

## Tang Sect 491

### Chapter 491.1: Reaching the Frontline

Elder Song lifted her hand, and a beam of light shot out. It suddenly exploded not far in front of her, turning into a green image. It was the symbol of Shrek Academy.

Not long afterward, more than ten figures approached from the distance.

Huo Yuhao was immediately stunned. This was because he could immediately see that Princess Wei Na of the Heavenly Soul Empire was flying in the front. The soul masters with her were quite strong too. They were at least seven-ringed Soul Sages. It seemed like the academy had notified them that Elder Song and Dean Yan were leading a team over. This was why there was such a distinguished welcome.

The rest didn't know, but Huo Yuhao was clearly aware that Princess Wei Na's status in the Heavenly Soul Empire was like Princess Jiujiu's status in the Star Luo Empire.

Very soon, Princess Wei Na and the rest were in front of them. They stopped thirty meters away.

"Greetings, you must be Elder Song. I am Wei Na from the Heavenly Soul Empire." Princess Wei Na greeted Elder Song. Those who were strong were usually well-respected.

Elder Song smiled and said, "Princess Wei Na, you don't have to stand on ceremony."

Wei Na quickly turned to Huo Yuhao. After nodding slightly at him, she gestured for Elder Song to follow her. The soul masters with Wei Na also made way for those from Shrek Academy to proceed towards Heavenly Spirit City.

Wei Na and Elder Song flew side-by-side. As they flew, Wei Na softly described the current situation at the frontline.

Although Huo Yuhao's ears weren't as strong as his eyes, he could still hear Wei Na's words, as she didn't intentionally lower her voice.

"Princess Wei Na, how's the situation at the frontline right now?" Elder Song asked Wei Na.

Princess Wei Na replied, "It's still considered quite stable. Ever since the Star Luo Empire attacked the Sun Moon Empire, the pressure on us has been greatly alleviated. This has been especially so over the past month. The Sun Moon Empire's attacks have already ceased. They're only trying to stabilize their own territories now. At the same time, they are still trying to prevent all our surveillance. The most difficult thing for us now is to survey them. In terms of surveillance soul tools, we are really lagging behind."

It's still a problem of surveillance! Huo Yuhao sighed in his heart. However, the Sun Moon Empire's advantage in this area was simply too great.

Princess Wei Na didn't look too well. Her face was pale, and her eyes were slightly red. Evidently, she was overworked. Her empire's land had been invaded. As an important member of the imperial family, she was under great pressure. It was rumored that the imperial family of the Heavenly Soul Empire had suffered heavy damages when the empire was invaded. Then, the Emperor even fought himself, and sustained critical injuries.

Heavenly Spirit City was a large-scale city in the center of the Heavenly Soul Empire. It wasn't considered very far from Heaven Dou City. After the capital was lost, this city was the last barrier that the empire had. If they lost Heavenly Spirit City, there would be a wide expanse of land behind it that the Sun Moon Empire could occupy.

Princess Wei Na said to Elder Song, "Elder Song, my father wanted to personally come to receive all of you. However, he has yet to recover from his injuries. This was why he sent me over. I'm sorry."

Elder Song shrugged off the apology and said, "You don't have to stand on ceremony right now. We have a common enemy. Also, the academy has been receiving support from the Heavenly Soul Empire all this while. It's only right that we help you on the battlefield. Your Highness, you should know our plan, right?"

As she spoke until here, Elder Song's gaze turned sharp.

Princess Wei Na nodded gently, and didn't say anything else.

The plan that Elder Song referred to was naturally the three soul engineer legions that Shrek Academy was establishing. Currently, only the core members of the three empires of the Douluo Continent knew about this plan. By asking this question, Elder Song was confirming Wei Na's status in the Heavenly Soul Empire.

Everyone proceeded towards Heavenly Spirit City. Currently, the city had been completely revamped. Huo Yuhao saw the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons that the Tang Sect had manufactured on top of the city walls. There were even quite a number of them. It seemed like all the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons that the empire had bought from the Tang Sect, as long as they were in perfect condition, were out.

There were very few civilians in the city. Soldiers were everywhere.

Princess Wei Na said, "The civilians of the city have been evacuated to a safer place. Right now, this has become a military establishment. It's also our last line of defense." As she spoke until here, she couldn't help but sigh. She revealed a slightly sad look in her eyes.

A few months ago, who would have expected the great Heavenly Soul Empire to be embroiled in such a tragic state?

After entering the city, Princess Wei Na personally arranged the accommodations for those from Shrek Academy. They were temporarily allowed to stay within Heavenly Spirit City. After that, she personally escorted Elder Song and Dean Yan to meet the senior commanders of the coalition army that had formed between the three empires.

Everyone from the Tang Sect remained behind to rest.

Huo Yuhao was already too tired by now. Once they were given their accommodations, he immediately went to his room to meditate. He was in great need of a rest.

When he awoke from his meditation, the sky had already turned dark. It was evidently evening now.

Huo Yuhao let out a breath as he walked out from his room. He felt very refreshed. His great spiritual power and life energy meant that he had abnormal recovery abilities. Furthermore, he was still

absorbing the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence in his blood, and his soul power was thus increasing steadily. He was consolidating his Rank 80 cultivation.

The Ice Bear King had naturally followed him on this trip. However, he was a savage beast. Ordinary soul masters couldn't recognize him, but there were Body Sect members at the frontline. Those who were stronger could naturally recognize the Ice Bear King. If they wanted to deal with him, trouble would ensue. Although it wasn't a big possibility, Huo Yuhao still asked the Ice Bear King to rest in his spectral demiplane. There, he had prepared sufficient food. In fact, it was all the food that he had stolen from the ration warehouse in the Heaven Dou City. With that food around, the Ice Bear King wouldn't need to worry for at least the next half month.

"Are you awake?" A gentle voice sounded. Huo Yuhao turned his head to take a look, and saw Ye Guyi standing not far away from him.

They were all allocated a room within a small courtyard. This was why they entered the courtyard the moment they stepped out of their rooms.

Huo Yuhao smiled as he said, "Guyi, your cultivation has been improving well!" This was his first solo interaction with Ye Guyi since he had returned. From the soul power undulations that she released, he could clearly tell that her cultivation should be around Rank 70. She must have had experienced great progress during her closed-door cultivation.

Ye Guyi smiled and replied, "I'm still far from you. You're my target."

Huo Yuhao smiled. "You're a little too ambitious!"

Ye Guyi rolled her eyes and said, "You're too arrogant."

Huo Yuhao chortled, "I'm only speaking the truth."

