul engineers who were running away quickly rendezvoused with the ten of them, and they swiftly took out their oscillation detectors as they chased in Huo Yuhao's direction.

This mobilization displayed their tremendous cooperative abilities.

The ten members from the Dagger section swiftly dispersed, and then separated even further away from each other than the first five soul engineers. Their oscillation detectors seemed to be more effective, and they immediately discovered Huo Yuhao's figure in the next moment.

"Up there."

Two of them stopped, and an enormous cannon that was two meters long and had an opening that was at least a foot in diameter appeared on each of their shoulders.

These two cannons were aimed at Huo Yuhao's location, which they had just discovered, and they quickly fired off.

Two enormous silver beams of light surged into the air and came straight for Huo Yuhao.

Shock bombs! Huo Yuhao could immediately tell that they were Class 7 shock bombs. These things weren't toys – their most unique quality was how wide their area of effect could reach. Furthermore, everyone would be affected if they found themselves within the shock bomb's area of effect no matter what level of cultivation they had. Their enemies would come once they were rendered sluggish and slow-moving.

The other eight quickly raised their speed to the highest possible level and began surrounding Huo Yuhao's position.

Huo Yuhao's eyes became increasingly determined faced with this situation; it wasn't as if he hadn't encountered even more challenging circumstances. The stronger his opponents were, the more his potential was stimulated – ever since he became a Soul Sage, he still hadn't given his all in a battle. This was true even against that Evileye Tyrant; the Evileye Tyrant couldn't take an attack with his full strength!

Huo Yuhao paused in midair, and a white shadow separated from his body in the next moment. Two dark blue light blades flickered faintly in the sky.

The two shock bombs that were hurtling through the air paused in the sky, and intense explosions that carried countless silver rays blanketed an enormous area of effect in the next moment.

Unparalleled Chill, Empress' Sword!

The Snow Lady levitated in the sky. One could tell from her gorgeous frame that she was about thirteen or fourteen years of age, and her ice-cold features emanated noble and elegant qualities. She was just hovering silently in the night sky, but she gave others a feeling of formless beauty.

The two shock bombs exploding didn't impede Huo Yuhao at all. Instead, they stopped the other members of the Evil Tyrant Legion's Dagger section because they had exploded prematurely.

They weren't willing to commit when facing off against a powerful enemy such as Huo Yuhao – what if they were ambushed by their enemy? They could only wait for a few seconds, and then continued charging forward only after the shock bombs' effects had dissipated.

Several dozen blue soul rays went straight for the Snow Lady. They hadn't seen what their opponent looked like from the beginning to the end, and they didn't have time to communicate with the two soul engineers from before who had retreated. Naturally, they considered the Snow Lady as their enemy when she appeared – even though she didn't quite seem like their enemy because she was looked thirteen or fourteen, they weren't willing to let anyone go even if they had to kill the wrong people.

The Snow Lady hovered in midair, and swung her large sleeves as a clean white circle appeared and transformed into countless ice crystals in the sky. These ice crystals were smooth like mirrors, and even more strangely, every single ice crystal seemed to block a single soul ray just right.

These ice crystals didn't clash head-on with the soul rays. After every soul ray was blocked by an ice crystal, they were refracted, and the ice crystals melted while the soul rays dispersed in all directions. Not a single one could even come close to the Snow Lady!

Who could compare to the Snow Empress and the Ice Empress in terms of controlling ice and snow? The Snow Lady's strength grew along with Huo Yuhao's own. Ever since the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass had fused with him, Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice had sublimated, and the Snow Lady's recovery had been catalyzed. Huo Yuhao wasn't sure whether the Snow Lady would become the Snow Empress one day, or whether she could have the Snow Empress' peak strength. But at least from what the situation seemed like now, that was still a possibility. If that did occur, the Snow Empress herself could rival an Ultimate Douluo.

The Snow Lady's strength exceeded the soul engineers' expectations – but their attacks had just begun.

“Concentrate our beams!” The team leader exclaimed – they couldn't be bothered with being kind and taking pity on women anymore. They had to take their opponent down before anything else!

Blue rays were fired again one after another. However, they were not aimed directly at the Snow Lady – instead, they were focused on a single point in the sky. All ten team members' thoughts were as one, and soul rays that were as thick as an arm fired after they concentrated on one point. The dark blue beam they created didn't become thicker, but became a lot thinner instead. It surged across the sky and arrived in front of the Snow Lady in an instant.

The Snow Lady's expression became a little more solemn. She reached out with her right hand, and her palm became a patch of icy blue. She pressed at the air in the sky and clashed with the soul ray.

“Brrng!” A strange chime rang out in the sky. In the next moment, the Snow Lady's beautiful frame became a little more illusory. However, the soul ray also dissipated at the same time.

The ten soul engineers were stunned speechless. This attack had concentrated soul rays from nine Class 7 soul engineers and a Class 8 soul engineer – even though the soul ray itself wasn't powerful, ten stacked together was absolutely comparable to an all-out attack from a Soul Douluo. Yet it seemed like this little girl who looked like she was only thirteen or fourteen managed to block this attack. What was happening?

What they didn't see was that Huo Yuhao, who had concealed himself, trembled when the Snow Lady took this hit.

The Snow Lady's strength came from him. However, the Snow Empress herself was strong, and the Snow Lady had the Snow Empress' imprint. Thus, she could channel part of her own strength as well.

The Snow Lady had used Snowless Glacier in that attack. Even if she was facing a soul master, not even Soul Douluo would have a good time clashing head-on with this attack. However, soul tools were different from soul masters in the end, and an attack that came purely from soul power caused the intense chill contained within Snowless Glacier to be ineffective. This meant the Snow Lady and Huo Yuhao had suffered a hidden loss.

The Snow Lady began spinning around in midair. Her long, pure white dress danced as large patches of snowflakes dispersed through the air and cocooned around her beautiful frame. Empress' Chill, in

addition to Huo Yuhao's Domain of Perpetual Ice, immediately transformed into the Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice.

The temperature at that altitude was low in the first place. Even though there wasn't much water in the air, the temperature still plummeted once his Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice was released. The soul engineers that were about to launch another follow-up attack couldn't help but feel their bodies move a little sluggishly as every one of them activated their protective soul barriers to defend themselves.

So cold! They all felt the same thing at the same time. More frighteningly, the young lady's figure had disappeared into the large swathes of snowflakes.

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Huo Yuhao had risen to an even higher altitude under the Snow Lady's cover, and the high altitude aerial surveillance tools were now within his reach.

The Snow Lady was directing his Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice, and that meant its effects were not as good as if he had been the one directing it. However, delaying his enemies for a short while was sufficient.

That was because his soul and spiritual power had an extremely high degree of integration, and he could thus leave a stream of his own spiritual power to the Snow Lady. Only then could they separate from each other for longer distances – otherwise, the Snow Lady couldn't do even battle when she was so far away from him.

There were nine – nine more high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools had arrived, and these represented enormous wealth in addition to what Huo Yuhao had collected earlier on.

Huo Yuhao accelerated with everything he had, and finally arrived in front of those high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools with a few flashes and flickers. He didn't hesitate at all, and his Starlight Sapphire storage ring flickered as he swiftly pocketed those soul tools one after another.

But right at this moment, he suddenly felt an intense wave of alarm as he looked down subconsciously – what he saw was a sphere of scorching heat that seemed like the sun as its light erupted viciously.

*Oh, no.*

Huo Yuhao channeled his consciousness and swiftly summoned the Snow Lady.

The Snow Lady transformed into a beam of flowing light as she surged up into the sky. However, Huo Yuhao could still feel that his soul power was leaking out at a crazy rate. Furthermore, he could feel waves of weakness in his spiritual power.

The Snow Lady was a Spirit, and she couldn't truly die. However, Huo Yuhao was the one who had to expend energy when she was attacked. In some sense, Spirits were a soul master's partial avatars. A soul master would be severely injured if their Spirits died, and nobody knew how long a soul master would need to reaggregate those Spirits. At least, Huo Yuhao didn't want to have that kind of experience.

A strange little flower peeked out from Huo Yuhao's shoulder. Circles of icy-blue light blanketed the area below him and met with the Snow Lady – yes, it was the Star Anise making its move.

The rolling heatwaves that were rising up from beneath were blocked for a moment with the Star Anise's help, and only then did the Snow Lady transform into a ray of light before she reintegrated into Huo Yuhao's body.

Huo Yuhao couldn't help but draw a cold breath as he watched that sudden beam of intense light, which had erupted all too suddenly and resembled the sun. *?So powerful? Who has come? Such a terrifying attack – is he crazy?*

Huo Yuhao no longer continued to wait for the other high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools to arrive, and immediately turned to run. He activated all his soul power and transformed into a beam of light as he went straight for the Star Luo Empire's camp.

There was only one possibility for someone to create such a disturbance – a Class 9 soul engineer had arrived. Furthermore, Huo Yuhao hadn't discovered his enemy with his spiritual power. This meant that his enemy possibly carried soul tools that impeded his Spiritual Detection. An opponent like that was something that he absolutely couldn't fight against.

Right at this moment, spheres of fiery light suddenly blasted into the sky. Every single one of these fireballs was at least one meter in diameter, and several hundred of them rose into the sky in the blink of an eye. They lit up the entire area, and every fireball seemed like a tiny little sun that shone with searing brilliance. A tall and muscular figure rose from below at the same time and with incredible speed.

"He can't escape!" An awe-inspiring growl could be heard. The Manic Bull Douluo, Wang Yiheng, was already in the sky. Huo Yuhao hadn't seen him do anything at all, but those fireballs that rose into the sky erupted with beams of fiery light that swiftly congregated into an enormous flaming web. There were faint rippling distortions in the air – this web of fire perfectly blocked off Huo Yuhao's escape path

*Such a powerful soul engineer! He must be Class 9.*

Huo Yuhao didn't stop at all. For his current situation, there was only one solution against such a circumstance, and that was to force his way out. He would be in deep trouble if he couldn't break out of this.

He stopped using Imitation, and his figure emerged from the air. The temperature in the air was very high due to the looming web of fire, but Huo Yuhao didn't release his Ultimate Ice to combat the heat because that would exacerbate his energy consumption. The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass released faint icy-blue hues that covered his entire body, and these layers completely cut off the intense heat from his surroundings.

The Star Anise was no good at offense, but its auxiliary and support effects were extraordinary.

The Manic Bull Douluo was momentarily stunned when Huo Yuhao revealed himself with his human-shaped soul tool. *?A human-shaped soul tool? Can that actually be a human-shaped soul tool? Since when has the Star Luo Empire's research into soul tools reached such a standard?*

He was surprised, but his movements didn't slow. The fiery web wove through the sky, and the large fireballs rapidly switched positions as the flaming web came down directly on Huo Yuhao to garrote him.

Wang Yiheng's martial soul was quite strong in the first place. He pursued high explosiveness, power, and intense heat when he was doing his own research into soul tools. He had a pure desire for destructiveness.

He managed to become commander of one of the legions that belonged to the Hand that Protects the Nation, so it wasn't hard to imagine his prowess. Even if he wasn't as powerful as the Starsky Douluo, Ye Yulin, he wasn't that much weaker.

The soul tool that he was currently using was called Emyrean Blaze, and it was his own creation. It was formed from three hundred and sixty-five empyrean pearls, and every pearl was under his control. He himself was the center of this formation.

The Emyrean Blaze was roughly ranked between number ten and number twelve amongst the other Class 9 soul tools.

One should never disregard it because it was ranked after number ten. This ranking system also considered stationary soul cannon shells, and Wang Yiheng had only attained the status that he had now because of his Emyrean Blaze.

High altitude aerial surveillance soul tools were far too important. That was the reason why he used his signature move from the get-go.

Of course, the Snow Empress' original strength wasn't something that he could match up to. But what the current Snow Lady could muster was too weak. Huo Yuhao wasn't the one directing his Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice, and it was directly broken through under the throttling burn of Wang Yiheng's empyrean Blaze. The fiery web was sweeping down upon him at this moment – the Emyrean Blaze was most adept at control and incineration, and it controlled the entire situation.

Huo Yuhao's mind was clear as he took a deep breath. He didn't show any timidity at all as his Eye of Destiny opened on his forehead. The blue jewel on his Solo Battle Armor's forehead immediately glowed, and strange soul power undulations rippled outward. In the next moment, a brilliant purple beam cut across the skies as it burst out like a lightning bolt. The purple beam turned rose-gold the moment it left the jewel, and stretched across the skies. Not even the Emyrean Blaze could block it – not even a little bit – and it immediately appeared before Wang Yiheng.

Wang Yiheng belonged to the younger and more vigorous generation of soul engineers amongst the Class 9 soul engineers. He had many insights into the newest technology, and he was also ferociously strong at the same time. He could immediately tell that something wasn't right when Huo Yuhao made his move – *is that a pure spiritual-type attack?*

A pure white headband suddenly appeared on Wang Yiheng's head. Seven silver jewels formed the front of this headband, and these jewels suddenly erupted with brilliant light under Wang Yiheng's control as they transformed into a silver shield that protected him behind it.

The rose-gold beam struck this shield, and the shield quivered faintly before the rose-gold beam dissipated into nothingness.

Far into the distance, that jewel on Huo Yuhao's Solo Battle Armor exploded into smithereens with a bang. He didn't turn back as he charged in the direction of the Emyrean Blaze.

Wang Yiheng was clearly a little lackadaisical at this moment, and his head suddenly arched backward as if someone had clipped him heavily on the face. The silver shield before him and the headband on his head disintegrated at the same time.

Wang Yiheng could feel intense dizziness in his head. That frightening wave of spiritual power was like a drill as it pierced deep into his brain, and he immediately lost control of the Empyrean Blaze, while the flames were greatly reduced in that instant.

Huo Yuhao leveraged this short window of opportunity, and his three pairs of wings glowed radiantly as they carried him towards the outside. Another layer of diamond ice crystals covered his Solo Battle Armor at the same time to protect him from the intense heat.

He was almost at the edge of the Empyrean Blaze.

Wang Yiheng managed to recover at this moment. *Such powerful spiritual power!* Even though he felt a wave of terror in his heart, he didn't slow down in his control of his Empyrean Blaze. The dimming flames became searing hot once more, and more than ten empyrean pearls went straight for Huo Yuhao's position to lock him down.

Huo Yuhao disappeared in a flash – Instant Teleportation. He escaped the empyrean pearls' area of effect in a blink, and escaped from the Empyrean Blaze's entrapment.

However, Wang Yiheng wasn't by himself; the Dagger Section's other team members were still outside. They had been observing Huo Yuhao's movements this entire time. They saw that he had actually broken out, and large amounts of soul rays and soul cannons instantly assaulted him like a hurricane.

Huo Yuhao's seven soul rings glimmered into view, and his fifth soul ring shimmered as he switched positions with one of the Dagger Section's members in the distance.

Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection covered the entire area even though he was mired in danger. He had chosen this person a long time ago, and his target was the section's leader – the Soul Douluo, the Class 8 soul engineer!

This Soul Douluo became the target of the hurricane once their positions were switched. The Empyrean Blaze was behind him, and his teammates' powerful attacks were in front of him. The Class 8 soul engineer himself was greatly astonished.

Huo Yuhao didn't stay to fight after he switched positions with him, and a rose-gold circle suddenly radiated outward with his head at the center.

Spiritual Blast – a skill carried by the Three-Eyed Golden Lion's skull!