"What are you guys talking about?" Nan Qiuqiu suddenly appeared out of nowhere. She took a few steps to reach Ye Guyi and said warily to Huo Yuhao, "I've experienced great improvement too. Why haven't you praised me before?"

Huo Yuhao helplessly said, "You've experienced great improvement? Why can't I tell? I only think that you've been idling all the time."

"You!" Nan Qiuqiu was furious, and was about to act up.

At this moment, a knocking sound was heard from the door to the courtyard.

Nan Qiuqiu glared at Huo Yuhao first before going to open the door.

Huo Yuhao revealed a stunned look when he saw who was outside. Wasn't that Princess Wei Na?

"Your Highness?" Nan Qiuqiu was shocked.

Wei Na smiled and asked, "Can I come in?"

"Please do." Nan Qiuqiu immediately made way.

After meeting with the senior commanders in the afternoon, Elder Song and Yan Shaozhe had expressed that their sole intention for coming here was just to save people. Of course, they would do their best to help the empire. It was just that the possibility of a fight breaking out now was very slim, given that the situation was very stable.

Huo Yuhao didn't know what was going on, but Ye Guyi and Nan Qiuqiu were clearly aware. Why is Her Highness here?

After entering the courtyard, Wei Na naturally turned to Huo Yuhao. She revealed a surprised look on her face when she saw him and said, "Yuhao, you're here. I came here to look for you."

"Me?" Huo Yuhao pointed at his nose and asked.

Princess Wei Na nodded and replied, "Yes! Can we talk in your room? I have something to tell you."

Huo Yuhao hesitated for a moment before replying, "Alright then. Your Highness, please." As he spoke, he led Princess Wei Na into his room.

Nan Qiuqiu's eyes widened when she saw Wei Na closing the door. She turned to Ye Guyi and said, "Sister Guyi, see. This guy is attracting the attention of ladies everywhere he goes. I really don't know what's so attractive about him."

Ye Guyi laughed and answered, "What attracting the attention of ladies? You're thinking too much."

Nan Qiuqiu wasn't pleased as she said, "How am I thinking too much? If he's not attracting attention, why did Her Highness come to find him? Isn't she one of the senior commanders in the Heavenly Soul Empire? I heard she holds an important position too. If it's for official matters, she should find eldest senior even if she doesn't find Elder Song or Dean Yan. Why did she come to find him? There must be something going on between the two of them."

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Ye Guyi knocked her head and said, "What have you been thinking about? Why can't you think properly? Obviously, there's only a very ceremonial interaction between Her Highness and Yuhao. Furthermore, her empire is already in such distress. How would she have time for relationships? There must be some official matters. Don't forget that Yuhao is very symbolic of the Tang Sect. Even eldest senior has to consult his opinions on many matters. In addition, he is very adept at surveillance. I think it might have to do with that."

Nan Qiuqiu blinked and said, "Hey, Sister Guyi, I've discovered that you've become smarter!"

Ye Guyi snapped as she said, "I didn't. It's just that you got dumb. The more concerned you are, the more distressed you'll be. You even persuaded me earlier. Why do I feel that you're sinking in deeper and deeper?"

"No!" Nan Qiuqiu's face turned red before she denied the allegation.

Ye Guyi smiled, "You know for yourself whether it's true. Whatever you said to me before, say it to yourself now."

Huo Yuhao invited Wei Na to take a seat, while he sat in the opposite chair. "Apologies, Your Highness, I've only just moved in. There's nothing I can serve you with."

Wei Na shook her head and sighed lightly, "I don't have the mood to deal with all that now. However, the temperature in your room is a little low!"

Huo Yuhao smiled as he replied, "I was cultivating earlier. Have you forgotten my martial soul?"

Wei Na was suddenly enlightened. "Oh, right. Yes, you have an Ultimate Ice martial soul."

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "Your Highness, I wonder what you are here for?"

Wei Na lifted her head to look at Huo Yuhao. There was a deep look in her eyes, as if there were some kind of special emotional undulation contained within.

Although Huo Yuhao's spiritual power was strong, he still grew a little awkward as she stared at him like this. He was too embarrassed to probe.

At this moment, Wei Na kneeled down in front of Huo Yuhao and kowtowed to him. "Yuhao, please save the Heavenly Soul Empire."

Huo Yuhao's hair was already standing from her stare earlier. However, he was astonished by what she did right now, and immediately rushed forward to lift her up.

"Your Highness, what are you doing? We can talk."

Wei Na allowed Huo Yuhao to lift her up. However, she was already tearing up when she faced Huo Yuhao again.

A woman's tears were very lethal. When he saw the tears in her eyes, Huo Yuhao felt very sour in his heart. Princess Wei Na was very awe-inspiring before! But now, she...

As he thought until here, he couldn't help but sigh and said, "Your Highness, if you have anything to tell me, just tell me directly. I'll help you in whatever way I can."

"Thanks." Wei Na sobbed as she nodded. "I'm sorry, I lost my composure. I've been under far too much pressure during this period of time. It feels so good to see you again. I still remember the first time we met!"

Huo Yuhao didn't say anything, but just sat there quietly. If he really took her as a weak young lady, he would be committing a very foolish error. Princess Jiujiu was already very impressive. However, Huo Yuhao thought more highly of Princess Wei Na.

Wei Na rubbed her tears away when she saw that he had no reaction. She said, "The Sun Moon Empire has come too abruptly. They've completely sealed off our surveillance on them. Initially, I was delighted that we had the Body Sect with us. I even thought that our overall strength was superior to the Star Luo Empire. However, who knew that the Sun Moon Empire's soul tools were of such impressive standards? When I first saw that great explosion that tore our defensive line apart, how our advanced-tier soul masters were killed and how our enemies were completely fine under their linked defensive barrier, I realized how foolish my thinking was."

She seemed a little distracted and lost as she spoke until here. She wasn't trying to earn pity from this, but it was her true feelings. She had gone through too much over the past few months. The empire had collapsed, countless lives were lost, and everything seemed to be greatly connected to soul tools.

After sighing, Wei Na turned her attention to Huo Yuhao. "When I first saw you, I had already realized the importance of soul tools. Honestly speaking, even though we've lost very heavily, we would have been in a worse state if not for the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons that the Tang Sect has produced. I heard about your exploits in the Star Luo Empire. You were the one who helped the Star Luo Empire regain control of the Ming Dou Mountain Range, that relieved the pressure on us. Although you didn't directly participate in the war, you are still a benefactor of the Heavenly Soul Empire. Even though the Heavenly Soul Empire is in decline, I can still make decisions. I can give you a knighthood."

She was filled with hope as she looked at Huo Yuhao at this point. She waited eagerly for his answer.

Huo Yuhao was in shock right now. This Princess Wei Na is indeed very impressive! How did she know I helped the Star Luo Empire regain control of the Ming Dou Mountain Range? The Star Luo Empire wouldn't have publicly revealed any of the details of that. Furthermore, she also knows that I was offered a knighthood by the Star Luo Empire. Otherwise, she wouldn't have suggested that to me.

A knighthood in the Heavenly Soul Empire is still very good even though the empire is only left with one-third of its original territories. In terms of intelligence, the Heavenly Soul Empire should be ahead of the Star Luo Empire.

Huo Yuhao shook his head gently and replied, "I'm sorry, Your Highness. Perhaps you already know that I was offered a knighthood by the Star Luo Empire. But I'm doing that because of some personal matters. I'm not being greedy. I appreciate your offer."

Princess Wei Na sighed in her heart. She was already very open with her words, but Huo Yuhao still rejected her outright.

"Yuhao, you know the situation we're in. I can offer you more, but it can only happen once we are faring better. If you have any needs, please feel free to tell me."

She's only talking about benefits. It seems like she's after something big.

Huo Yuhao pondered for a moment before answering seriously, "Your Highness, I have nothing I need. My needs are the academy's needs. As long as the Heavenly Soul Empire continues to support the academy, everything's fine. If you need help, feel free to ask me."

What a stubborn fellow! Wei Na was secretly depressed, but the look on her face turned more and more melancholic.

"I just hope that you can help the Heavenly Soul Empire one day. We won't forget your contributions. If we can do it and you need it, just tell us. This promise is for forever. Honestly speaking, I'm only here today to build a good relationship with you. You don't have to think too much. That's right, I'm here to pull you over. Furthermore, I was determined before I even came. No matter what request you have, we'll do our best to fulfil it. That includes my body." Princess Wei Na lowered her voice. When she finished speaking, she had already lowered her head. Her voice was soft, but it was audible enough for Huo Yuhao.

She was very beautiful, and she was also being flirtatious now. To any man, she was devastatingly attractive. Even Huo Yuhao was slightly moved when he saw her like that.

“Your Highness, you don’t have to be like that. We have a common enemy now. Everyone knows that we’re doomed if the Heavenly Soul Empire is destroyed by the Sun Moon Empire. That’s why we’ll do our best to help you. It’s just that you should know that Shrek is working with all the empires. What we can do now is only to stall for time. While the Sun Moon Empire’s soul tools are powerful, they aren’t as strong as the three empires combined. After occupying so much land, they’ll need time to settle in. This time is very valuable to us.”

“Yes.” Wei Na nodded gently before she stood up and said, “Yuhao, I’ve already told you my intentions clearly. Since you don’t have any requests, I’ll leave first. There are still things I need to settle. It’s still the same. If you have anything in the future that you need us to help you with, we will support you without any hesitation.”

“Your Highness, you’re too kind.” Huo Yuhao nodded slightly before he stood up and sent her to the door.

She suddenly turned around when she reached the door. She looked at him with a sharp gaze.

Huo Yuhao was slightly taken aback, and only heard Wei Na whisper, “Do you have that kind of male problem?”

“What?” Huo Yuhao was confused, and his face turned red. He didn’t expect the elegant Princess Wei Na to ask such a question.

Wei Na chuckled before leaving. As she left, she muttered to herself, “I’m finally feeling better.”

Huo Yuhao’s lips shuddered as he watched her leave. Even though he knew that Princess Wei Na was only being herself at the end, it was too ridiculous.

Princess Wei Na left, and Bei Bei appeared from the side. He laughed, “Little junior, was she here to bribe you?”

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly as he nodded. He had already felt that Bei Bei wasn’t far from them just now. Although Princess Wei Na wasn’t being very loud earlier, Bei Bei could still hear her, given his cultivation.

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Bei Bei laughed, “You’re in demand right now! Isn’t it good being the Prince Consort?”

Huo Yuhao’s face turned black. “Eldest senior, even you’re laughing at me.”

“Haha! Little junior, a man must never say no!” Bei Bei laughed before walking off.

Huo Yuhao immediately chased after him and asked, “Eldest senior, when do we take action?”

Bei Bei replied, “We’ll discuss that after dinner. Elder Song and Dean Yan are both back. Elder Song said that the Heavenly Soul Empire hopes that we can help them with surveillance. It seems like they know what you did for the Star Luo Empire. They want to fully use us! Princess Wei Na probably came to find

you for that reason. She's a clever lady. She knows that you're adept in this area, and how important you are to the Tang Sect. She might even know that you'll be one of the main commanders of the three soul engineer legions in the future. Bribing you will be beneficial to the Heavenly Soul Empire."

Huo Yuhao nodded and replied, "I think so too."

Bei Bei glanced at him amusedly, "Of course, we can't exclude the possibility that she's really into you. After all, my little junior is a man of many talents. You are fit enough to be with Her Highness."

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly, "Eldest senior, stop mocking me already. We have to perform surveillance. If we don't, we can't find Teacher Xiao Ya. It's fine if we coordinate with them in this area. Furthermore, we'll need their help if we want to save Teacher Xiao Ya. Without the war as a cover, it's impossible for us to enter the Sun Moon Empire's military."

Bei Bei's expression turned serious as they talked about saving Tang Ya. In fact, no one was more anxious compared to him. Tang Ya had disappeared for so long. It had been so many years. In all these years, Bei Bei had been in torment. He was like that when he didn't have news of her. When he received news of her, she had already become a Holy Lady of the Holy Ghost Church. He clearly knew where his lover was, but he couldn't save her. Right now, it was clear how tortured he must feel.

Now that he finally had a chance to find her, he was undoubtedly very anxious. However, the conflict between both armies involved close to a million soldiers. How easy was it to find someone from a million people? Furthermore, Tang Ya was on the enemy's side right now, and none of them knew how strong she was. In addition, she should be surrounded by powerful individuals from the Holy Ghost Church. To save her, a plan had to be hatched first.

"Let's go and have dinner. After dinner, we'll start planning." Bei Bei grabbed Huo Yuhao's shoulder and walked towards the guest hall.

Dinner was very scrumptious. The Heavenly Soul Empire went to great efforts to prepare this dinner for them. Elder Song and Dean Yan sat in the main seats, while those from the Tang Sect formed a circle.

Everyone ate very quickly. The food consisted of rare delicacies that were very nourishing to soul masters' bodies. However, everyone was concerned about their mission this time, and couldn't be bothered to rave about how delicious the food was.

Dinner ended quickly, and there were servants who helped them to clean up the dining table. Elder Song then said, "Alright, let's talk about our mission."