Every single Class 7 soul engineer suffered the same outcome after they took a hit from Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Blast, which was unleashed from his Eye of Destiny. They lost control of their bodies in an instant and plummeted towards the ground.

Huo Yuhao didn't give everything he had in this attack so that he could escape successfully. After all, he had used his full strength when he had attacked Wang Yiheng with Spiritual Shock, and he had to leave some strength to retreat at a time like this.

Huo Yuhao turned and flew away as he continued to escape while he unleashed Spiritual Blast.

Huo Yuhao had duplicated Xuanwu Displacement from Xu Sanshi, and it created unexpected effects every time he used it. It lived up to its name as one of a defense-type soul master's legendary soul skills!

Wang Yieheng unleashed his immense prowess as a Class 9 soul engineer at this moment.

### **Chapter 445.3: Empyrean Flame**

The empyrean pearls that were originally targeting Huo Yuhao suddenly stretched out and flew around the eight-ringed Soul Douluo's body. Not only did they not hurt him – they wrapped around in front of him and blocked the attacks from the Dagger Section's other nine members. This control of the Empyrean Blaze was just perfect.

What a cunning fellow! Wang Yiheng's face blackened. He didn't go ahead to rescue the Class 7 soul engineers who were plummeting towards the ground, because those people had clearly awakened during their freefall. They were working hard to control their bodies, but they weren't in much danger even though they were cutting very sorry figures.

Three hundred and sixty-five pearls bolted toward Huo Yuhao like shooting stars under Wang Yiheng's control. These fiery shooting stars weren't just blindly attacking – instead, they seemed to resemble a web that was stretching out as they closed in around him. Wang Yiheng also made his move as he accelerated in pursuit as fast as he could.

Huo Yuhao was trying to run away, but he didn't forget to retrieve his long-range soul controller to detonate the high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools that he didn't have time to take away.

A series of explosions could be heard from behind. Wang Yiheng didn't have to look to know what had happened, and his expression became incredibly malevolent. He didn't have to ask to know that those high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools that they had lost contact with probably didn't end well.

Bastard! This bastard! I'll kill him!

The Empyrean Blaze was simply too quick. Huo Yuhao was already using his full strength, but the Empyrean Blaze was still continuously bearing down on him. The scorching heat and sweltering air kept gaining on him, but the temperature didn't affect Huo Yuhao much, because he relied on his Ice Empress' Armor and his Solo Battle Armor for protection. What he had to do now was accelerate, accelerate, accelerate!

Huo Yuhao was quite near the Star Luo Empire's Northwestern Field Army. He only had to keep this up for just a little while more before his problems would end.

"Close!" Wang Yiheng exclaimed, and the Empyrean Blaze suddenly expanded before it abruptly accelerated and closed up. Wang Yiheng used almost ten percent of his soul power for this move.

However, Huo Yuhao's figure also suddenly picked up speed at that moment. He was like a beam of flowing light as he rocketed across the skies and reappeared in the distance.

He can still accelerate – that's not possible! Only a Titled Douluo can reach that speed, but that fellow's soul power undulations show that he's clearly not a Titled Douluo!

Another figure appeared within Wang Yiheng's vision, and that person turned to run along with the first one.



Yes, Xu Sanshi was the one who came to provide support for Huo Yuhao.

Xu Sanshi had actually been waiting at a location not far from Huo Yuhao from beginning to end, and he communicated with Huo Yuhao through his Spiritual Detection. That was the reason why he could save Huo Yuhao in the nick of time. The distance that he had suddenly covered meant that Wang Yiheng's sudden burst of energy achieved nothing. Furthermore, he even paused for a moment in the sky because he had used too much soul power before he could continue chasing him.

When Wang Yiheng was just starting to move again, he suddenly felt a sharp pain on the side of his face, and subconsciously glanced toward his side.

But there was nothing there; all he could see was pitch-black darkness. However, there seemed to be a poisonous snake hiding within the darkness, and this poisonous snake was just revealing its sharpest fangs and was about to swallow him whole.

Wang Yiheng didn't know who his opponent in the darkness was. He was worried that the Star Luo Empire would make their move, as they were very close to the Star Luo Empire after all. He would have a hard time if there were several Titled Douluo waiting to ambush him in the sky – he had reinforcements from the Sun Moon Empire, but their job at the Ming Dou Mountain Range was for defense; they didn't have enough strength for an offense.

That razor-sharp sword intent finally appeared, and Wang Yiheng felt as if the entire black sky was being torn open at that moment. The sword intent was actually vicious, and everything around it seemed to be obliterated. Yet, there seemed to be some kinds of emotions rippling through all that obliteration – there was focus and stubbornness, there was depth and clarity.

What is this...

Wang Yiheng was a soul master and a soul engineer, but he had never felt strength such as this, as if this strength shouldn't belong to this world at all.

Darkness blanketed him in that instant. Wang Yiheng had no choice but to use his Empyrean Blaze to defend himself. Several dozen empyrean pearls went dark in that moment, and a brilliant golden light glowed in the night sky, while the sword intent was raised to its highest possible level.

A beam of sword light cut across the skies. It disappeared in a flash, and raced into the distance before it caught up with Huo Yuhao and Xu Sanshi. This beam even seemed to carry them and accelerate.

Wang Yiheng didn't dare to chase them. After the sword intent flew across the sky after it transformed from darkness to light, his several dozen empyrean pearls that were struck began to crackle with ear-piercing shrillness. Large cracks started to appear even though they didn't break into pieces.

Those empyrean pearls were extremely difficult to forge. Even though their advantage lay in their numbers, every single one of them was a result of his blood and sweat! A single broken piece would cause him great and uncontrollable heartache.

No, that fellow...

Wang Yiheng suddenly felt that something wasn't right after his momentary confusion. That kind of sword intent made him fearful, but the person channeling that sword intent clearly didn't have enough strength. At least, that person didn't have enough strength to threaten him.

I've been tricked!

Wang Yiheng's Empyrean Blaze fired out once more after he realized that something was amiss, and he continued chasing Huo Yuhao and Xu Sanshi. He was about to explode with anger – they are clearly not very powerful, but they have been deceiving me again and again. Not only have they destroyed so many high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools, but they have also damaged my Empyrean Blaze. They both have to die!

Wang Yiheng used his full strength as he lashed out with his Empyrean Blaze. He transformed into an enormous bull in midair at the same time, and his flying speed suddenly increased exponentially. He wasn't using his flying-type soul tool this time; he was burning his formidable soul power as a Titled Douluo.

He knew that he only had one chance to attack. If he couldn't catch them with this strike, he would have exceeded the Ming Dou Mountain Range's area of protection, and he could very well become his enemies' prey if that happened. Therefore, he didn't hold back in this attack.

Several figures shot into the sky in the distance. There were five of them, and they spaced out in a row as they each radiated with different colors.

They were all females. The girl in the center burst with bright dragon roars as a pair of enormous dragon wings stretched out behind her. She transformed into a giant dragon amidst the dragon roars, and her sixth and seventh soul rings flickered at the same time.

Radiant Dragon Butterfly – it was Tang Wutong.

Even though her form was called Radiant Dragon Butterfly, her martial soul true body was presented entirely in dragon form, but there were waves and curves that resembled a butterfly's wings on the edges of her dragon wings. The aura that she released wasn't just noble and elegant – there was a feeling as if she was looking down on the entire world.

Dragon God's Slaughter Dance! Her sixth soul skill!

An enormous shadow of a dragon emerged from her Radiant Dragon Butterfly true body, and it immediately transformed into a colossal dragon that was a hundred meters long as it went straight for the Empyrean Blaze.

She wasn't the only one who attacked. Jiang Nannan, Ye Guyi, Nan Qiuqiu, and Jing Ziyuan all unleashed their strongest soul skills.

A large pink python glimmered behind Jiang Nannan's back and circled around her. Jiang Nannan transformed into beam after beam of flowing light as she dashed out closely behind Tang Wutong. The white light that she had shifted into seemed like the Radiant Dragon Butterfly's outer garment, and they combined together just like that.

The empyrean pearls that were at the forefront collided with Jiang Nannan's martial soul true body. They were actually bounced away by some kind of flexible strength, and their fiery strength was not released at all, as if they had been cut off.

The Dragon God's Slaughter Dance erupted with eye-catching purple light, and large swathes of empyrean pearls were blocked off just like that. Tang Wutong used action to prove her formidable strength to everyone, and not even Huo Yuhao had fought with her face-to-face before this. She was forcefully blocking a Class 9 soul engineer's signature Class 9 soul tool! She could be proud of herself even if she could only hold on for a little while.

Ye Guyi's expression was solemn as she clasped her hands above her head. Her Holy Sword radiated with intense light as her four angel wings stretched out behind her back. Immense light power aggregated as her beautiful frame suddenly flew forward. Nan Qiuqiu disappeared behind her in a flash.

Ye Guyi overtook Tang Wutong's position in the next moment, and she flew toward a higher altitude.

Her Radiant Holy Sword resembled a rainbow as it slashed down towards the Manic Bull Douluo, Wang Yiheng.

Wang Yiheng waved his right hand, and a dozen empyrean pearls went for the Holy Sword. The Holy Sword's radiance was bounced away, but the empyrean pearls' glow was evidently dimmer than before.

Wang Yiheng could feel his heart aching! How can these soul masters, who still seem quite young, have such powerful attacking strength?

He wasn't done lamenting when a pinkish beam of light swept up those empyrean pearls after it flickered from behind the Holy Sword.

Something that made Wang Yiheng absolutely astonished happened – the flames on his empyrean pearls dimmed, and their explosive strength immediately disappeared. Those pearls began to plummet toward the ground like that, and he couldn't even communicate with them anymore. What was happening?

A patch of fog swept over and pulled both Ye Guyi and Nan Qiuqiu back. Jiang Nannan retreated as well, and landed back beside Tang Wutong.

The Dragon God's Slaughter Dance was also reaching its end, and the Empyrean Blaze finally broke through the enormous dragon shadow.

In terms of cultivation, Huo Yuhao and the others were all a far cry from the Manic Bull Douluo. However, every single one of them was the best of the best. They supported each other again and again as all eight of them came together, and the five girls' assault was like tidal waves as they forcefully blockaded Wang Yiheng.

I can't hold back any longer. Wang Yiheng watched as the three people who were running away before this stood their ground, and all eight of them no longer attempted to escape even though they were facing him. He felt a chill run down his spine.

He suddenly realized that he had exceeded the area of protection offered by the Ming Dou Mountain Range's long-range soul tools, and this meant that he could no longer receive any reinforcements here.

## **Chapter 446.1: Exterminate the Raging Bull! Asura Yuhao!**

When Huo Yuhao was fleeing earlier, he wasn't struck by the attacks of the long-range soul tools that were installed in the Ming Dou Mountain Range. The main reason was that they couldn't accurately determine his position. Otherwise, the Mad Bull Douluo wouldn't have intervened. Currently, the furthest attack could only reach thirty kilometers. Of course, this wasn't considering stationary soul cannon shells. If there were stationary soul cannon shells, a further range could be achieved. However, soul tools must be able to lock onto the enemy first. Their aerial surveillance soul tools were kept close to the Ming Dou Mountain Range as the Star Luo Empire's troops inched closer and closer, minimizing losses and damages. This was why their control at further ranges wasn't sufficient.

When Huo Yuhao came up with his plan, he had already considered everything. This was why he was reinforced by Xu Sanshi at the extreme boundary of the effective range of their ultra-long range soul tools. Even if the ultra-long range soul tools could react in time and fire attacks at them, they would have enough time to escape as the cannon shells traveled towards them. The others were also naturally reinforcing him outside the boundaries of the effective range of the ultra-long range soul tools.

So what if there was a Titled Douluo? They were eight against one. Huo Yuhao wasn't afraid at all.

From the distance, streaks of dark-blue light were also flying towards them at rapid speed. The Evil Tyrant Soul Engineer Legion's Dagger Section had already reorganized itself.

However, both Wang Yiheng and the soul engineers from this Dagger Section had to keep one thing in mind. They were closer to the Star Luo Empire's base than the Ming Dou Mountain Range right now. This meant that the Star Luo Empire's reinforcements might appear at any time. They might even be lying in ambush.

A ball of blue light was flung into the air by Wang Yiheng. It transformed into an eyeball-shaped blue light.

When the Dagger Section saw this ball of blue light, they quickly stopped before turning around and retreating. They were rushing back in the direction of the Ming Dou Mountain Range.

Fled?

Seeing that the Dagger Section had escaped, Huo Yuhao didn't lower his guard at all. Instead, he became tenser. His Spiritual Detection immediately engulfed all his comrades. At the same time, he quickly drifted forward in front of everyone. Xu Sanshi followed beside him, and the rest rapidly adjusted their formation under his command.

Huo Yuhao was the furthest forward of the eight. Xu Sanshi and Jiang Nannan were to his left and right respectively. Tang Wutong was behind him, while Ji Juechen and Jing Ziyang were to her sides. Ye Guyi and Nan Qiuqiu were further back. The eight of them circulated their soul power at the same time.

The Mad Bull Douluo appeared very indifferent. His Empyrean Blaze circulated around his body and took a stereoscopic form. He had turned into a huge bull and raging flames were burning, causing the entire sky to be illuminated fiery-red.

He couldn't advance further. Otherwise, he might not make it back. Wang Yiheng had already decided that this was going to be his last attack. No matter whether or not he could kill his enemies, he wasn't going to remain, and would immediately return to the Ming Dou Mountain Range after this.

In the distance, seven to eight projections rose from the Star Luo Empire's base. From the speed of their ascension and the lights, it was evident that these people were very strong.

One strike. He only had the strength for one strike!

The Mad Bull Douluo's seventh, black soul ring shone brightly. In the next instant, he had already turned into a Mad Bull. His Empyrean Blaze was still attached to him, causing him to look like a huge bull that was more than thirty meters tall. He instantly charged towards Huo Yuhao and the rest.

The first from Shrek Academy to strike was Ye Guyi.

Her fifth and sixth soul rings lit up at the same time. Behind her, four wings shone brightly. Right now, she truly resembled an angel. Her slender figure moved rhythmically in the air, and her huge Holy Sword turned into glaring lights that instantly detached from her hand and slashed towards the charging bull.

Her fifth soul skill, Holy Sword, and her sixth soul skill, Angelic Dance!

Nan Qiuqiu made her move at almost the same time. The two of them coordinated perfectly with each other.

Nan Qiuqiu's fifth and sixth soul rings also lit up.

A long, pink sword shot into the sky and attached itself to the Holy Sword. Compared to the Holy Sword, it wasn't very eye-catching. However, when it left Nan Qiuqiu's grasp, the pinkish light that it exuded rapidly intensified. The sword was a pink crystal-like entity that exuded mesmerizing yet blurry pinkish lights under the illumination of the Holy Sword's golden light.

Nan Qiuqiu clasped her hands in front of her. She wore a serious expression on her face as she pushed her hands forward. A spot of pinkish crystal that was the size of a fingernail flew out. When it flew out, Nan Qiuqiu's aura seemed to weaken a little.

It was her fifth soul skill, Ruby Annihilation Sword, and her sixth soul, Star of Annihilation!

The two sword lights combined and instantly landed on the bull's body.

"Clang!" The Holy Sword was instantly crushed and turned into countless streaks of golden lights that dissipated. Following this, the Ruby Annihilation Sword was also crushed.

However, the combination of these two swords still managed to weaken the flames on the Mad Bull Douluo's body. After this, the Star of Annihilation arrived.