Everyone unwittingly sat up straight. Even Yan Shaozhe wasn't an exception. In front of Elder Song, he was a junior.

After pondering for a moment, Elder Song turned her attention to Yan Shaozhe and asked, "Shaozhe, what's your opinion?"

Yan Shaozhe said, "I'll first talk about what we learned from the Heavenly Soul Empire today. Currently, the Heavenly Soul, Dou Ling and Star Luo Empires are all gathered somewhere. Over here, there are nine soul master legions and more than twenty Titled Douluo. The overall strength is rather great. The marshal of the three armies is a prince from the Heavenly Soul Empire known as Shuai Xue. He hopes



that we can help the Heavenly Soul Empire weaken the Sun Moon Empire's surveillance abilities. At the same time, he provided some information on their army. He'll coordinate with us for this mission."

Elder Song added, "Their request is still quite reasonable. After all, we only have eleven people. It's impossible for us to change the entire situation of the war. However, we can still weaken the enemy's surveillance abilities."

Elder Song was one of the strongest agility-type soul masters currently living. She was a Rank 97 Transcendent Douluo. If she made an appearance, it would be very easy for her to destroy some of the surveillance soul tools, unless the Sun Moon Empire had some kind of strict set-up.

Elder Song turned her attention to Bei Bei. "Bei Bei, tell me your opinions." Bei Bei was the leader of the Tang Sect, and one of the symbolic figures of the academy too.

Bei Bei nodded and replied, "Elder Song, Dean Yan, our main aim here is to save Xiao Ya before we do our best to help the Heavenly Soul Empire, under the condition that we can ensure our personal safety. That's why I think we should perform our own surveillance first, and find out where Xiao Ya is. At the same time, we can find out what the Sun Moon Empire's set-up is before we decide on the best course of action."

Elder Song nodded slightly and was amused as she looked at Huo Yuhao. She asked, "Come, our little surveillance hero. How do you think we should act with regards to the Sun Moon Empire?"

Huo Yuhao's exploits at the Ming Dou Mountain Range had long spread to the academy. As an important member of the Sea God's Pavilion, Elder Song naturally knew what had happened. After hearing Elder Song's words, even Yan Shaozhe revealed a grin on his face.

Before Huo Yuhao had even grown up, Yan Shaozhe had already thought very highly of him. Now, Huo Yuhao was all grown up, and was one of the symbolic figures of the younger generation of soul masters. He was also the soul master with the highest potential in the Tang Sect.

Huo Yuhao rarely returned to Shrek Academy now. Even if he did, he would leave shortly thereafter. Yan Shaozhe didn't know the extent of his abilities. In terms of seniority, Huo Yuhao was still considered his little junior.

Huo Yuhao coughed and replied, "Elder Song, Dean Yan, I'm no hero. If we're talking about surveillance, I think I should be fine performing super-high aerial surveillance on the Sun Moon Empire. Given my understanding of the Sun Moon Empire's aerial surveillance soul tools, I believe they can only keep their soul tools at an altitude of three thousand meters. As long as I'm above that altitude, I can basically confirm their overall situation. However, as it's too high up, the details might be a little vague. I can perform this surveillance."

"It'll be difficult to pinpoint Teacher Xiao Ya's location. My Spiritual Detection can only work within a certain region. Furthermore, there are bound to be spiritual barriers around certain soul tools in the Sun Moon Empire. Once my Spiritual Detection touches those barriers, I will immediately be discovered. If I'm within range, I'll definitely be attacked. If the Sun Moon Empire discovers me, I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to escape. It's quite difficult to retreat completely.

“That’s why I suggest that we need to at least fight them once if we want to bring Teacher Xiao Ya back. Or we can ambush them in the night. It’s only when we interact that I can bring reliable information back, but only if we can sufficiently protect ourselves.”

As for how he was going to survey the Sun Moon Empire, Huo Yuhao naturally already had a plan. After his many rounds of surveillance during the war, he was slowly gaining experience. During his Ultimate Soldier Plan training, he also slowly made it a part of him. Moreover, his ability to protect himself had grown significantly as his abilities grew. He even had the Ice Bear King as his trump card. He knew that he had the confidence of fighting any enemy if the fight was small-scale. Even against a Titled Douluo, he believed he could still retreat successfully.

After hearing Huo Yuhao’s words, Elder Song was even more amused. “No wonder you’re a talent that we nurtured from our Ultimate Soldier Plan. If we want to spark a fight, we’ll need the Heavenly Soul Empire’s help. We’ll also need to be careful. You should know that the Sun Moon Empire has soul engineer legions, and they react very quickly. Their attacks are also very lethal because of their linked soul tools. If things go awry, we run the risk of suffering heavy casualties.”

Huo Yuhao nodded and answered, “Yes, I’ve thought of this already. That’s why we can’t have too many people around if we want to ambush them. However, we’ll need strong individuals. If we can deploy some of the Titled Douluo from the Heavenly Soul Empire, it would be fantastic.”

“What do you think about leading this fight?” Elder Song asked.

“Me?” Huo Yuhao was stunned, and hurriedly said, “How can I? You and Dean Yan are both around. I’m only a small soldier under the two of you.”

Elder Song laughed. “Alright, you don’t have to be modest. If you’re talking about fighting a war, Shaozhe and I are both not experienced enough. You’ve already participated in many fights against the Sun Moon Empire, and you know their soul engineer legions better than us. We’re not real soldiers. Whoever’s capable will lead us. Let’s do this. From now on, all ten of us, including me and Shaozhe, will be under your command. As for liaising with the Heavenly Soul Empire, I’ll do it. What do you guys think?”

Those from the Tang Sect naturally weren’t in a position to say anything, but they were all stunned. They didn’t think Elder Song would think so highly of Huo Yuhao.

Yan Shaoze said without any hesitation, “I think it’s feasible. Elder Song, you’re wise.”

“I...” Huo Yuhao smiled bitterly as he looked at Elder Song and Dean Yan. Why do both of them look so sly with their smiles? Am I not being put in a spot? I have to command both of them...

Elder Song said with a straight face, “Yuhao, you don’t have to be stressed. We aren’t joking around with you. You’ll lead this mission, and we’ll do our best to coordinate with you. You’re the only one who truly knows what’s going on with the Sun Moon Empire’s soul engineer legions. Furthermore, we’ve never fought a real soul engineer legion before. You should know that our individual strengths are less prominent with the existence of linked soul tools. Otherwise, the Heavenly Soul Empire wouldn’t be in such a state with the help of the Body Sect.”

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Elder Song said, "I agree with what you described earlier, but I'll need a more detailed plan. Devise a plan tonight, and we'll discuss it with the Heavenly Soul Empire tomorrow, so that the mission can start quickly."

"Elder Song, I..." Huo Yuhao still wanted to say something, but he was stopped by Elder Song. "Young man, never decline to shoulder a responsibility. Don't forget, you're also one of the members of the Sea God's Pavilion. Don't throw the face of your teacher!"

What else could Huo Yuhao say now that Elder Mu had been brought into the conversation? He took a deep breath and nodded seriously. "Thank you, Elder Song and Dean Yan, for your trust in me. I'll do my best."

Elder Song smiled and said, "Don't blame us for doing this. We're already old, and our brains aren't working as well as they used to. You're about the right age. Alright, discuss your plan. If you need us to do anything, you can just inform us tomorrow. We'll go and rest first."

After she finished speaking, Elder Song stood up and proceeded to her room.

She was truly feeling relaxed after pushing the responsibility away!

Elder Song's trust indeed gave Huo Yuhao pressure. He smiled bitterly at Bei Bei, but Bei Bei turned his head away while revealing a slight grin on his face.

When Xuan Ziwen didn't agree to let Huo Yuhao join this mission, Bei Bei had felt very depressed. He knew very well what Huo Yuhao could do. Elder Song's words had resonated with him. In the entire Shrek Academy, Huo Yuhao was the one who had interacted most with the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineer legions. He had even attained impressive results. Without him, the Star Luo Empire couldn't have regained control of the Ming Dou Mountain Range, and the entire situation of the war would have been very different right now.

Huo Yuhao didn't know that he was already an expert on military matters in Shrek Academy. While Elder Song appeared to be pushing the responsibility onto him, she was in fact placing her trust in him, and hoped that this could help to further train him.

In the future, the academy was going to send three soul engineer legions to join the war. They would need an outstanding marshal. The soul engineer legions were formed by students and teachers, as well as externally-hired soul masters. All of them had joined willingly. All three empires of the original Douluo Continent would surely be watching them very closely. During a Conference of the Sea God's Pavilion, it had already been decided that the three soul engineer legions could only be led by someone from Shrek, and not anyone else from the other three empires. It wasn't that they couldn't be trusted. It was that this project involved their interests, and there might be a conflict of interests if the soul engineer legions were led by any of the empires.

But Shrek City was only a city, and Shrek Academy was a soul master and soul engineer academy. It wasn't a military academy. There were very few who knew much about military matters. In such a situation, someone like Huo Yuhao was needed to help alleviate the pressure on the academy.

As a result, Elder Song intentionally wanted to build Huo Yuhao's expertise in military matters. At the same time, it was a test for him. Earlier, the operations that Huo Yuhao were a part of didn't involve

anyone from the senior management of Shrek Academy. This time, Elder Song and Yan Shaozhe could directly observe his abilities.

This battlefield was definitely the best place for him to demonstrate his abilities.

Naturally, Huo Yuhao didn't know the intention behind Elder Song's decision. He was only a little stressed out right now. For me to command Elder Song and Dean Yan, it's really a little...

Elder Song left, but Yan Shaozhe didn't. He nodded at Huo Yuhao. "Alright, let's make a detailed plan. Everyone, contribute your thoughts."

Bei Bei said, "Yuhao, you should be the one coming up with the plan. I only have one request. In this plan, our safety must be the first priority, especially for you. You must not expose yourself to any danger. Otherwise, I'd rather you didn't save Xiao Ya. Do you understand?"

Huo Yuhao sighed in his heart. How was it possible for them to avoid danger if they wanted to rescue Tang Ya? However, he still nodded and said, "The overall plan is in the direction that I mentioned earlier. I'll need a few days. First, we'll survey the Sun Moon Empire's army at an extremely high altitude. At the same time, we need to gather some information on the Sun Moon Empire from the Heavenly Soul Empire. For example, how many soul engineer legions does the Sun Moon Empire have? How many advanced-tier soul engineers do they have? What kind of advanced-tier soul tools do they have? Of course, I'll verify all these through my surveillance. The Sun Moon Empire is definitely prepared. They'll use some kind of method to hide their strength and power."

Bei Bei nodded and said, "It's still the same words. Whether it's your surveillance or our operation, safety comes first."

Huo Yuhao nodded. "Alright, let's discuss the plan in detail."

He lifted his head to look at the others, who turned their attention to him. Xu Sanshi even directly said, "Little junior, don't look down on us. Since Elder Song has given you the reins, we're all your soldiers now. We'll do whatever you want."

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly, "It's not easy being the one in charge! Third senior, come up with an idea too."

Xu Sanshi immediately shook his head and said, "I have no idea. I'm not skilled in this anymore. You can decide."

Huo Yuhao then looked at the rest, and they also turned their heads away. When his gaze reached Ye Guyi and Nan Qiuqiu, both of them burst out laughing.

Huo Yuhao sighed in annoyance and said, "Since this is the case, we'll begin with the surveillance first. After that, we'll come up with a detailed plan."

Without sufficient intelligence and surveillance, he couldn't come up with a concrete plan.

"Do I need to come with you?" Yan Shaozhe asked.

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, "No. Dean Yan, you can rest. I'll perform surveillance tonight. The Sun Moon Empire will never discover me, unless they've developed a new aerial surveillance soul tool."

Yan Shaozhe smiled and replied, "Alright then, you can go then. Take care of your safety. Let our contacts from the Heavenly Soul Empire escort you out of the city. You'll only go into the sky when you leave the city, so as to prevent any misunderstandings."

"Alright."

Heavenly Spirit City was on high alert right now. Although the Heavenly Soul Empire couldn't compare to the Sun Moon Empire in terms of aerial surveillance soul tools, there were still some aerial surveillance soul tools around.

After Huo Yuhao found his contact from the army, the contact immediately reported to his superiors.

In just a while, Princess Wei Na personally came over.

The moment they met, she eagerly asked, "Are you going to survey the Sun Moon Empire?"

Huo Yuhao nodded and answered, "Yes! Any operation has to be built on credible intelligence from a surveillance mission."

Wei Na thought for a moment before saying, "I would like to go with you."

"What?" Huo Yuhao was shocked. "What kind of joke are you playing? How can someone as important as you follow me? Although it's not that dangerous, it should never happen."

Wei Na smiled and said, "Please let me go. I've been in the background all this while and never participated in any fighting at the frontline. I only want to do something for my empire. In fact, if not for this thought, I would have left with Aotian."