The immense power of Annihilation was demonstrated at this moment. The Star of Annihilation, that appeared to only be the size of a fingernail, caused bright, pink light to be released as it touched the flames. It imprinted itself on the Mad Bull Douluo's forehead. It was as if a piece of crystal had grown on the Mad Bull Douluo's head.

The pinkish lights continued to grow stronger and stronger. The size of the Star of Annihilation also rapidly grew. During this process of enlargement, it absorbed the flames. The burning flames were completely ineffective against the power of Annihilation.

This was...

Wang Yiheng was also shocked. It was his first time witnessing the strength of Annihilation too. The strength of a mere Soul Emperor was actually able to weaken his Emyrean Blaze and grow at the same time. How was this possible?

The Star of Annihilation was Nan Qiuqiu's sixth soul skill. It was also her strongest soul skill right now. However, it was different from the sixth soul skills of ordinary soul masters. Nan Qiuqiu would drain more than thirty percent of her soul power to unleash her Star of Annihilation once. She even used up fifty percent of her soul power to unleash this particular strike.

The best way to deal with the Star of Annihilation was to avoid it completely. Although it was very strong, there was one problem with it. It was that it couldn't lock onto its opponents. It could only fly forward.

However, the Emyrean Blazing Bull was too huge. Furthermore, Wang Yiheng was a very conceited person. He had no intention of avoiding the strike. Because of this, he was directly struck.

The effect of the Star of Annihilation was that it turned the enemy's strength into its own strength. When it devoured so much strength such that it reached its limit, it would...

"Boom!" A major explosion ensued. The Emyrean Blazing Bull was rooted to his position before the flames around his body started to intensify. However, he was just releasing flames from his body.

To overcome the Star of Annihilation, Wang Yiheng had no other choice. He could only increase the output of his soul power. Just as he had predicted, the Star of Annihilation could be filled until it was on the verge of bursting even though it was very difficult to get rid of. However, the amount of power released by the Star of Annihilation was extremely great if it were to blow apart.

Nan Qiuqiu's abilities weren't exceptional. However, her Star of Annihilation absorbed the strength of the Mad Bull Douluo. Given this, the Mad Bull Douluo would suffer greatly if it blew apart. The flames that the Mad Bull Douluo released would also weaken significantly.

After the two ladies completed their attacks in the air, a sonorous dragon roar sounded. The Dragon God's Slaughter Dance rose into the air once again, fluttering its dazzling, purple butterfly wings. It charged towards the Emyrean Blazing Bull.

Huo Yuhao chose this timing. It was exactly when the Star of Annihilation had blown apart, and the Mad Bull Douluo's reaction was slightly delayed.

The Dragon God's Slaughter Dance formed shadows and collided strongly against the Mad Bull Douluo.

Not only this, but a ball of dark-purplish haze was following the Dragon God's Slaughter Dance. This was Jing Ziyang's sixth soul skill, Mist Powder.

The effect of her Mist Powder was very similar to the Star of Annihilation. When unleashed, the amount of soul power it drained was according to the intention of the soul master who unleashed it.

The difference was that Jing Ziyān's Mist Powder was more thorough than the Star of Annihilation.

Because of the power of Annihilation, Nan Qiuqiu could only use fifty percent of her soul power to unleash her Star of Annihilation. However, Jing Ziyān could use up to eighty percent of her soul power on her Mist Powder.

At such a time, why would Jing Ziyān conserve her power at all?

When the Dragon God's Slaughter Dance struck the Mad Bull, the purple lights had already turned golden. The sky cracked open, and countless streaks of golden light descended from the sky. They were like bolts of golden lightning that struck the Empyrean Blazing Bull's body. Every attack that landed made the bull weaker. The continuous attacks also caused the Empyrean Blazing Bull to advance at a slower pace.

This was...

Wang Yiheng wasn't the only one who was stunned. Everyone from Shrek Academy was astonished by what they saw. Tang Wutong had actually conserved some of her power as she unleashed her Dragon God's Slaughter Dance earlier, but she was demonstrating its true power now. It seemed like even a Soul Sage wouldn't be capable of such a strike. It had to be at the level of a Soul Douluo.

After all, Wang Yiheng was a soul engineer. He was a Class 9 soul engineer. He didn't have a great advantage in terms of his martial soul. This was why he resisted this series of attack using his Empyrean Blaze.

Angelic Dance, Holy Sword, Ruby Annihilation Sword, Star of Annihilation and the fully-unleashed Dragon God's Slaughter Dance greatly suppressed him.

In the next instant, his huge body had already been engulfed by a ball of mist.

The explosion of Jing Ziyān's Mist Powder led to pyrolysis. Pyrolysis occurred from within, generating immense splitting characteristics. The mist fused and engulfed the Mad Bull Douluo before splitting!

The purplish mist instantly turned fiery-red in the next instant before it dissipated. However, everyone could sense that a great amount of Wang Yiheng's soul power was robbed during this process of dissipation.

### **Chapter 443.1: Rushing Towards the Ming Dou Mountain Range Once Again**

Huo Yuhao was flying very quickly, and he knew that he was safe when his enemies didn't pursue him.

Since that was the case, he chose to fly upwards. He flew back to a height of almost three thousand meters with the help of his Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice and Spiritual Interference Domain before he channeled all his strength to escape.

Once he was safe, everything that he had just investigated surfaced in his mind. n--Ove**Lb**1n

The defense on your peak is so tight – how can I discover what your concrete situation is like? What will happen if I unleash Spiritual Shock against the spiritual barrier? What's going to happen?

Huo Yuhao could faintly see after some calculations that he could possibly tear that spiritual barrier open temporarily if he used Spiritual Shock. However, he could only tear it open temporarily, and his Spiritual Detection was not nearly enough to investigate the circumstances inside! Unless...

Unless, he snuck through the barrier himself in the short window of time that the spiritual barrier was torn open. This was the only way so that he could scout everything clearly. However, he would undoubtedly be within attacking range of the Death God, and a single misstep could lead to obliteration.

There were many things that Huo Yuhao could do to protect his life. For instance, he had his spectral demiplane. He considered whether he could phase into the spectral demiplane first after going through the barrier, and then return to his original space to continue investigating once everything was safe and settled down.

However, he quickly refuted this idea, and the reason was simple – he needed time to enter the spectral demiplane. At least, he needed time for warmup and preparation. He didn't need much time; five to ten seconds were enough. However, would his enemies give him five to ten seconds? Evidently, they wouldn't.

This was like back when he and Wang Qiu'er were trapped within Sunrise City. There were legions of soul engineers looking and patrolling around, and two evil soul masters who were also Titled Douluo had locked onto them. They would undoubtedly be safe if they could jump into his spectral demiplane, but Huo Yuhao wasn't even confident in jumping over himself, let alone taking Wang Qiu'er, Nan Shuishui, and Nan Qiuqiu together with him within such a short period of time. Therefore, he chose to burn his spiritual fire, and that eventually led to the tragedy of Wang Qiu'er sacrificing herself.

If he couldn't rely on jumping into his spectral demiplane, then he could only rely on his own abilities to investigate before forcing his way back out. However, that probability was way too low.

Once the Death God was unleashed, he would be obliterated. It was difficult to even run inside the spiritual barrier.

Even though spiritual barriers were not like soul power barriers, which could create direct blockading effects, even somebody with spiritual power at Huo Yuhao's level would be mired within temporary confusion and a trance if they came into direct contact with it. Even a single moment of confusion and dazzlement would very likely be fatal.

Is this really a mission that's impossible to complete?

Huo Yuhao continued thinking, as he gradually flew back to territories controlled by the Star Luo Empire. He slowly descended and revealed himself in the air at the same time.

Two silhouettes swiftly came close in midair, and they arrived before him in no time – they were Tang Wutong and Ye Guyi, who were responsible for providing support for him in the sky.

They could see that Huo Yuhao's eyebrows were tightly knitted together, and they immediately understood that Huo Yuhao's reconnaissance effort was probably a failure. They didn't ask much, and they escorted him towards the ground.

Inside the commander's tent.



The White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu were both waiting there. The White Tiger Duke had returned to the observation deck after he sent Huo Yuhao away. Even though he was very far away, the White Tiger Duke could still see some faint sparkles and flashes in the distance.

The White Tiger Duke only came down from the observation deck after Huo Yuhao met up with Tang Wutong and Ye Guyi, and he returned to the commander's tent to wait for them.

Xu Sanshi and the others met up when Huo Yuhao touched the ground.

Xu Sanshi asked quietly, "What's the situation like, Yuhao?"

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly and shook his head. "No, I couldn't scout anything at all. Come, let's talk inside."

Tang Wutong followed behind Huo Yuhao. When she saw Huo Yuhao returning, she felt as if something heavy was immediately lifted from her chest. Even she was a little surprised – since when am I so concerned about this fellow's safety?

Xu Jiujiu came forward to welcome him personally once he entered the commander's tent.

Huo Yuhao forced another laugh and shook his head.

Xu Jiujiu's expression didn't change. She smiled faintly and said, "This is but our first try, and failure is the mother of success. Yuhao, everything's fine as long as you're back safe."

Even though Huo Yuhao knew that she didn't really mean some of the things that she said, his mood was still lifted a little. He smiled back and nodded before he swiftly stepped towards and in front of the sand table inside the tent.

The White Tiger Duke looked at Huo Yuhao and asked, "What's the situation like?"

Huo Yuhao pointed to the Ming Dou Mountain Range's main peak and lowered his voice as he said, "If my judgment is correct, not only is the Death God on top of this main peak – I'm afraid even its creator is there as well."

Everybody was momentarily stunned when they heard his words.

The Death God's creator?? The White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu's expressions changed slightly. Yes! If there was such a thing as the Death God, then, naturally, there was a creator. This soul tool probably wasn't something that normal people could use. However, according to the intelligence that they had received, the Death God Douluo hadn't appeared within the Sun Moon Empire in for thirty years. Did this mean that the Death God Douluo was truly here in person? That individual who was known as the existence closest to becoming a Class 10 soul engineer?

Huo Yuhao didn't look at the White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu's expressions. Instead, he recounted his reconnaissance mission in the sky and the circumstances that he had encountered in detail.

Princess Jiujiu couldn't help but draw a cold breath when she heard Huo Yuhao speak of the spiritual barrier within a one-kilometer radius encircling the main peak. "This means that the Death God Douluo isn't just adept with crafting soul tools like the Death God – he's also talented in creating powerful spiritual-type soul tools?"

The corner of Huo Yuhao's mouth twitched. Even though he didn't say anything in response, his expression was clear enough. This was common knowledge – since he was the soul engineer closest to becoming a Class 10 soul engineer, how could he not know how to craft other kinds of soul tools?

The White Tiger Duke then asked Huo Yuhao, "Yuhao, what do you think the class of this spiritual barrier is? And what is that white circle of light that tried to scan you?"

Huo Yuhao didn't hesitate as he replied, "The spiritual barrier is definitely a Class 9 soul tool. Even though it's not as valuable as the Death God, it's likely to be the most powerful spiritual-type soul tool in the world today. The white light that was trying to probe me was undoubtedly also a Class 9 soul tool. Even though it could only probe outwards explosively and spontaneously, the area that it can cover is simply too great. Ten kilometers! Its detection uses both undulations and spiritual power, and it's possibly even more powerful than the spiritual barrier. Investigating the main peak with a thing such as this around is far too difficult."

The White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu's expressions became incredibly black after listening to Huo Yuhao's words. Just as he had said, a single mountain's peak had three Class 9 soul tools installed for defense and offense. This meant that this peak was completely locked down. They had all experienced Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection before – even he couldn't complete this reconnaissance task properly under such circumstances, so there was no need to talk about them.

The White Tiger Duke heaved a long sigh and said, "This expedition was too dangerous. Fortunately, you managed to react in time. Otherwise..."

Huo Yuhao frowned a little as he lowered his voice and said, "However, my trip wasn't completely wasted. Duke, Princess – if my guess is right, the Death God is probably more powerful than we imagined him to be."

"Eh? Even more powerful?"

The White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu couldn't help but draw cold breaths at the same time. The Death God had already massacred so many of their powerful soul masters the last time around. If it was more powerful than they had imagined, how powerful could it possibly be?

Xu Jiujiu asked with great difficulty, "What aspect are you referring to, Yuhao?"

Huo Yuhao lowered his voice and said, "Distance."

"Previously, I was about eight to nine thousand meters away from the Ming Dou Mountain Range's tallest peak when I attempted detection. Suppose that the white light released from the main peak did reach me, and that would mean it had locked onto my position. This means an attack was bound to come right afterward. I could faintly feel that a red metal object flickered on the main peak, though it disappeared because the white light didn't touch me."

"My enemies didn't know what my cultivation rank was, and they must have had expended a lot of energy to activate that special Class 9 soul detector. They weren't afraid to consume energy, and that means they weren't about to let their efforts go to waste. If they were just going to send soul engineers to run me down, they shouldn't have any confidence of doing so at such a great distance from the main peak. In the end, they didn't know what kind of cultivation I possess. Therefore, the most likely case was

that the main peak could launch a direct attack against me. Under those circumstances, during that time, only the Death God on the main peak would be able to kill me with one strike and with absolute certainty. This means that the Death God's attacking range could be more than five kilometers. In other words, it can reach five kilometers when it's unleashing an attack over an area, but it can reach further when it's attacking in a single direction.

The White Tiger Duke clenched his right fist and pressed it against the edge of the sand table as he listened to Huo Yuhao's analysis. He contemplated momentarily as he lowered his voice and said, "That's very possible. If that's the case, the Death God would still have been able to cause us heavy losses the next time around if we had estimated its range at five thousand meters. It's possible that even its range for area attacks can reach further than that. If that's the case, then the Death God is just too terrifying."

Huo Yuhao said, "We can't make any other judgments about the Death God because we are terribly short on information regarding it. I feel that we have to continue our reconnaissance missions, and we should only stop once we figure everything out about this soul tool. The Death God's attacking strength is far too frightening – furthermore, its surrounding defenses are tight and strict. One can say that the Death God is the key to whether we will be able to break through the Sun Moon Empire's defensive perimeter. As long as we can do something to get rid of it, we will have very good chances of breaking through the Ming Dou Mountain Range's defensive perimeter. In the end, we have many soldiers and soul masters. Our forward push and momentum will be unstoppable once we break through this defensive perimeter."

The White Tiger Duke answered, "But conducting any more scouting missions against them is just too dangerous. Furthermore, only you possess abilities like that, and I can't let you put yourself in harm's way again."

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Huo Yuhao smiled plainly and said, "That's fine, Duke – with this attempt, we have obtained a better understanding of the Death God. I will be even more careful next time, and I will not use Spiritual Detection rashly to investigate what's happening on the other side. You can rest assured that I will not treat my life like a joke."

The disappointment in Huo Yuhao's heart had vaporized after tonight's investigation. If his opponents were too simple, they wouldn't trigger his fighting spirit, while the Death God's mysteriousness and how powerful it was piqued his interest greatly. He was the only successful product of Shrek Academy's Ultimate Soldier Plan.

Wasn't investigating the Death God the best platform to evaluate his ability as an Ultimate Soldier?

The White Tiger was momentarily stunned as he stared at Huo Yuhao, who was overflowing with fighting spirit – only true heroes come forward in times of trouble and difficulty. This youth was faced with almost impossible circumstances and a dead end, but he was still full of fighting spirit and wasn't in the least bit timid or afraid. He didn't just have laudable spirit, he also had confidence in his own abilities at the same time! He would push forward even in the face of impossible opposition – such a role model!

Xu Jiujiu stared at Huo Yuhao, and strange lights flickered continuously in her beautiful eyes. This fellow is just too outstanding. If only I were a few years younger...

The princess couldn't help but blush a little when those thoughts ran through her head.

Dai Hao contemplated momentarily and said, "I won't try to give you any more advice, Yuhao, and I represent the Star Luo Empire's millions of citizens and thank you. As soldiers, it is our duty to protect our country so that our country's citizens will not suffer the cruelty and torment of war. From now on, please tell us if you need anything or any help with regards to your investigation – the Northwestern Field Army and I will do everything we can to give you sufficient aid."

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "Thank you for your trust. I will go back first so that I can have a long and detailed think about this."

"Alright." The White Tiger Duke and Princess Jiujiu also needed to digest the news that Huo Yuhao had brought back tonight.

Huo Yuhao returned to his room and crossed his legs on his bed. Images and scenes of his reconnaissance mission targeting the Ming Dou Mountain Range's main peak surfaced in his mind continuously, and he didn't let any single detail slip through his fingers.

With his superior memory, everything that he had experienced just now replayed over and over again in his mind with almost complete accuracy.

Is there really no weakness or loophole?

Huo Yuhao opened his eyes again after two hours, and his eyebrows were tightly locked together. He had attempted many different conjectures in his mind again and again, but every single conjecture ended up at a dead end with no exception. Charging through the spiritual barrier created by the Class 9 soul tool wasn't difficult, but the hard part was how he could come back out alive. Furthermore, investigation required time once he was inside, and would that mysterious Death God Douluo give him the time he needed?

His eyes slowly turned golden, and two shadows were released from Huo Yuhao's body and took human form – the Skydream Iceworm and the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion.

Huo Yuhao lowered his voice and asked, "Brother Skydream, Ice Empress, help me think of solutions. Do I have a chance from your perspective?"

The Skydream Iceworm said, "Yes, of course you have a chance." There was a sneer on his face when he spoke.

"Ah?" Huo Yuhao looked at him in surprise. He had been wracking his brains for such a long time to no avail, and the Skydream Iceworm immediately said he had a chance once he came out.

The Skydream Iceworm sneered and said, "You have forgotten one thing, Yuhao! You have a powerful protector. If you factor this into your calculations, you may not even be able to die even if the Death God gives you a direct hit."

Huo Yuhao's eyes lit up and said, "Are you saying..."

The Ice Empress chimed in, “We can’t just let him just do bad things by attaching himself to you. He has to show some responsibility.”

There was no question that the Skydream Iceworm and the Ice Jade Empress Scorpion were talking about the Beast God, who had a reverse scale attached to Huo Yuhao.

The Beast God was afraid of Huo Yuhao attaining the Godly Seat and breaking through the human limit in the future. However, he was afraid of Huo Yuhao dying at the same time. If Huo Yuhao died, the Great Star Dou Forest’s fortune and destiny would be terminated, and that could be considered absolutely destructive for them. Therefore, Di Tian had to use his own strength to protect Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao squinted his eyes as he lowered his voice and said, “Brother Skydream, Ice Empress – how much, do you guys think, of Di Tian’s strength can be channeled through that reverse scale when it takes a destructive hit?”

The Skydream Iceworm said, “Attacking strength will be hard to say, but at least eighty percent of his defensive strength can be channeled. Previously, when he stopped you twice from feeling the God Realm’s energy, he almost used a conversion technique to bring his aura to the surface of your body. Under such circumstances, you can almost directly pass on the impact of any destructive attack to his body.”

“Di Tian is able to control a certain amount of spatial energy with his cultivation, and he can locate your position through the reverse scale, and transfer his own strength through spatial energy. When you’re in danger, you can use spiritual power to stimulate that reverse scale so that Di Tian’s reaction can be even faster. Perhaps you can even rip him off a little. As for you, as long as there’s enough defensive strength, you can at least run into your spectral demiplane. Of course, we also have to be extra careful – we should be alright at long as we don’t take a direct hit from the Light of the Death God.”

Huo Yuhao’s eyes slowly started to glow after he listened to the Skydream Iceworm’s words. A crack had seemed to appear in the dead end from before.

“If that’s the case, then we can...”

One day later.

Huo Yuhao was up very early in the morning, and his spirits were a lot better compared to the previous day.

For Huo Yuhao, there were many times when Dong’er was his everything. His conclusion that Tang Wutong wasn’t Dong’er had affected him a lot, and investigating the Death God became the best way for him to free himself. The pain in his heart became a lot lighter if he channeled his energies and emotions into this endeavor.

He cast his gaze towards the east as he left his tent. He made use of the purple energy from the east that came in the early morning and cultivated his Purple Demon Eyes. Huo Yuhao didn’t give up on cultivating his Purple Demon Eyes even though it had been raised to its limit. Cultivation had long since become the most important thing in his bones.

Warm purple energy nourished his eyes and made his already extremely clear and transparent eyes even more glossy and full of luster, and the pale purple hues emanated an elegant and noble aura.

Tang Wutong walked out from her tent, which was next to his. She saw Huo Yuhao, who was still cultivating on his side, once she came out.

Tang Wutong realized to her surprise that she felt a little dazed when she concentrated on Huo Yuhao. In that moment, she felt as if his entire being had integrated into the air, and it seemed like his body was part of the sunlight and the air. This clairvoyant and penetrating feeling didn't have a single trace of impurity.

How can that be??She felt like she had only had this feeling from her father before.

His soul power was like great waves, and his blood qi was like mercury.

With every breath that Huo Yuhao took, the qi and blood in his body, his soul power, and his spiritual power fused together almost perfectly, and circulated at the same time.

Huo Yuhao subconsciously felt as if his cultivation was improving again.

For Huo Yuhao in his current state, a pure improvement in his soul power was not enough to satisfy his needs. It was more important for him to feel the great laws of heaven and earth during the process of cultivation. Previously, he had only managed to gain that blessing from the aura of the world during his moments of deep contemplation.

Huo Yuhao stood there for an hour. He exhaled a long breath when the soul power in his body followed the Mysterious Heaven Technique's pathways back into his dantian. The air became mist, and was thin like a thread, but condensed without dissipating. This stream of air reached one hundred meters, and it stretched through the sky like a fine white line.

Light flickered beneath Huo Yuhao's eyes, and golden light erupted from them. The white mist was swiftly converted into thin threads in the next moment, and these threads wrapped back around as they merged into circle after circle of light before they re-entered his body.

Huo Yuhao's three energies reached their peak condition in that moment. There seemed to be mystical energies resonating around his body, and the vital energies of heaven and earth seemed to gather towards him with a speed visible to the human eye with every breath that he took. Even though they quickly dissipated from his body after that moment of aggregation, one could tell with a closer look that the most important parts of the vital energy of heaven and earth that was released after absorption had disappeared, as if those most important parts had been completely fused into Huo Yuhao's body.

This continued for almost another hour, and the sky was almost completely bright by now. The sudden onset of Huo Yuhao's Conscientious State of cultivation ended.

Huo Yuhao's soul power had improved a little. More importantly, his spiritual energy and soul power had developed more chemistry, and it was the same with his blood and qi as well.?This feeling is just fantastic, and it seems like the previous night's danger was also quite stimulating for my potential.

Huo Yuhao walked towards the canteen with a satisfied smile on his face. He was about to wash up before having some breakfast.

"Hey!" An exclamation suddenly stopped him in his tracks.

“Eh?” Huo Yuhao turned around, and he saw Tang Wutong with her hands on her waist and an angry-looking demeanor. She seemed like she was covered with a layer of golden light under the light of the morning sun, and her pinkish-blue hair was colored with another dash of gold. She was as pretty as pretty could get.

“Is something up?” No matter how beautiful Tang Wutong was, she already had a different place in Huo Yuhao’s heart once he concluded that she wasn’t Wang Dong’er.

Tang Wutong was very upset! That fellow had been standing there for two hours, and she actually watched him from the side for two hours. In the end, this guy turned around and walked off after his cultivation without even giving her a single glance. She could tell from his tone that he evidently hadn’t noticed her presence.

Tang Wutong glared at him as she asked, “To think you’re known for your spiritual power. There’s a living human being standing right next to you – didn’t you see?”

Huo Yuhao said apologetically, “I’m sorry! I was too into my cultivation before this. Do you need anything else?”

“I...” She stared at Huo Yuhao’s clean eyes that were clearly a little distant. Tang Wutong was momentarily stunned –?yes! I called him to stop him for nothing. But why do I feel like this fellow’s current behaviour and appearance is just so disgusting? It seems like this is worse than how he looked when he behaved like a pervert.

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Of course, Huo Yuhao didn’t know what Tang Wutong was thinking inside. He nodded at her with a faint smile on his face when she didn’t answer him, and then turned around and walked towards the canteen.

Tang Wutong shook her fist furiously as she watched Huo Yuhao’s figure gradually disappear. She really wanted to beat this detestable guy up, even though she didn’t know why this guy was so detestable...

“I also want to eat!” Tang Wutong stomped her foot, and raised her little arrogant chin proudly as she stepped towards the canteen.

After breakfast, everything around Huo Yuhao seemed to become air. He directly returned to his tent, and didn’t reappear until evening. He didn’t even come out for lunch.

Others naturally wouldn’t go disturb him. Soul masters sometimes skipped meals when they were having closed-door cultivation. That was very normal.

Huo Yuhao only reappeared once the sky had gone completely dark. This time, he went right into the commander’s tent.

“Duke, sir.” Huo Yuhao greeted respectfully as he came before the White Tiger Duke.

“I heard you didn’t eat lunch, Yuhao. Were you cultivating?” The White Tiger Duke asked with a faint smile on his face. He had a very good impression of Huo Yuhao – this youth wasn’t even twenty, but he had a very calm and stable personality. More importantly, he had that Spiritual Detection, and he could be said to be a fantastic boost for the Star Luo Empire’s reconnaissance efforts and capability. Even

though they were mired in a terrible situation at the moment, they were at least able to find some chances to resist their enemies on the level of soul masters.

Huo Yuhao said, "Sir, I have to go out tonight. I'm here to report my intentions to you."

"What?" The smile on the White Tiger Duke's face immediately froze.

"You're going back out tonight? No." Dai Hao almost immediately denied Huo Yuhao's words. What kind of joke is that? Last night's expedition was already so dangerous, and he almost didn't come back. What are we to do if the Death God is activated when he heads back out tonight? Without considering how he felt about him, and just considering his reconnaissance value and his importance to the entire Star Luo Empire, his death in action would be an enormous and irreparable loss!

Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "Rest assured, Duke. I will not risk my life to investigate the Death God. I have to think about this a little more because I haven't done sufficient preparation. However, I can't do nothing right now – otherwise, we're as good as trapped right here, and the Sun Moon Empire would have achieved their goal in this aspect."

"Then what are you going to do?" The White Tiger Duke's expression relaxed a little.

Huo Yuhao squinted a little and said, "The Sun Moon Empire have locked down our surveillance capabilities for such a long time. I don't have a solution for the main peak where the Death God is located, but can I not do something about those surveillance soul tools? I'm going to cause some trouble for them."

The White Tiger Duke's eyes glowed. "Are you saying..."

Huo Yuhao stepped in front of the White Tiger Duke and whispered some things to him. The White Tiger Duke's eyes became increasingly bright as he listened, and he nodded continuously towards the end.

"Alright, do that. Don't worry, everything that you achieve or obtain will belong to you. Of course, if you're willing, the empire is willing to pay and purchase them from you as well. What do you think?"

"Deal." Huo Yuhao answered without hesitation.

The White Tiger Duke asked, "Do you need me to help with anything?"

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, "No need. I'll be the smallest target by myself, so my buddies from the Tang Sect will be enough to give me support. One reason why I came to tell you is so that you will know, and another reason is so that I can tell you to pay attention to your defenses and to safeguard against any operations that our enemies make take in revenge."

A sneer appeared at the corner of the White Tiger Duke's mouth. "Revenge? I was afraid that they wouldn't come. I earnestly wish that they send their entire army to take their revenge."

The Star Luo Empire had an absolute advantage in terms of open battle. They had eight soul master legions' worth of fighting strength, and without considering soul tools, the White Tiger Duke was confident of completely defeating the soul engineers in the Sun Moon Empire's Hand that Protects the Nation if they were fighting one-on-one. Of course, the premise was that the soul engineers appeared as soul masters.



Huo Yuhao immediately gathered his companions once he exited the commander's tent and told them about his plan.

No one was overly worried about his plans. With Huo Yuhao's abilities, he wouldn't be in too much danger as long as he didn't investigate the main peak. In the end, his abilities to confuse his enemies were too strong.

One hour later, the camp that belonged to the Star Luo Empire's Northwestern Field Army was completely pitch-black. There was light shining from the surveillance towers, but besides that, the soldiers were all resting. Such was life in the military – everyone slept early and woke up early. They did this to avoid ambushes from their enemies at midnight, and so that the army could keep themselves in top fighting condition.

A black shadow rose soundlessly through the air and high into the sky in the darkness of the night. All of the Northwestern Field Army's aerial surveillance soul tools were entirely shut down at this moment, and this shadow didn't trigger any reaction at all as it rose into the sky.

Shadow after shadow rose into the sky immediately afterwards, and they followed that first figure.

Huo Yuhao was flying at an altitude of about one thousand meters. His flying-type soul tool was activated, and he was using Imitation at the same time. It was easiest for him to control his flight at such a height, and his speed was incredible. Typical surveillance soul tools in the air couldn't even detect his existence.

The Ming Dou Mountain Range was but several dozen kilometers from the Northwestern Field Army's camp. Soul sages required very little time to fly across such a short distance.

The dark towering mountain swiftly appeared within Huo Yuhao's vision. At this moment, he was completely within the range of the Sun Moon Empire's aerial surveillance soul tools.

Huo Yuhao stabilized himself in midair and looked up at the sky.

He ran the risk of being detected if he continued forward. The oscillation detectors were the most troublesome for him – those soul tools released countless soundwaves, and their method of detection imitated that of bats. Any kind of soul skills meant for concealment wouldn't avoid detection. Oscillation detectors were undoubtedly the mainstream for future development in surveillance soul tools. At this point, their detection range was just relatively shorter.

Huo Yuhao released his spiritual power and stretched it far into the distance. *novE-11b*(In

Huo Yuhao's eyes quickly revealed surprise –?damn! How many surveillance soul tools are there?

Not far in the distance, there were thousands of surveillance soul tools of many different kinds dotting the sky. There were surveillance soul tools of almost every type, and they were arranged neatly in midair as they stretched out to both sides of the mountain range. They stretched beyond the horizon with no end in sight, and just looking at them in front of him made him feel like there were thousands of them – it was hard to say how many more there were further out.

That's nice – the Sun Moon Empire is very wealthy.

A faint smile appeared on Huo Yuhao's face as his flying-type soul tool slowly became vertical. The blast ports pointed downwards, and he released his own soul power at the same time. His entire body surged into the sky, and he flew towards a higher altitude.

The aerial surveillance soul tools in front of him weren't his targets. There were large amounts of ground-to-air and air-to-ground offensive soul tools behind those surveillance soul tools cooperating with them. That was position after position of soul tools. Individually, their offensive capabilities paled in comparison with that of the Death God, but if all their offensive capabilities fired off at the same time, they would be able to cover an incredibly massive area. Escaping from them wouldn't be that easy – otherwise, what did they rely on to stop the Star Luo Empire's great army?