"What?" Huo Yuhao opened his eyes wide. "Aotian? Long Aotian?" He clearly remembered that the Body Sect had appeared during the Soul Dueling Tournament. Long Aotian, who possessed a Whitesilver-level Body Soul, was very strong. No one from Shrek's Seven Monsters could challenge him in a duel. Furthermore, Long Aotian was Princess Wei Na's fiancé.

Wei Na sadly replied, "Yes, he's gone. Otherwise, why would I have suggested those conditions to you? To protect me, he died from a soul ray unleashed by a Class 9 soul tool. I wanted to leave him with then, but I had no choice but to remain alive for my country. Aotian is dead and so is my heart. Yuhao, I don't want to talk too much. Just let me go with you. You should know that I also have twin martial souls. Furthermore, my two martial souls are quite similar to yours. Although they are weaker, you'll find things easier with my aid. I'm already a Soul Emperor now. I won't burden you."

Right now, Princess Wei Na was being truthful. As he saw the sorrowful look in her eyes and thought of Wang Dong'er, Huo Yuhao couldn't bring himself to reject her. He only nodded and said, "Alright, but you have to listen to me."

"Okay. It's a promise." Wei Na rubbed her tears away before nodding at Huo Yuhao.

Long Aotian was actually dead. Now that he thought of their fight on the tournament stage, Huo Yuhao couldn't help but feel heavy in his heart.

Wei Na led Huo Yuhao to the outside of the city. With her around, a lot of trouble was avoided while they left the city.

Huo Yuhao softly asked, “Your Highness, how great are the Body Sect’s losses?”

Wei Na’s body stiffened up, and she turned to Huo Yuhao.

Seeing her red eyes, he hurriedly added, “You can forget it if it’s not convenient to reveal the figures.”

Wei Na smiled bitterly, “It’s fine. The Body Sect had eleven Titled Douluo, but three are currently dead, including my teacher. Another four are critically injured. They can’t join the war for now. More than a third of the Body Sect’s disciples are dead too.”

Huo Yuhao was shocked after hearing her words. “There are so many casualties?”

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Wei Na nodded and said, “The Sun Moon Empire once targeted us in an execution when they attacked Heaven Dou City. They ambushed us in the night and used some kind of special soul tool to disrupt our aerial surveillance soul tools. After that, a soul engineer legion suddenly appeared above Heaven Dou City. They locked onto specific, strong individuals on our side using their own aerial surveillance soul tools and tried to assassinate them. It was then that we suffered heavy losses. There were also many evil soul masters with them. If not for the fact that my teacher chased them away even with his injuries, the imperial family would have been wiped out.”

Huo Yuhao was silent. The advantage that the Sun Moon Empire had in terms of soul tools meant that they could use a lot of strategies. If not for Wei Na’s words, he wouldn’t have expected the Sun Moon Empire to come up with such a tactic. Interference soul tool? They were indeed exploiting their advantages!

Wei Na looked at Huo Yuhao seriously and said, “Let me go with you. Although my abilities are beneath yours, I’m the most suitable person to help you. I’m just like you. I have twin martial souls. And if you remember, you should know that our martial souls are similar.”

Similar? Huo Yuhao was slightly moved when he heard this. Yes! Princess Wei Na’s twin martial souls are indeed quite similar to mine. One of her martial souls is a Snow Lotus, an auxiliary and healing-type martial soul. It also contains the elements of ice and snow. Her other martial soul is even stronger. It’s her brain. Even in the Body Sect, she was one of the most talented. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have been rated so highly.

Her Whitesilver-level Body Sect had gone through its second mutation, and she was once the main control-type soul master of the Snowdemon Sect’s team.

Seeing that Huo Yuhao was hesitating, Wei Na hurriedly said, “Furthermore, you can avoid a lot of unnecessary trouble if I’m around. I have a signaler that belongs to the Heavenly Soul Empire. With me around, you won’t have to worry about being mistaken for the enemy.”

Huo Yuhao sighed softly as he saw how persistent she was. He said, “Alright then. However, you must listen to me. Since you’re going with me, I have to ensure your safety.”

“Okay.” Wei Na agreed without any hesitation.

The signaler on Wei Na would definitely make things much more convenient. The two of them took off right from the ground and proceeded straight for the sky.

Just like Wei Na had said, her cultivation was that of a Soul Emperor now. Along with a flying-type soul tool, she was quick in the air. Even though the Heavenly Soul Empire lagged far behind the Sun Moon Empire in terms of soul tools, Wei Na still had access to the best soul tools in the empire, since she was a princess.

Huo Yuhao shot straight up into the sky with her and rose higher and higher. He didn't flaunt his skills either, and also used a flying-type soul tool to fly.

The two of them were far off from the ground in just a while. The scenery below them also became more and more blurry.

When both of them were more than two thousand meters in the sky, Wei Na slowed down. After all, she was only a Soul Emperor. Even though her Snow Lotus helped her to resist the cold, her soul power would start to be drained at a much quicker speed the higher she flew.

However, she didn't trouble Huo Yuhao. The flying-type soul tool behind her shone subtly. Huo Yuhao suddenly sensed that at least four Milk Bottles had released soul power undulations into her flying-type soul tool, continuously pouring in soul power.

Huo Yuhao naturally didn't face such a problem. Very soon, the two of them were close to three thousand meters in the sky.

At such an altitude, Wei Na was evidently a little overwhelmed. Her flying speed dropped greatly. She looked at Huo Yuhao beside her. From the start until the end, Huo Yuhao's flying remained very normal. Although he didn't use any special abilities or speed, Wei Na was still very impressed with him. They were both the same age, and he was even slightly younger, but he was already so strong. It seems like he is indeed much stronger than he was before. No wonder the Star Luo Empire said that it was his surveillance that helped them regain control of the Ming Dou Mountain Range.

"Yuhao, is this altitude fine?" Wei Na asked Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao answered, "Not yet. This only puts us in line with the Sun Moon Empire's high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools. We need to go higher to prevent being discovered."

Wei Na was confused as she asked, "But can we even see anything if we fly further up? It's night time too."

There were soul masters from the Heavenly Soul Empire who could fly even higher. A Titled Douluo could reach an altitude of up to five thousand meters. However, such an altitude put one very far from the ground. It was difficult to see anything, much less perform any surveillance. Moreover, this didn't include the presence of clouds and fog that might reduce visibility.

Huo Yuhao asked, "Have you forgotten? My martial soul is my eyes."

"Oh." Wei Na didn't say anything else.

Huo Yuhao's figure flashed, and he arrived behind Wei Na. She subconsciously turned towards him. Huo Yuhao extended his right hand and grabbed the center of her flying-type soul tool. Wei Na suddenly felt that her body was lighter. Following this, she rose into the sky at a much faster speed. Under Huo Yuhao's charge, they flew higher and higher.