The sky became increasingly cold, and everything on the ground became increasingly small. Huo Yuhao took about fifteen minutes to fly from one thousand meters all the way to around three thousand meters in the air.

He began to expend his soul power swiftly once he reached this height.

A target came within range of Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection not far in the distance. Huo Yuhao immediately activated Imitation to the highest possible level, and he channeled his soul power and suddenly picked up speed as he flew towards the large item that was over two meters long.

High altitude aerial surveillance soul tools – only these types of soul tools could hover at three thousand meters.

The power that the aerial surveillance soul tools one thousand meters in the sky used mostly came from Milk Bottles, and they flew very quickly when special attachments were added to them. However, high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools had to resist the bitter cold, and there were multiple other requirements that they had to deal with to remain at such an altitude, so they seemed a lot more unwieldy and heavy. Huo Yuhao had captured one before, so he understood their structure very well.

High altitude aerial surveillance soul tools relied more on visual detection. Oscillation capabilities hadn't been developed yet, and thermal detection wasn't very useful, so they weren't installed. Huo Yuhao relied on his Imitation, and in addition to his aura of Ultimate Ice concealing him, it was impossible for him to be discovered as he moved closer.

He quickly arrived above this high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool. He wasn't hasty about it, and he activated Spiritual Detection and surveyed his surroundings.

The same models' altitudes in the sky wouldn't vary that much, and searching for high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools at such a height was naturally the easiest.

About three minutes later, the corner of Huo Yuhao's mouth curled into a satisfied smile. He suddenly descended a little, and placed a metal piece that was about the size of a palm against the top of that high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool. This metal piece didn't have a large surface area, and it was stuck against the soul tool's blind spot, so Huo Yuhao wasn't afraid of it being discovered at all.

He flew back up again afterwards and went towards his next target.

There were six Milk Bottles attached to the flying-type soul tool behind him. These six Milk Bottles could double the amount of time that Huo Yuhao could continue flying at a height of three thousand meters.

But even then, he had to continuously consume his own soul power at the same time, and he also had to fight against the thin air and the bitter cold, so his soul power and physical strength were still being continuously expended.

Huo Yuhao finally began to feel a little fatigued roughly one hour later. He turned around and flew back in the direction he had come from.

Huo Yuhao dropped back to the ground only after he flew out of the detection range of the Sun Moon Empire's surveillance soul tools.

"How's it?" Xu Sanshi had been waiting here for a long time, in accordance with the arrangements of Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection.

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Huo Yuhao was evidently a little excited. He chuckled and said, "It's done, third senior brother. Just wait and see – this time, the Sun Moon Empire will definitely feel the pain in their bones."

Xu Sanshi laughed and said, "I like that. Don't worry, everyone's in position. Go and take a rest."

"Yes," Huo Yuhao retrieved two Milk Bottles and crossed his legs as he sat down. He absorbed the soul power within those Milk Bottles as he activated his Mysterious Heaven Technique at the same time so that he could replenish what he had expended from before.

Wang Dong'er's figure suddenly appeared in his mind in that instant. How fantastic would it have been if Dong'er was here! With Dong'er around, we could use the Haodong power together, and that would help me recover a lot faster than using these Milk Bottles.

Huo Yuhao's heart began to throb painfully when he thought about Wang Dong'er, and his excitement from before dropped a little.

However, Huo Yuhao was a high-level soul master, and he was very aware of the effect inner demons had on cultivation. He quickly dispelled his thoughts and returned to calmness.

Huo Yuhao's recovery abilities were very formidable. He leveraged his tremendous life energy and recovered most of his physical strength and spiritual power after a few moments.

Huo Yuhao opened his eyes, and two cold lightning streaks seemed to flash across the night sky. Huo Yuhao nodded at Xu Sanshi, who was protecting him beside him, and said, "Alright, that's good enough. I'm going, third senior brother."

"Alright. I'll back you up. Let's go!" Xu Sanshi chuckled, and he surged into the air with Huo Yuhao at the same time. However, Huo Yuhao was flying towards the Sun Moon Empire, while Xu Sanshi went straight up into the sky.

Huo Yuhao was back in the air, and he flew to about one thousand meters high. He returned to the edge of the Sun Moon Empire's aerial surveillance soul tools before he stopped, and retrieved a strange-looking soul tool from his pocket.

This soul tool looked like a metal box. It wasn't very big, and it was about half a meter long, thirty centimeters wide, and twenty centimeters thick.

This metal box's structure seemed a little crude, but one could tell upon closer inspection that the crudeness and roughness was actually caused by uncountable fine patterns aggregated together. There were many demonic patterns etched into the box.

Huo Yuhao made several quick presses on its surface, and faint soul power undulated from the box. In the next moment, a single metal line protruded from its front and quickly stretched out to almost two meters long. The metal line's tip suddenly opened, and transformed into circle after circle of metal threads. The whole thing looked extremely strange.

Huo Yuhao infused his soul power into the box, and swiftly pressed a few more lines. The protruding metal threads glowed with circles of silver light as formless waves rippled outwards discreetly.

"Teacher Xuan, I hope your toy works!" Huo Yuhao muttered to himself amusedly.

High up in the sky over the horizon.

There was a high altitude aerial surveillance tool that had many auxiliary attachments opened to help it hover in midair. The metal piece that was about the size of a palm at its tip suddenly lit up as whirlpool-like circles of light quickly appeared on top of it. That light was very strange, and gentle undulations emanated from its surface.

The lights suddenly became stronger, and lit up the area above this high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool.

"Bam!" A crisp sound could be heard, and wave after wave of electricity was released from that metal piece, which quickly surged inside the high altitude surveillance soul tool.

The high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool was originally operating stably, but it suddenly began to tremble violently as the light on top of it became even more intense.

The same situation happened to every single high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool within hundreds of kilometers around. It seemed as if they were all malfunctioning.

Inside the Sun Moon Empire's camp on the Ming Dou Mountain Range.

"What? The high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools are malfunctioning? We've lost communication?"

They were camped in a depression within the mountain, and they even bored a cave into the mountain for safety purposes. They were located not far behind the Ming Dou Mountain Range's tallest peak, and they were specifically responsible for controlling all the surveillance soul tools in the area. This place could be called the Sun Moon Empire's intelligence headquarters in the Ming Dou Mountain Range, and a Class 9 soul engineer was personally in charge of it.

This Class 9 soul engineer was the Mad Bull Douluo, Wang Yiheng, who was also the commander of the Evil Tyrant Soul Engineer Legion.

He was deployed here impromptu. The Evil Tyrant Legion had switched guard duties with the legion that was originally stationed here for one simple reason – the Evil Tyrant Legion's soul engineers were the quickest, and they were the most skilled and adept at reacting to all kinds of situations.

Wang Yiheng's face turned black as he listened to that soul engineer's report.

Just several minutes ago, across several dozens of kilometers of the sky in front of the Ming Dou Mountain Range's main peak, they lost contact with more than twenty high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools.

This situation was unprecedented.

If they lost contact with a single high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool, one could still say that the soul tool had malfunctioned by itself. However, losing contact with so many at the same time – what did that mean? Somebody had done something to them!

Even Titled Douluo had trouble unleashing their abilities at an altitude of three thousand meters. There might be reason to believe that someone had incapacitated a single high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool without being discovered, but incapacitating tens of those things at once? Could it be that tens of Titled Douluo who were adept at concealing themselves had made a move at the same time? How was that possible? Not even the entire continent had so many Titled Douluo who were good at concealing their tracks!

“Has the patrol legion been activated?”

“They have been deployed, sir.”

“I'm afraid they won't have enough manpower. Pass down my order – deploy the Evil Tyrant Legion's Dagger Section, and they have to do everything they can to capture their enemies should they run into any. If they discover our high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools, they have to snatch them back. If we really can't take them back, we can't let them end up in the hands of the Star Luo Empire even if they're broken.”

“Yes.”

Orders quickly came out from the intelligence headquarters.

Wang Yiheng paced up and down inside his cave, and his expression was as black as could be. His back was drenched with sweat after pacing a few rounds.

The Sun Moon Empire's high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools were immature, but they still represented the Sun Moon Empire's highest standard of surveillance soul tools! If the Star Luo Empire managed to obtain and decipher those things, then he would have committed an unforgivable sin...

“No, I have to go.” Wang Yiheng continued contemplating, but he wasn't assured enough, and immediately rushed out of the cave. He activated his Class 9 flying-type soul tool and rose into the sky like a beam of light. He activated his communication soul tools at the same time so that he could receive intelligence from their intelligence arm in real time.

It was no wonder that Wang Yiheng couldn't figure out what was going on. The Sun Moon Empire had been very good at locking down the Star Luo Empire's surveillance capabilities over this period of time, and the Star Luo Empire had been suppressed to the point where they couldn't resist at all.

High altitude aerial surveillance soul tools were more than three thousand meters in the sky. They were about two meters in diameter, and seemed quite bulky. But that size was barely anything in the boundless horizons of the sky, and it wasn't even as large as a dust particle when viewed from afar.

Looking for one was already difficult, let alone finding more than twenty across several hundred kilometers of the sky.

What was more frightening was that his enemies could mess things up at the same time – that was just an unimaginable situation.

The Sun Moon Empire had only made a little more than one hundred such high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools, and this was the product of their latest research discoveries. They still needed to continue refining them afterwards, but all that refinement had to be based on the original foundations. Loss of even a single one was a terrible loss. Without discussing other things, the materials used to craft these soul tools so that they could continuously operate at high altitudes meant these were top-grade materials used for crafting soul tools. They had just lost more than twenty at once – wouldn't the Sun Moon Empire's emperor Xu Tianran go insane?

Huo Yuhao was still hovering in midair, and the smile on his face became increasingly radiant. A small screen appeared on that metal box of his, and its display clearly showed that more than twenty green dots of light were flying in his direction. Furthermore, they were moving at an altitude of three thousand meters.

“Very nice. Not even the Sun Moon Empire can possibly discover that I've stolen those things. Heh, let me capture them.”

Huo Yuhao quickly surged into the sky, and began to fly towards an altitude of three thousand meters. At this point, those high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools were flying towards him at speeds as fast as they could reach. The Sun Moon Empire's aerial surveillance soul tools were completely useless at three thousand meters, and his location wasn't close to the Ming Dou Mountain Range. How could he be detected at that altitude?

The metal pieces and the metal box with a metal thread that was more than two meters long were all newly-developed creations by the master of the Tang Sect's Soul Tool Hall, Xuan Ziwen.

Furthermore, Xuan Ziwen had custom-made those items for Huo Yuhao after he had brought that super-high aerial surveillance soul tool back the other time.

This was a Class 8 soul tool, and it was the best possible one that Xuan Ziwen could make – it was known as a long-range soul controller. **n)-0veIBIn**

Xuan Ziwen had initially crafted this soul tool to remotely control his own aerial surveillance soul tools from a distance. The Sun Moon Empire was already very familiar with this technology, but Xuan Ziwen made the effects of their long-range soul controllers even better, so that they could be used at even greater distances for remote control purposes.

The Sun Moon Empire's aerial surveillance soul tools were controlled using similar mechanisms and attachments, but their receiving ends were installed inside them, while the metal piece that Huo Yuhao had used previously was installed on the outside.

Xuan Ziwen had made this thing after having an epiphany. He had quickly found loopholes in the high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool after giving it a simple inspection. This was one of the Illustrious

Virtue Hall's most important research directions back when he was still there, and thus he knew a lot about them due to his position as their chief researcher.

Therefore, he gave the long-range soul controller that he had created to Huo Yuhao after refining it. He added some unique and special formation arrays meant for controlling purposes on the metal piece – these formation arrays could generate intense jolts of energy that destroyed the control units within the soul tool, and the metal piece would hack into the soul tool at the same time and gain control over the entire control system of the high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools. They could then be remotely controlled by the metal box in Huo Yuhao's hands from a long distance away.

There were many complicated theories involved, and even Huo Yuhao wasn't very adept in this respect even though he was a Class 7 soul engineer.

Of course, his long-range soul controller could only control high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools after he had refined it. His soul tool couldn't control other kinds of soul tools.

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At this moment, Huo Yuhao used that feature to “kidnap” a bunch of high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools.

Just like what Wang Yiheng was worried about, the research conducted by the Douluo Continent's three original nations towards surveillance soul tools would be greatly boosted if so many high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools fell into Huo Yuhao's hands.

Huo Yuhao could already see high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools flying towards him one after another in the distance. However, he could also see beams of light flying out from the Ming Dou Mountain Range one after another at the same time, and they were heading right toward this side.

Huo Yuhao had already predicted this a long time ago – the Sun Moon Empire had just lost contact with so many high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools at the same time; things would really be strange if they didn't react.

I hope the Titled Douluo or a Class 9 soul engineer doesn't appear first from the enemy's party.

Huo Yuhao glanced at the metal box in his hands, and he squinted a little as he activated Spiritual Detection to its highest possible level.

There were self-destructive mechanisms installed in his long-range soul controllers, so he could still destroy those high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools if he couldn't take them away. However, that was a last resort – his heart would ache if he had to destroy so many precious things! The value of just the rare metals involved in crafting them was already unimaginable.

The first high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool quickly flew before Huo Yuhao. He swiftly went up, and the light on his Starlight Sapphire storage ring flashed once before it swallowed the entire thing.

First one!

Because every single high altitude aerial surveillance soul tool varied in distance from each other, their arrivals were bound to be staggered even if they started flying towards Huo Yuhao at the same time.

Second one!

Third one!

It didn't take long before Huo Yuhao had pocketed six high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools in his Starlight Sapphire storage ring.

Seems like I'll return with uncountable rewards and gains!

However, five shadows swiftly bore down on him at this moment. These five shadows didn't come together, but were separated in the sky.

Huo Yuhao had activated Imitation and his Spiritual Interference Domain, and it was very hard to discover his presence.

Huo Yuhao had already seen them coming a long time ago with Spiritual Detection. Every single one of these five soul engineers carried detectors in their hands, and these detectors were the most advanced oscillation detectors, things that Huo Yuhao wasn't immune to. Even though they didn't know Huo Yuhao's particular location, they could cover a large area of effect if they stretched their detectors in all directions. They would discover Huo Yuhao as long as they figured out his rough location.

These people were currently coming closer to Huo Yuhao's position.

Huo Yuhao swept his mind towards the sky in the distance with Spiritual Detection, and the other high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools that were still gathering rapidly. The safest decision for Huo Yuhao would be to turn tail and run, before destroying the ones that he couldn't keep. He would deal severe losses to his opponents and would also return with a decent harvest.

But he couldn't resign himself to making that decision! He could only use this method once; his enemies wouldn't be tricked the next time. Even one extra soul tool stolen was another giant pot of wealth gained.

Huo Yuhao contemplated for a moment before he decisively withdrew the metal box in his hands, and then turned around and went straight for lower altitudes.

The high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools that were hurrying over would gather at this location. Huo Yuhao was certain that he didn't have enough time to gather them all, so he took the initiative to reveal himself so that he could attract his enemies' attention, so that he could preoccupy them. Perhaps he could even defeat them in battle, so that he could buy time for those super-high surveillance soul tools to fly over before taking everything away after that. That would undoubtedly be the best outcome.

Before he executed this operation, Huo Yuhao had considered asking the White Tiger Duke to deploy soul masters to help him. However, normal soul masters couldn't even come near this region without being discovered by the aerial surveillance soul tools, so only he could conceal himself while maintaining himself at such a height.

I'll take this chance! If it doesn't work, then I'll run.

Huo Yuhao had become a lot more courageous after the Skydream Iceworm had reminded him of the "benefits" that the Beast God's reverse scale could bring him.



Huo Yuhao plunged downwards quickly, and immediately changed directions towards the side after he dropped to about two thousand meters. He didn't remove the effects of Imitation and his Spiritual Interference Domain because that would have been too obvious – his enemies might not be tricked if they were smart.

He flew across their flanks, and the oscillation detector that the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineer on the leftmost side was holding had a reaction.

"Over here!" He immediately informed his partners with his communication soul tool. A heavy black cannon instantly appeared on his shoulders, and he fired off a shot in Huo Yuhao's direction according to the location shown to him by his oscillation detector.

A bolt of bluish-purple light fired out. Huo Yuhao's opponent's prediction was very accurate – if Huo Yuhao had continued flying forward, he would have very likely collided with this cannon shell.

Class 6 Lightning Cannon – fierce!

The Sun Moon Empire's soul engineers who were responsible for intelligence and detection were the strongest ones. Previously, Huo Yuhao had discovered that two soul engineers among his five enemies were Class 7 soul engineers who were also Soul Sages, while the other three were Class 6 soul engineers.

There was hardly anybody in the world better than Huo Yuhao at prediction. Huo Yuhao's frame suddenly halted midair as the cannon shell closed in on him, and the wings behind his back closed up before he began plunging downwards in freefall.

Huo Yuhao had used this move very often, and its effectiveness was time-tested. Normal soul masters didn't dare to behave like him – dropping down was easy, but stopping the freefall would create such a heavy load that their bodies couldn't take the pressure even if they had enough soul power.

"Boom –" An intense explosion cracked open above his head, and large swathes of lightning bolts covered several hundred square meters around him. If Huo Yuhao's reaction had been a little slower, he would have immediately been struck by those lightning bolts.

The other soul engineers had reacted by then, and they were swiftly moving to outflank him.

Of course, Huo Yuhao wouldn't just defend passively. He wasn't just a soul master – he was also a soul engineer!

A sphere of brilliant blue light surged from his chest as he fell. One could tell upon closer inspection that there was a necklace hanging around his neck, and the pendant was what was shining with blue light.

This pendant seemed as large as a pigeon's egg. It could only be seen through his clothes, but one could still see the radiant and brilliant blue light that was apparently from a soul tool crafted with Starlight Sapphire as its main body.

Light flashed again and again as blue light swiftly covered Huo Yuhao's entire body, including his head. It didn't take long before his entire body was covered in dark blue armor.

This dark blue armor was filled with a kind of streamlined elegance, and it covered every single part of Huo Yuhao's body. The flying-type soul tool behind Huo Yuhao's back had come off because of that, and Huo Yuhao withdrew it into his storage ring.

Three pairs of dark blue wings quickly stretched out behind his back, and fired out blue light to stabilize his body. His helmet was like a dome that covered his head, and even his face was covered. There was an opening on his forehead, and there was a pale blue jewel in that opening.

Yes, this was the human-shaped soul tool that Xuan Ziwen had tailor-made for Huo Yuhao.

The Sun Moon Empire had spent the longest time researching human-type soul tools. Back then, Huo Yuhao had stolen that giant human-type soul tool.

That item ended up in Xuan Ziwen's hands, and it was ultimately torn to pieces.

The Illustrious Virtue Hall and the Sun Moon Empire's world of soul engineers had always been going in two directions with their research into human-shaped soul tools. One direction was towards a giant human-shaped soul tool that was represented by the Hallmaster of the Illustrious Virtue Hall, Jing Hongchen. Jing Hongchen and many soul engineers believed that soul tools could only store more soul power when they had enough volume, and only then could they possess even stronger fighting strength to affect a battle.

On the other hand, Xuan Ziwen and several other soul engineers led a second direction – they wanted to minimize human-shaped soul tools.

Xuan Ziwen believed that even though giant human-shaped soul tools could have stronger and more forceful soul tools installed on them, and more Milk Bottles to store soul power could also be attached, that large volume would become clumsy, and a source of extreme inconvenience. The giant human-shaped soul tool would become very difficult to control, and they were more easily targeted and attacked by enemies. They would consume enormous amounts of soul power at the same time, and the pros didn't outweigh the cons.

These two different schools couldn't do anything to convince the other side, so they immersed themselves in their respective research directions.

There were more soul engineers who subscribed to the giant human-shaped soul tool, therefore this direction was the mainstream in the Illustrious Virtue Hall back then. Even though Xuan Ziwen didn't approve of that research direction, he had had no choice but to conduct research in the same direction. Otherwise, he wouldn't have had any chances to be involved with the newest technological findings in this area.

Huo Yuhao had given the giant human-shaped soul tool to Xuan Ziwen, and it was extremely important for Xuan Ziwen's research in soul tools. He summarized the giant human-shaped soul tool's pros and cons, and then acted according to his own principles and combined that with the human-shaped soul tool that Huo Yuhao had crafted back then with the Tang Sect's mechanical techniques, and thus created his own school.

Xuan Ziwen had conducted countless experiments before he finally presented this final product to Huo Yuhao.

Xuan Ziwen had called the human-shaped soul tool that Huo Yuhao was wearing a Class 7 soul tool. Even though it was Class 7, Xuan Ziwen was most satisfied with this creation amongst his many others. This product combined his own research, the Illustrious Virtue Hall's research findings, and the Tang Sect's mechanical techniques.

Back then, when research in human-shaped soul tools reached a certain standard, the most important point that puzzled soul engineers was how to control these soul tools.

From their perspective, soul tools could never be as agile or flexible as soul masters no matter how inherently flexible they were. This was one of the most important reasons why smaller human-shaped soul tools weren't recognized or approved of.

Since they couldn't be flexible or agile enough, these soul tools could only rely on force to fix their problems. Therefore, giant human-shaped soul tools were recognized.

However, once research in giant human-shaped soul tools reached a certain standard, the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineers discovered that controlling such an item wasn't something that a single soul master could achieve by himself. Even if those soul tools could be controlled through some complex formation arrays, the human-shaped soul tool would become extremely clumsy and bulky. Moving them around on the battlefield was difficult, and they could only be used as soul tool forts. That meant the entire motivation for creating human-shaped soul would be lost.

Under such circumstances, the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineers thought of something to resolve this – to control large amounts of complex formation arrays so that giant human-shaped soul tools could become agile, they could only rely on an individual's thoughts and consciousness to control those soul tools rather than one's hands using all kinds of remotes.

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However, this had a very high demand for spiritual power, and not even Class 9 soul engineers were certain to be able to meet this demand – unless they were Class 9 spiritual-type Titled Douluo; only then could they accomplish this.

However, spiritual-type Titled Douluo were very rarely seen across the continent, while most of the Sun Moon Empire's soul masters were soul engineers. This meant spiritual-type ones were even fewer and further between. That was the reason why this research dropped into a bottleneck when it reached that point.

On the other hand, Xuan Ziwen didn't have that problem with his research. First, he was researching small-scale versions, and soul masters could use their limbs to activate the mechanical parts in order to control them. At the same time, he didn't give up on the idea of soul masters controlling human-shaped soul tools with their consciousness and their spiritual power. Huo Yuhao was a live spiritual-type soul master! Furthermore, he would undoubtedly be able to become a Titled Douluo in the future. At the same time, smaller human-shaped soul tools required much less spiritual power for movement. Therefore, Xuan Ziwen began to gradually craft this particular item according to his own theories and principles.

After Huo Yuhao put on this human-shaped soul tool, the space in between his eyebrows swiftly pressed against a transparent jewel as his consciousness and thoughts swiftly translocated throughout the entire human-shaped soul tool.

In this moment, he felt as if the entire human-shaped soul tool itself had become a part of his body, and controlling it was no different from controlling his body with his mind. Furthermore, all the attachments and mechanisms within the human-shaped soul tool were all within his thoughts' control.

Huo Yuhao hadn't even activated his Eye of Destiny, and controlling such a Class 7 soul tool with the strength of his spiritual power was very easy.

It wasn't because Xuan Ziwen didn't want to create a Class 8 human-shaped soul tool – his problem was that he didn't have sufficient good materials. Another limiting factor for a small human-shaped soul tool was the user's bodily strength and endurance. If the soul tool itself wasn't as strong as the soul master's body, or if its defenses couldn't compare to that of the user, then what use did it have?

Xuan Ziwen gave himself a marker for a Class 8 human-shaped soul tool's defensive capability. Such an item had to at least be able to take a hit from a Titled Douluo, but the material required became a crucial problem in achieving that goal, and it was a large one at that. He couldn't resolve this problem in his current circumstances.

Huo Yuhao's speed was greatly boosted by with the human-shaped soul tool. He wasn't willing to use this human-shaped soul tool in front of the White Tiger Duke.

In the end, this was something so valuable that even the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineers would be moved by it! This item also represented the product of the Tang Sect's research into soul tools. Just like how the Sun Moon Empire would never want their high altitude aerial ?surveillance soul tools to end up in their enemies' hands, Huo Yuhao would never want this soul tool's secret to be known by others – friend and foe alike.

Three pairs of wings spurted with light, and Huo Yuhao's body swung in midair as he instantly picked up speed. He immediately charged towards the soul engineer who had just fired a shot at him.

The position that Xuan Ziwen had given him wasn't long-range combat – instead, it was close combat. The reason for that was because close combat was Huo Yuhao's forte, and his strength would be boosted once more through the human-shaped soul tool, so that his fighting strength and survival capability could be raised even further. This was the motivation for Xuan Ziwen in creating this soul tool.

Huo Yuhao's speed was raised by almost one hundred percent in that moment with the help of his Class 7 human-shaped soul tool, and he reached the standards of a Soul Douluo. He managed to come close to the soul engineer who had used the Lightning Cannon within two blinks of an eye.

That soul engineer had his Lightning Cannon on his shoulder, and his oscillation detector had been focusing on Huo Yuhao's location this entire time. He suddenly realized that there a small bright dot on his oscillation detector that was swiftly coming towards him, and he was absolutely shocked.

However, he was a veteran soul engineer, and his reactions were also incredibly quick. He had no time to withdraw the oscillation detector in his hands – he opened his hands and immediately threw it away. At the same time, a white barrier immediately emerged outward with his body as the center.

Class 7 protective soul barrier – this was a Class 7 soul engineer.

That wasn't all. A layer of golden light glowed on his body immediately afterwards. He was the leader of this five-man team, and he even carried an Invincible Barrier that could only be used once.

This item wasn't standard issue in the Sun Moon Empire because it was simply too expensive. He had crafted it himself after saving up enough for the materials.

Huo Yuhao's speed had astonished him, because that speed could only mean that his enemy was a Soul Douluo. He didn't want to be obliterated in one hit, so he acted decisively, and used his Invincible Barrier.

However, what he didn't expect was that the heavy hit in his imagination never came. The light suddenly plunged down when it was about a hundred meters away from him, and the oscillation detector that had fallen from his hands from before suddenly vanished in midair. Afterwards, the light began dashing towards his flank at an incredible speed.

"Watch out, Little Four!" He began to shout hysterically.

Yes, Huo Yuhao didn't attack him, because attacking a Class 7 soul engineer who was using a Class 7 Invincible Barrier took too much energy and effort. Invincible Barriers could only be sustained for a very limited duration, so why would he waste his time?

Huo Yuhao managed to grab the oscillation detector. What a fantastic toy. This is a Class 6 soul tool! No, it's not a Class 6 soul tool, because it wouldn't be able to have a range like it did just now.

Huo Yuhao thought to himself in admiration as he raced one thousand meters horizontally, and arrived in front of another soul engineer.

This soul engineer's reaction was very quick as well. He swiftly withdrew his oscillation detector and activated his protective soul barrier at the same time. He opened his hands, and two light blades stretched out from his hands. He swung them around very quickly, and they cocooned his entire body like a sphere.

He was actually a close-combat soul engineer, and he seemed like he was quite strong. Six soul rings glowed on his body – two yellow, three purple, and one black.

Real battle wasn't like a practice fight. Nobody would feel like conserving their soul skills during crucial moments, and this soul engineer behaved in the same manner. The soul ring that lit up on his body was the last and sixth one – his black soul ring.

An enormous white sphere emerged from behind his back. It seemed like a white turtle shell. There were countless patterns on its surface, and this turtle shell swiftly transformed into pieces that began waltzing around this close-combat soul engineer – a shield formation.

A defense-type soul engineer similar to third senior brother? He uses his martial soul for defense and soul tools for offence – not a bad choice. He lives up to his status as one of the Sun Moon Empire's elites. There aren't many soul engineers and soldiers that the Sun Moon Empire has left guarding the Ming Dou Mountain Range, but they are all the elites, and quality has been used to resolve the problem of quantity.

But can defenses like that stop me?

This soul engineer was all tensed up as he activated both his defensive and offensive capabilities. The others were swiftly coming closer to him, and they only needed three seconds. He would only have to defend himself for three seconds before reinforcements would arrive!

Three seconds! Just three seconds!

This Class 6 soul engineer was very confident in himself. His enemy didn't attack his team leader, who was a Class 7 soul engineer, and that meant he wasn't confident of doing so. Since that was the case, his enemy shouldn't be stronger than his team leader, or perhaps he was just a little stronger. With my defensive abilities, how can I not be able to hang on for three seconds?

His judgment was actually very accurate. In terms of soul power, Huo Yuhao's standard was similar to that of his team leader. They were both Soul Sages – but could their strengths be the same as well?

Huo Yuhao had obliterated an eight-ringed evil soul master when he only had five rings. When he had just obtained his seventh ring, he managed to kill a hundred thousand year Evileye Tyrant. How could power such as that be measured purely with soul power?

A crack seemed to suddenly appear in midair. This crack wasn't very obvious, and the Class 6 soul engineer could only see a sharp claw that seemed to appear out of nowhere, along with a dark golden shadow that carried a stifling sharpness, and flash by in front of him in the next moment.

He was still swinging his blades effortfully. However, he suddenly felt his body going cold, as if everything had become different. All the clouds and mountains seemed to freeze, and everything that he had been able to control could no longer be controlled.

This is...

He was stunned momentarily, and he realized in the next moment that he was falling from the sky, in freefall. It's so dark! Why can't I see anything anymore...

Yes, a sharp claw did come out from the sky – there was only one, and it was a dark gold, razor-sharp claw! Huo Yuhao's Darkgolden Terrorclaw!

Frightening sharpness tore his enemy's body apart in an instant – naturally, his enemy couldn't control anything anymore.

Huo Yuhao's Darkgolden Terrorclaw in his right hand had power comparable to a strike from a ten thousand year Darkgolden Terrorclaw Bear's all-out attack, along with his increasing prowess. How could explosive power that came so quickly be something that a Soul Emperor, a Class 6 soul engineer, could resist? Even eight-ringed Soul Douluo would feel afraid when Huo Yuhao was near them, let alone soul engineers.

Huo Yuhao succeeded with one hit, and the dark gold light disappeared after a single flash. Terrifying soul rays and cannons condensed into a hurricane immediately erupted towards where Huo Yuhao had attacked from. However, he was already far from that location, and every explosion and attack didn't affect him at all.