This...

Just as Wei Na was shocked, she couldn't help but re-evaluate her judgment of Huo Yuhao's cultivation. She also possessed a spiritual-type martial soul, and it was the strongest Body Soul one could have, the brain. Although her Spiritual Detection couldn't rival Huo Yuhao's, she could still clearly sense the changes in him from such close distance. At least, she knew that Huo Yuhao wasn't using any Milk Bottles to aid him. His soul power undulations became stronger as they flew up once again. However, her Spiritual Detection couldn't detect how strong Huo Yuhao's spiritual power was.

She sighed silently in her heart. Initially, when she had joined the Body Sect, she had thought that she was the best soul master along with Long Aotian in the younger generation of soul masters. However, after she interacted with those from Shrek Academy, she fully understood that those from Shrek weren't inferior to her at all. Huo Yuhao was one of them. He was so far ahead of her that she couldn't even tell how strong he was anymore.

They continued rising until they reached an altitude of four thousand meters. Huo Yuhao slowed down at this altitude. Although his cultivation wasn't weak, he would drain too much of his energy if he continued to go any higher.

Furthermore, in Huo Yuhao's opinion, they were at an altitude that was no longer detectable by high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools. They started to fly horizontally now. He led Princess Wei Na towards the Sun Moon Empire's military base.

At this moment, soul power undulations spread from his body. Following this, Huo Yuhao sensed pure and gentle soul power surging into his body. There was even a redolent aura that came with it. Suddenly, his spiritual and soul power were greatly replenished. They might even have been boosted. He felt much more energetic now.

Wei Na nodded at him as he lowered it to look at her. In her palm, there was a snow lotus that exuded a gentle glow.

With Huo Yuhao helping her fly, what Wei Na had to do was resist the cold. She didn't want to become a burden. By unleashing her Snow Lotus, she also greatly replenished Huo Yuhao's energy.

At this moment, Wei Na sensed gentle spiritual undulations coming from Huo Yuhao. The light around his body distorted slightly.

Wei Na's spiritual power was also rather strong. She immediately realized what he was doing and asked in shock, "Are you using your spiritual-type soul skill to distort light?"

Huo Yuhao shook his head and replied, "No, I have a soul skill called Imitation. I can assimilate with my surroundings and conceal myself."

Wei Na suddenly understood, and said, "No wonder you're so good at surveillance. This is why. Concealing yourself before using your Spiritual Detection to perform surveillance. You can even use your ice-type soul power to avoid thermal detectors. I understand now."

Huo Yuhao didn't make a sound, but he was impressed with how clever she was.



However, Wei Na was only excited for a moment before she looked a little slumped. Even though she knew how Huo Yuhao did it, she couldn't copy him. Her martial soul was her brain, not her eyes. Her vision was much weaker than his. Instead, her brain could unleash offensive soul skills. For example, the Banshee's Wail that she had once unleashed brought a lot of problems to the Tang Sect's team.

Huo Yuhao's Spirit Eyes weren't as strong as Wei Na's Brain. However, he had a natural advantage over her. When he obtained his first soul ring from the Skydream Iceworm, it was already destined that no one could rival the talent of his spiritual-type martial soul anymore.

All the soul rings that he had obtained after that were mostly auxiliary. However, it was precisely because he gave up his offensiveness that his Spirit Eyes became stronger. In terms of control, he held a natural advantage. To ordinary soul masters, even for soul masters with twin martial souls like Na Na, they wouldn't forgo their offensiveness when they added more soul rings.

Very soon, they slowly came closer to the sky directly above the Sun Moon Empire's military base. Huo Yuhao looked down. He didn't use his Spiritual Detection, but purely used his Spirit Eyes to see. He didn't want to alarm anyone. As he gained more and more experience, he became more and more cautious too.

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As he observed the Sun Moon Empire's military base, he also unleashed his Spiritual Detection Sharing. Wei Na only felt that everything in front of her had brightened, and the pitch-black night sky had all of a sudden become clear. The image in front of her was quickly enlarged.

Her body shook slightly from the astonishment. This is a godly skill! At least, it is during surveillance. If our empire had such a talented soul master, we wouldn't have been defeated so badly.

The Heavenly Soul Empire had finally realized the importance of surveillance after paying the price of losing two-thirds of its land following the appearance of a new generation of soul tools.

In terms of fighting strength, the Heavenly Soul Empire wasn't so inferior to the Sun Moon Empire that they were invaded and battered so easily. Apart from soul tools, the Heavenly Soul Empire also lacked greatly in their surveillance abilities. From the start until the end, the Heavenly Soul Empire was the passive one, and didn't even know when the enemy would appear, or how much strength they possessed. This was why they had lost so badly.

Just as Wei Na was in shock, Huo Yuhao had already carefully observed the setup of the Sun Moon Empire's base.

He had fought the Sun Moon Empire's armies quite a number of times. As a result, he could roughly tell what their setup was.

Very soon, his expression turned grim, and he was stunned.

If he had to describe their base, he would describe it as impenetrable.

The entire base was shaped like a long snake. However, it wasn't completely horizontal. Rather, it was built in such a way that it fit the geographical structure of the land. More importantly, Huo Yuhao

discovered five soul formations in the base. Each of these soul formations could only be built by an entire soul engineer legion.

This meant that the Sun Moon Empire had five soul engineer legions here. Not to even mention the number of soul engineer legions in the Hand that Protects the Nation there were here, five soul engineer legions were already sufficient to ensure that they were well-protected. If a full-blown conflict happened here, they would be extremely destructive. The Sun Moon Empire hadn't gotten to starting one yet, probably because they had been greatly drained in their previous fights, and needed time to recuperate and regroup.

What Huo Yuhao saw was also seen by Princess Wei Na. She had some understanding of the Sun Moon Empire's army. Through this surveillance, she also got a clearer look at things that she wasn't aware of before.

Huo Yuhao sighed slightly and said, "Five soul formations. Even an Ultimate Douluo would find it difficult to breach their base. Your Highness, how many soul engineer legions from the Hand that Protects the Nation are here?"

Wei Na replied, "Two. One is the Imperial Dragon Soul Engineer Legion, and the other is the Terrorclaw Soul Engineer Legion."

Huo Yuhao's heart sank once again. Among the five soul engineer legions in the Hand that Protects the Nation, the strongest was undoubtedly the Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineer Legion. The remaining four beast lord-ranked soul engineer legions had differences in their abilities. Among them, the strongest was the Imperial Dragon Soul Engineer Legion, followed by the Terrorclaw Soul Engineer Legion and the Phoenix Soul Engineer Legion. The weakest was the Evil Tyrant Soul Engineer Legion.