Instant Teleportation! The skill that belonged to his left leg bone. He had already used Instant Teleportation in the moment right after he made his attack, and Huo Yuhao didn't even bother observing that Class 6 soul engineer that he had just attacked. What soul barrier, light blades, ten thousand year defensive soul skills – in the face of his Darkgolden Terrorclaw that had been infused with soul power and spiritual power, all of those meant nothing.

"He's over there!" The remaining four soul engineers quickly found Huo Yuhao's location with their oscillation detectors. However, Huo Yuhao was simply moving too quickly.

He rushed towards another Soul Emperor with a few explosive flashes before the four of them could surround him, and managed to break out in the end with Imitation.

Two Soul Sages and two Soul Emperors – those were his four remaining opponents.

Huo Yuhao turned and stared at a Class 7 soul engineer who had a piercing cannon on his shoulders as he was bolting forward.

In the next moment, all this Class 7 soul engineer could see was blinding purplish-golden light.

"Boom!" A crackling boom appeared in his head, and the three others looked on in utter astonishment as this Class 7 Soul Sage's head suddenly exploded. Red and white parts splattered and flew in all directions – he didn't even get to fire his piercing cannon before his body plummeted towards the ground like a falling rock.

This sudden change in circumstance shocked the other three, while at this very moment, Huo Yuhao collided into the Soul Emperor that he was targeting.

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There were lights like flowing lines all over the dark blue armor, and Huo Yuhao used Darkgolden Terrorclaw yet again. Across the sky! Torn! Death!

The armor on Huo Yuhao's hands split open according to his will when he was unleashing Darkgolden Terrorclaw, and it flipped backwards onto his wrist and transformed into heavier bracers.

Xuan Ziwen had named this human-shaped soul tool the Solo Battle Armor, and the only problem with this soul tool was that it couldn't amplify some of Huo Yuhao's offensive abilities. For instance, Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice and Darkgolden Terrorclaw were too destructive, and the suit probably couldn't take that level of power when he unleashed everything at full strength.

Therefore, Xuan Ziwen placed extra emphasis and effort on speed and defense when he was building this soul tool – especially speed. This was a Class 7 soul tool, and it could erupt with an eight-ringed Soul Douluo's top speed. Even Titled Douluo would have to put in some effort if they wanted to catch up to Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao's formidable fighting strength became even more conspicuous by relying on this terrifying speed.

Huo Yuhao had killed three out of five men within a few blinks of the eye, and the two other soul engineers were not idiots. They didn't have to speak to each other as they both turned tail and ran back towards the Ming Dou Mountain Range.

Huo Yuhao didn't chase them. Even though he had taken three people down so quickly, his expression became very solemn – that was because he could see ten dark blue shadows flying towards him at breakneck speed. Huo Yuhao could tell from their soul power undulations that those ten who followed behind were much stronger than the five who had come before.

More importantly, Huo Yuhao was acquainted with them – weren't they part of the Evil Tyrant Legion, which was a beast lord-ranked legion that was most adept at speed, who were also part of the Hand that Protects the Nation?

They were all Soul Sages, at least – Nine Soul Sages and a Soul Douluo? Huo Yuhao quickly judged his enemies' strength with Spiritual Detection.

Fierce! They must be the real elites of the Evil Tyrant Legion.

Even though Huo Yuhao was very confident, he wasn't willing to face off against enemies like that. He wouldn't be afraid if they were coming at him one by one, and the Soul Douluo was no exception. However, the most frightening feature of the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineer legions was the chemistry they had with each other with their soul tools. They would be able to amplify their fighting strength by several times once they began to work together, and the ten of them together probably had strength comparable to a Titled Douluo. That wasn't something that he wanted to face.

I can't delay any longer!

Thoughts spun like lightning in his head, and he surged into the air once more. He rose into the sky much faster than before due to his Solo Battle Armor. Furthermore, his armor itself provided him with extra protection.

Huo Yuhao activated Imitation and Spiritual Interference Domain once more. The soul engineers from the Evil Tyrant Legion hadn't come near, and they wouldn't be able to detect his actual location if they didn't have oscillation detectors.

The biggest problem when fighting against soul engineers was when they were able to lock onto their opponents. Especially in one-versus-one situations, a soul engineer's opponent would only become a target if the soul engineer managed to lock onto his or her opponent. Huo Yuhao didn't have a hobby like that.

Seven other high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools had arrived, and the nine remaining ones were still in the process of flying over. However, Huo Yuhao knew that he couldn't wait any longer, and he couldn't possibly bring away all twenty-two of them.

I'll take whatever I can – I can't be greedy anymore, and safety is always first.

Those ten members of the Evil Tyrant Legion were bearing down on him very quickly. They were part of the Dagger section that the Manic Bull Douluo Wang Yiheng had ordered out into battle. There were only five teams like that in the Evil Tyrant Legion, and they were the legion's core fighting strength. They were also directly commanded by Wang Yiheng – they were the best of the best!

The two soul engineers who were running away quickly rendezvoused with the ten of them, and they swiftly took out their oscillation detectors as they chased in Huo Yuhao's direction.



This mobilization displayed their tremendous cooperative abilities.

The ten members from the Dagger section swiftly dispersed, and then separated even further away from each other than the first five soul engineers. Their oscillation detectors seemed to be more effective, and they immediately discovered Huo Yuhao's figure in the next moment.

"Up there."

Two of them stopped, and an enormous cannon that was two meters long and had an opening that was at least a foot in diameter appeared on each of their shoulders.

These two cannons were aimed at Huo Yuhao's location, which they had just discovered, and they quickly fired off.

Two enormous silver beams of light surged into the air and came straight for Huo Yuhao.

Shock bombs! Huo Yuhao could immediately tell that they were Class 7 shock bombs. These things weren't toys – their most unique quality was how wide their area of effect could reach. Furthermore, everyone would be affected if they found themselves within the shock bomb's area of effect no matter what level of cultivation they had. Their enemies would come once they were rendered sluggish and slow-moving.

The other eight quickly raised their speed to the highest possible level and began surrounding Huo Yuhao's position.

Huo Yuhao's eyes became increasingly determined faced with this situation; it wasn't as if he hadn't encountered even more challenging circumstances. The stronger his opponents were, the more his potential was stimulated – ever since he became a Soul Sage, he still hadn't given his all in a battle. This was true even against that Evileye Tyrant; the Evileye Tyrant couldn't take an attack with his full strength!

Huo Yuhao paused in midair, and a white shadow separated from his body in the next moment. Two dark blue light blades flickered faintly in the sky.

The two shock bombs that were hurtling through the air paused in the sky, and intense explosions that carried countless silver rays blanketed an enormous area of effect in the next moment. Unparalleled Chill, Empress' Sword!

The Snow Lady levitated in the sky. One could tell from her gorgeous frame that she was about thirteen or fourteen years of age, and her ice-cold features emanated noble and elegant qualities. She was just hovering silently in the night sky, but she gave others a feeling of formless beauty.

The two shock bombs exploding didn't impede Huo Yuhao at all. Instead, they stopped the other members of the Evil Tyrant Legion's Dagger section because they had exploded prematurely.

They weren't willing to commit when facing off against a powerful enemy such as Huo Yuhao – what if they were ambushed by their enemy? They could only wait for a few seconds, and then continued charging forward only after the shock bombs' effects had dissipated.

Several dozen blue soul rays went straight for the Snow Lady. They hadn't seen what their opponent looked like from the beginning to the end, and they didn't have time to communicate with the two soul

engineers from before who had retreated. Naturally, they considered the Snow Lady as their enemy when she appeared – even though she didn't quite seem like their enemy because she was looked thirteen or fourteen, they weren't willing to let anyone go even if they had to kill the wrong people.

The Snow Lady hovered in midair, and swung her large sleeves as a clean white circle appeared and transformed into countless ice crystals in the sky. These ice crystals were smooth like mirrors, and even more strangely, every single ice crystal seemed to block a single soul ray just right.

These ice crystals didn't clash head-on with the soul rays. After every soul ray was blocked by an ice crystal, they were refracted, and the ice crystals melted while the soul rays dispersed in all directions. Not a single one could even come close to the Snow Lady!

Who could compare to the Snow Empress and the Ice Empress in terms of controlling ice and snow? The Snow Lady's strength grew along with Huo Yuhao's own. Ever since the Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass had fused with him, Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice had sublimated, and the Snow Lady's recovery had been catalyzed. Huo Yuhao wasn't sure whether the Snow Lady would become the Snow Empress one day, or whether she could have the Snow Empress' peak strength. But at least from what the situation seemed like now, that was still a possibility. If that did occur, the Snow Empress herself could rival an Ultimate Douluo.

The Snow Lady's strength exceeded the soul engineers' expectations – but their attacks had just begun.

"Concentrate our beams!" The team leader exclaimed – they couldn't be bothered with being kind and taking pity on women anymore. They had to take their opponent down before anything else!

Blue rays were fired again one after another. However, they were not aimed directly at the Snow Lady – instead, they were focused on a single point in the sky. All ten team members' thoughts were as one, and soul rays that were as thick as an arm fired after they concentrated on one point. The dark blue beam they created didn't become thicker, but became a lot thinner instead. It surged across the sky and arrived in front of the Snow Lady in an instant.

The Snow Lady's expression became a little more solemn. She reached out with her right hand, and her palm became a patch of icy blue. She pressed at the air in the sky and clashed with the soul ray.

"Brrng!" A strange chime rang out in the sky. In the next moment, the Snow Lady's beautiful frame became a little more illusory. However, the soul ray also dissipated at the same time.

The ten soul engineers were stunned speechless. This attack had concentrated soul rays from nine Class 7 soul engineers and a Class 8 soul engineer – even though the soul ray itself wasn't powerful, ten stacked together was absolutely comparable to an all-out attack from a Soul Douluo. Yet it seemed like this little girl who looked like she was only thirteen or fourteen managed to block this attack. What was happening?

What they didn't see was that Huo Yuhao, who had concealed himself, trembled when the Snow Lady took this hit.

The Snow Lady's strength came from him. However, the Snow Empress herself was strong, and the Snow Lady had the Snow Empress' imprint. Thus, she could channel part of her own strength as well.

The Snow Lady had used Snowless Glacier in that attack. Even if she was facing a soul master, not even Soul Douluo would have a good time clashing head-on with this attack. However, soul tools were different from soul masters in the end, and an attack that came purely from soul power caused the intense chill contained within Snowless Glacier to be ineffective. This meant the Snow Lady and Huo Yuhao had suffered a hidden loss.

The Snow Lady began spinning around in midair. Her long, pure white dress danced as large patches of snowflakes dispersed through the air and cocooned around her beautiful frame. Empress' Chill, in addition to Huo Yuhao's Domain of Perpetual Ice, immediately transformed into the Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice.

The temperature at that altitude was low in the first place. Even though there wasn't much water in the air, the temperature still plummeted once his Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice was released. The soul engineers that were about to launch another follow-up attack couldn't help but feel their bodies move a little sluggishly as every one of them activated their protective soul barriers to defend themselves.

So cold! They all felt the same thing at the same time. More frighteningly, the young lady's figure had disappeared into the large swathes of snowflakes.

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Huo Yuhao had risen to an even higher altitude under the Snow Lady's cover, and the high altitude aerial surveillance tools were now within his reach.

The Snow Lady was directing his Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice, and that meant its effects were not as good as if he had been the one directing it. However, delaying his enemies for a short while was sufficient.

That was because his soul and spiritual power had an extremely high degree of integration, and he could thus leave a stream of his own spiritual power to the Snow Lady. Only then could they separate from each other for longer distances – otherwise, the Snow Lady couldn't do even battle when she was so far away from him.

There were nine – nine more high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools had arrived, and these represented enormous wealth in addition to what Huo Yuhao had collected earlier on.

Huo Yuhao accelerated with everything he had, and finally arrived in front of those high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools with a few flashes and flickers. He didn't hesitate at all, and his Starlight Sapphire storage ring flickered as he swiftly pocketed those soul tools one after another.

But right at this moment, he suddenly felt an intense wave of alarm as he looked down subconsciously – what he saw was a sphere of scorching heat that seemed like the sun as its light erupted viciously.

*Oh, no.*

Huo Yuhao channeled his consciousness and swiftly summoned the Snow Lady.

The Snow Lady transformed into a beam of flowing light as she surged up into the sky. However, Huo Yuhao could still feel that his soul power was leaking out at a crazy rate. Furthermore, he could feel waves of weakness in his spiritual power.

The Snow Lady was a Spirit, and she couldn't truly die. However, Huo Yuhao was the one who had to expend energy when she was attacked. In some sense, Spirits were a soul master's partial avatars. A soul master would be severely injured if their Spirits died, and nobody knew how long a soul master would need to reaggregate those Spirits. At least, Huo Yuhao didn't want to have that kind of experience.

A strange little flower peeked out from Huo Yuhao's shoulder. Circles of icy-blue light blanketed the area below him and met with the Snow Lady – yes, it was the Star Anise making its move.

The rolling heatwaves that were rising up from beneath were blocked for a moment with the Star Anise's help, and only then did the Snow Lady transform into a ray of light before she reintegrated into Huo Yuhao's body.

Huo Yuhao couldn't help but draw a cold breath as he watched that sudden beam of intense light, which had erupted all too suddenly and resembled the sun. *?So powerful? Who has come? Such a terrifying attack – is he crazy?*

Huo Yuhao no longer continued to wait for the other high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools to arrive, and immediately turned to run. He activated all his soul power and transformed into a beam of light as he went straight for the Star Luo Empire's camp.

There was only one possibility for someone to create such a disturbance – a Class 9 soul engineer had arrived. Furthermore, Huo Yuhao hadn't discovered his enemy with his spiritual power. This meant that his enemy possibly carried soul tools that impeded his Spiritual Detection. An opponent like that was something that he absolutely couldn't fight against.

Right at this moment, spheres of fiery light suddenly blasted into the sky. Every single one of these fireballs was at least one meter in diameter, and several hundred of them rose into the sky in the blink of an eye. They lit up the entire area, and every fireball seemed like a tiny little sun that shone with searing brilliance. A tall and muscular figure rose from below at the same time and with incredible speed.

"He can't escape!" An awe-inspiring growl could be heard. The Manic Bull Douluo, Wang Yiheng, was already in the sky. Huo Yuhao hadn't seen him do anything at all, but those fireballs that rose into the sky erupted with beams of fiery light that swiftly congregated into an enormous flaming web. There were faint rippling distortions in the air – this web of fire perfectly blocked off Huo Yuhao's escape path

*Such a powerful soul engineer! He must be Class 9.*

Huo Yuhao didn't stop at all. For his current situation, there was only one solution against such a circumstance, and that was to force his way out. He would be in deep trouble if he couldn't break out of this.

He stopped using Imitation, and his figure emerged from the air. The temperature in the air was very high due to the looming web of fire, but Huo Yuhao didn't release his Ultimate Ice to combat the heat because that would exacerbate his energy consumption. The Star Anise Mysterious Ice Grass released faint icy-blue hues that covered his entire body, and these layers completely cut off the intense heat from his surroundings.

The Star Anise was no good at offense, but its auxiliary and support effects were extraordinary.

The Manic Bull Douluo was momentarily stunned when Huo Yuhao revealed himself with his human-shaped soul tool. *?A human-shaped soul tool? Can that actually be a human-shaped soul tool? Since when has the Star Luo Empire's research into soul tools reached such a standard?*

He was surprised, but his movements didn't slow. The fiery web wove through the sky, and the large fireballs rapidly switched positions as the flaming web came down directly on Huo Yuhao to garrote him.

Wang Yiheng's martial soul was quite strong in the first place. He pursued high explosiveness, power, and intense heat when he was doing his own research into soul tools. He had a pure desire for destructiveness.

He managed to become commander of one of the legions that belonged to the Hand that Protects the Nation, so it wasn't hard to imagine his prowess. Even if he wasn't as powerful as the Starsky Douluo, Ye Yulin, he wasn't that much weaker.

The soul tool that he was currently using was called Empyrean Blaze, and it was his own creation. It was formed from three hundred and sixty-five empyrean pearls, and every pearl was under his control. He himself was the center of this formation.

The Empyrean Blaze was roughly ranked between number ten and number twelve amongst the other Class 9 soul tools.

One should never disregard it because it was ranked after number ten. This ranking system also considered stationary soul cannon shells, and Wang Yiheng had only attained the status that he had now because of his Empyrean Blaze.

High altitude aerial surveillance soul tools were far too important. That was the reason why he used his signature move from the get-go.

Of course, the Snow Empress' original strength wasn't something that he could match up to. But what the current Snow Lady could muster was too weak. Huo Yuhao wasn't the one directing his Snowy Dance of Ultimate Ice, and it was directly broken through under the throttling burn of Wang Yiheng's empyrean Blaze. The fiery web was sweeping down upon him at this moment – the Empyrean Blaze was most adept at control and incineration, and it controlled the entire situation.

Huo Yuhao's mind was clear as he took a deep breath. He didn't show any timidity at all as his Eye of Destiny opened on his forehead. The blue jewel on his Solo Battle Armor's forehead immediately glowed, and strange soul power undulations rippled outward. In the next moment, a brilliant purple beam cut across the skies as it burst out like a lightning bolt. The purple beam turned rose-gold the moment it left the jewel, and stretched across the skies. Not even the Empyrean Blaze could block it – not even a little bit – and it immediately appeared before Wang Yiheng.

Wang Yiheng belonged to the younger and more vigorous generation of soul engineers amongst the Class 9 soul engineers. He had many insights into the newest technology, and he was also ferociously strong at the same time. He could immediately tell that something wasn't right when Huo Yuhao made his move – *?is that a pure spiritual-type attack?*

A pure white headband suddenly appeared on Wang Yiheng's head. Seven silver jewels formed the front of this headband, and these jewels suddenly erupted with brilliant light under Wang Yiheng's control as they transformed into a silver shield that protected him behind it.

The rose-gold beam struck this shield, and the shield quivered faintly before the rose-gold beam dissipated into nothingness.

Far into the distance, that jewel on Huo Yuhao's Solo Battle Armor exploded into smithereens with a bang. He didn't turn back as he charged in the direction of the Emyrean Blaze.

Wang Yiheng was clearly a little lackadaisical at this moment, and his head suddenly arched backward as if someone had clipped him heavily on the face. The silver shield before him and the headband on his head disintegrated at the same time.

Wang Yiheng could feel intense dizziness in his head. That frightening wave of spiritual power was like a drill as it pierced deep into his brain, and he immediately lost control of the Emyrean Blaze, while the flames were greatly reduced in that instant.

Huo Yuhao leveraged this short window of opportunity, and his three pairs of wings glowed radiantly as they carried him towards the outside. Another layer of diamond ice crystals covered his Solo Battle Armor at the same time to protect him from the intense heat.

He was almost at the edge of the Emyrean Blaze.

Wang Yiheng managed to recover at this moment. *Such powerful spiritual power!* Even though he felt a wave of terror in his heart, he didn't slow down in his control of his Emyrean Blaze. The dimming flames became searing hot once more, and more than ten empyrean pearls went straight for Huo Yuhao's position to lock him down.

Huo Yuhao disappeared in a flash – Instant Teleportation. He escaped the empyrean pearls' area of effect in a blink, and escaped from the Emyrean Blaze's entrapment.

However, Wang Yiheng wasn't by himself; the Dagger Section's other team members were still outside. They had been observing Huo Yuhao's movements this entire time. They saw that he had actually broken out, and large amounts of soul rays and soul cannons instantly assaulted him like a hurricane.

Huo Yuhao's seven soul rings glimmered into view, and his fifth soul ring shimmered as he switched positions with one of the Dagger Section's members in the distance.

Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection covered the entire area even though he was mired in danger. He had chosen this person a long time ago, and his target was the section's leader – the Soul Douluo, the Class 8 soul engineer!

This Soul Douluo became the target of the hurricane once their positions were switched. The Emyrean Blaze was behind him, and his teammates' powerful attacks were in front of him. The Class 8 soul engineer himself was greatly astonished.

Huo Yuhao didn't stay to fight after he switched positions with him, and a rose-gold circle suddenly radiated outward with his head at the center.

Spiritual Blast – a skill carried by the Three-Eyed Golden Lion's skull!

Every single Class 7 soul engineer suffered the same outcome after they took a hit from Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Blast, which was unleashed from his Eye of Destiny. They lost control of their bodies in an instant and plummeted towards the ground.

Huo Yuhao didn't give everything he had in this attack so that he could escape successfully. After all, he had used his full strength when he had attacked Wang Yiheng with Spiritual Shock, and he had to leave some strength to retreat at a time like this.

Huo Yuhao turned and flew away as he continued to escape while he unleashed Spiritual Blast.

Huo Yuhao had duplicated Xuanwu Displacement from Xu Sanshi, and it created unexpected effects every time he used it. It lived up to its name as one of a defense-type soul master's legendary soul skills!

Wang Yiheng unleashed his immense prowess as a Class 9 soul engineer at this moment.

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The empyrean pearls that were originally targeting Huo Yuhao suddenly stretched out and flew around the eight-ringed Soul Douluo's body. Not only did they not hurt him – they wrapped around in front of him and blocked the attacks from the Dagger Section's other nine members. This control of the Empyrean Blaze was just perfect.

What a cunning fellow! Wang Yiheng's face blackened. He didn't go ahead to rescue the Class 7 soul engineers who were plummeting towards the ground, because those people had clearly awakened during their freefall. They were working hard to control their bodies, but they weren't in much danger even though they were cutting very sorry figures.

Three hundred and sixty-five pearls bolted toward Huo Yuhao like shooting stars under Wang Yiheng's control. These fiery shooting stars weren't just blindly attacking – instead, they seemed to resemble a web that was stretching out as they closed in around him. Wang Yiheng also made his move as he accelerated in pursuit as fast as he could.

Huo Yuhao was trying to run away, but he didn't forget to retrieve his long-range soul controller to detonate the high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools that he didn't have time to take away.

A series of explosions could be heard from behind. Wang Yiheng didn't have to look to know what had happened, and his expression became incredibly malevolent. He didn't have to ask to know that those high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools that they had lost contact with probably didn't end well.

Bastard! This bastard! I'll kill him!

The Empyrean Blaze was simply too quick. Huo Yuhao was already using his full strength, but the Empyrean Blaze was still continuously bearing down on him. The scorching heat and sweltering air kept gaining on him, but the temperature didn't affect Huo Yuhao much, because he relied on his Ice Empress' Armor and his Solo Battle Armor for protection. What he had to do now was accelerate, accelerate, accelerate!

Huo Yuhao was quite near the Star Luo Empire's Northwestern Field Army. He only had to keep this up for just a little while more before his problems would end.

“Close!” Wang Yiheng exclaimed, and the Empyrean Blaze suddenly expanded before it abruptly accelerated and closed up. Wang Yiheng used almost ten percent of his soul power for this move.

However, Huo Yuhao’s figure also suddenly picked up speed at that moment. He was like a beam of flowing light as he rocketed across the skies and reappeared in the distance.

He can still accelerate – that’s not possible! Only a Titled Douluo can reach that speed, but that fellow’s soul power undulations show that he’s clearly not a Titled Douluo!

Another figure appeared within Wang Yiheng’s vision, and that person turned to run along with the first one.

Yes, Xu Sanshi was the one who came to provide support for Huo Yuhao.

Xu Sanshi had actually been waiting at a location not far from Huo Yuhao from beginning to end, and he communicated with Huo Yuhao through his Spiritual Detection. That was the reason why he could save Huo Yuhao in the nick of time. The distance that he had suddenly covered meant that Wang Yiheng’s sudden burst of energy achieved nothing. Furthermore, he even paused for a moment in the sky because he had used too much soul power before he could continue chasing him.

When Wang Yiheng was just starting to move again, he suddenly felt a sharp pain on the side of his face, and subconsciously glanced toward his side.

But there was nothing there; all he could see was pitch-black darkness. However, there seemed to be a poisonous snake hiding within the darkness, and this poisonous snake was just revealing its sharpest fangs and was about to swallow him whole.

Wang Yiheng didn’t know who his opponent in the darkness was. He was worried that the Star Luo Empire would make their move, as they were very close to the Star Luo Empire after all. He would have a hard time if there were several Titled Douluo waiting to ambush him in the sky – he had reinforcements from the Sun Moon Empire, but their job at the Ming Dou Mountain Range was for defense; they didn’t have enough strength for an offense.

That razor-sharp sword intent finally appeared, and Wang Yiheng felt as if the entire black sky was being torn open at that moment. The sword intent was actually vicious, and everything around it seemed to be obliterated. Yet, there seemed to be some kinds of emotions rippling through all that obliteration – there was focus and stubbornness, there was depth and clarity.

What is this...

Wang Yiheng was a soul master and a soul engineer, but he had never felt strength such as this, as if this strength shouldn’t belong to this world at all.

Darkness blanketed him in that instant. Wang Yiheng had no choice but to use his Empyrean Blaze to defend himself. Several dozen empyrean pearls went dark in that moment, and a brilliant golden light glowed in the night sky, while the sword intent was raised to its highest possible level.

A beam of sword light cut across the skies. It disappeared in a flash, and raced into the distance before it caught up with Huo Yuhao and Xu Sanshi. This beam even seemed to carry them and accelerate.



Wang Yiheng didn't dare to chase them. After the sword intent flew across the sky after it transformed from darkness to light, his several dozen empyrean pearls that were struck began to crackle with ear-piercing shrillness. Large cracks started to appear even though they didn't break into pieces.

Those empyrean pearls were extremely difficult to forge. Even though their advantage lay in their numbers, every single one of them was a result of his blood and sweat! A single broken piece would cause him great and uncontrollable heartache.

No, that fellow...

Wang Yiheng suddenly felt that something wasn't right after his momentary confusion. That kind of sword intent made him fearful, but the person channeling that sword intent clearly didn't have enough strength. At least, that person didn't have enough strength to threaten him.

I've been tricked!

Wang Yiheng's Empyrean Blaze fired out once more after he realized that something was amiss, and he continued chasing Huo Yuhao and Xu Sanshi. He was about to explode with anger – they are clearly not very powerful, but they have been deceiving me again and again. Not only have they destroyed so many high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools, but they have also damaged my Empyrean Blaze. They both have to die!

Wang Yiheng used his full strength as he lashed out with his Empyrean Blaze. He transformed into an enormous bull in midair at the same time, and his flying speed suddenly increased exponentially. He wasn't using his flying-type soul tool this time; he was burning his formidable soul power as a Titled Douluo.

He knew that he only had one chance to attack. If he couldn't catch them with this strike, he would have exceeded the Ming Dou Mountain Range's area of protection, and he could very well become his enemies' prey if that happened. Therefore, he didn't hold back in this attack.

Several figures shot into the sky in the distance. There were five of them, and they spaced out in a row as they each radiated with different colors.

They were all females. The girl in the center burst with bright dragon roars as a pair of enormous dragon wings stretched out behind her. She transformed into a giant dragon amidst the dragon roars, and her sixth and seventh soul rings flickered at the same time.

Radiant Dragon Butterfly – it was Tang Wutong.

Even though her form was called Radiant Dragon Butterfly, her martial soul true body was presented entirely in dragon form, but there were waves and curves that resembled a butterfly's wings on the edges of her dragon wings. The aura that she released wasn't just noble and elegant – there was a feeling as if she was looking down on the entire world.

Dragon God's Slaughter Dance! Her sixth soul skill!

An enormous shadow of a dragon emerged from her Radiant Dragon Butterfly true body, and it immediately transformed into a colossal dragon that was a hundred meters long as it went straight for the Empyrean Blaze.

She wasn't the only one who attacked. Jiang Nannan, Ye Guyi, Nan Qiuqiu, and Jing Ziyang all unleashed their strongest soul skills.

A large pink python glimmered behind Jiang Nannan's back and circled around her. Jiang Nannan transformed into beam after beam of flowing light as she dashed out closely behind Tang Wutong. The white light that she had shifted into seemed like the Radiant Dragon Butterfly's outer garment, and they combined together just like that.

The empyrean pearls that were at the forefront collided with Jiang Nannan's martial soul true body. They were actually bounced away by some kind of flexible strength, and their fiery strength was not released at all, as if they had been cut off.

The Dragon God's Slaughter Dance erupted with eye-catching purple light, and large swathes of empyrean pearls were blocked off just like that. Tang Wutong used action to prove her formidable strength to everyone, and not even Huo Yuhao had fought with her face-to-face before this. She was forcefully blocking a Class 9 soul engineer's signature Class 9 soul tool! She could be proud of herself even if she could only hold on for a little while.

Ye Guyi's expression was solemn as she clasped her hands above her head. Her Holy Sword radiated with intense light as her four angel wings stretched out behind her back. Immense light power aggregated as her beautiful frame suddenly flew forward. Nan Qiuqiu disappeared behind her in a flash.

Ye Guyi overtook Tang Wutong's position in the next moment, and she flew toward a higher altitude.

Her Radiant Holy Sword resembled a rainbow as it slashed down towards the Manic Bull Douluo, Wang Yiheng.

Wang Yiheng waved his right hand, and a dozen empyrean pearls went for the Holy Sword. The Holy Sword's radiance was bounced away, but the empyrean pearls' glow was evidently dimmer than before.

Wang Yiheng could feel his heart aching! How can these soul masters, who still seem quite young, have such powerful attacking strength?

He wasn't done lamenting when a pinkish beam of light swept up those empyrean pearls after it flickered from behind the Holy Sword.

Something that made Wang Yiheng absolutely astonished happened – the flames on his empyrean pearls dimmed, and their explosive strength immediately disappeared. Those pearls began to plummet toward the ground like that, and he couldn't even communicate with them anymore. What was happening?

A patch of fog swept over and pulled both Ye Guyi and Nan Qiuqiu back. Jiang Nannan retreated as well, and landed back beside Tang Wutong.

The Dragon God's Slaughter Dance was also reaching its end, and the Empyrean Blaze finally broke through the enormous dragon shadow.

In terms of cultivation, Huo Yuhao and the others were all a far cry from the Manic Bull Douluo. However, every single one of them was the best of the best. They supported each other again and again

as all eight of them came together, and the five girls' assault was like tidal waves as they forcefully blockaded Wang Yiheng.

I can't hold back any longer. Wang Yiheng watched as the three people who were running away before this stood their ground, and all eight of them no longer attempted to escape even though they were facing him. He felt a chill run down his spine.

He suddenly realized that he had exceeded the area of protection offered by the Ming Dou Mountain Range's long-range soul tools, and this meant that he could no longer receive any reinforcements here.