The Imperial Dragon Soul Engineer Legion and Terrorclaw Soul Engineer Legion were both here. This represented more than half the strength of the four beast lord-ranked soul engineer legions. No wonder the Heavenly Soul Empire found things so difficult here.

"Alright, this is all we can see from such an altitude. We have to return." Huo Yuhao said to Wei Na.

In fact, if he were the only one, he would carry out a series of surveillance passes. He might even go lower, or use his Spiritual Detection. However, he couldn't do that with Princess Wei Na around. He had to ensure her safety.

At this moment, Huo Yuhao felt an omen. This omen didn't come from his Spiritual Detection or soul power undulations. It came from his Three-Eyed Golden Lion skull. It was the warning given to him by his power of destiny.

Not right!

He subconsciously looked down, and discovered that one of the soul formations below was shining with red light.

"Shit!" Huo Yuhao shouted. Following this, he grabbed Wei Na's flying-type soul tool with both his hands and spun around in the sky, flinging her away with all his strength.

By the time she reacted, her body was already flung like a cannon shell. Huo Yuhao quickly rose into the sky. n(-OvE1B1n

By tossing her away, Huo Yuhao had already wasted some valuable time that he could have used to flee. It would be very difficult to avoid the enemy's attack now. He could only rise further into the sky. The higher the altitude, the weaker soul power was. Furthermore, Huo Yuhao even used his Instant Teleportation to go higher up.

Just as he finished this, a beam of red light shot into the sky. It grazed through four thousand meters of sky and engulfed Huo Yuhao.

This beam of red light was more than a hundred meters wide. Although it only flashed once before disappearing, its aura was overwhelming, and made it seem as if the entire sky had been pierced.

When Wei Na saw the red light sweeping past from the distance before Huo Yuhao was engulfed by it, she opened her mouth in shock, and was completely stunned in place. At an altitude of four thousand meters without Huo Yuhao's help, she only barely managed to keep herself up in the sky.

Before she reacted even further, Huo Yuhao's voice suddenly sounded in her head. "What are you waiting for? Why aren't you leaving?"

Following this, a black figure flashed past and grabbed her. As Huo Yuhao unleashed his Imitation once again, he quickly fled into the distance at his quickest possible speed.

Fortunately, that red light only struck once before it eventually dimmed and disappeared.

"Yuhao, are you fine?" Princess Wei Na only reacted now. Although she didn't know what that red light was, she at least knew that it wasn't fireworks. How strong did it have to be if it could travel four thousand meters into the sky? If not for Huo Yuhao, she would have been dead by now.

What Wei Na didn't see was that pitch-black scales were slowly fading away on Huo Yuhao's body, while his clothes had already been torn apart.

Huo Yuhao only truly knew how terrifying that strike was after experiencing it.

Furthermore, he knew exactly where it came from.

It had come from linked offensive soul tools. It had to be!

Right now, Huo Yuhao was completely astonished. That red light was high-energy and high-heat. The instantaneous surge of temperature sparked by that red light even melted his Ice Emperor Armor. Huo Yuhao had even unleashed a Class 6 Invincible Barrier, but it was vaporized too. Eventually, he had used Di Tian's reverse scale to protect his body. However, his clothes weren't that fortunate.

Huo Yuhao clearly knew that he would have been critically hurt even if he didn't die, if not for Di Tian's strength.

It was pertinent to note that the red light only struck him after travelling four thousand meters up into the sky! If it was closer, it would have been even more terrifying.

Fortunately, the same attack didn't come again. The Sun Moon Empire's base also appeared to be very peaceful.

Huo Yuhao brought Princess Wei Na all the way until they were above Heaven Dou City before they landed. When Princess Wei Na could control her own flying again, Huo Yuhao retrieved a new set of clothes to wear.

That was a real scare! Huo Yuhao's hair was still standing on end.

When the two of them landed, Huo Yuhao saw that Princess Wei Na was very pale. He wasn't faring much better either.

Although she was still scared out of her wits, Princess Wei Na couldn't help but ask, "Yuhao, what was that attack earlier? How did the Sun Moon Empire discover us and lock onto our position?"

Understanding the Sun Moon Empire's setup was very important to the Heavenly Soul Empire.

Huo Yuhao replied, "If I'm not wrong, that attack should have come from linked offensive soul tools. This means that one of the soul engineer legions locked onto us, and a linked attack was fired from their soul formation. Although it was weakened as it progressed through the air, it was still very strong."

"I'm not sure how they locked onto us. However, it had to be through a surveillance soul tool. It seems like the Sun Moon Empire has made new progress in terms of ground-based surveillance soul tools.

They're actually able to see four thousand meters into the air."

After hearing his words, Princess Wei Na couldn't help but turn gloomy. Originally, the gap between the Heavenly Soul Empire and Sun Moon Empire was already very great. If this gap was widened further, wouldn't that signify destruction for the Heavenly Soul Empire?

Huo Yuhao tried to comfort her upon seeing her expression. "Your Highness, don't be too worried. If I'm not wrong, the Sun Moon Empire's ground-based surveillance soul tools can't produce a wide effect even if they detect up to a further distance. They can't sweep the sky. We must have triggered one of their ground-based surveillance soul tools accidentally. Otherwise, the attacks should have come in waves. We weren't attacked after the first strike. They must have lost track of us."

Wei Na laughed bitterly, "You don't have to comfort me. I know the difference between us and the Sun Moon Empire. I'm sorry I dragged you down. If not for me, you wouldn't have been hit by that beam of light." She was smart. She clearly knew what had happened earlier. If Huo Yuhao hadn't bothered with her and just fled, he would have been able to escape the attack.

Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "We're allies. Let's not talk about this anymore. However, I'm afraid they'll tighten their defenses after this incident. I'm afraid I can't bring you along the next time."

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Wei Na tilted her head slightly and reached into her pockets, retrieved a small pouch, and gave it to Huo Yuhao. "This is the highest-tier signal soul tool from our side. If you have this, you will never be attacked by friendly forces."

Huo Yuhao naturally understood the princess' intentions, and he didn't reject her gift as he took it and placed it in his own pocket.

Wei Na stared at him deeply and said, "Yuhao, gratitude cannot be voiced for the great favors that you have given us. I will remember that. I need to hurry back so that I can log what I've seen today. Intelligence like that is far too precious."

"Alright."

Huo Yuhao turned around and walked into his own courtyard after watching Wei Na leave. He contemplated his experiences in the air as he walked.

Such powerful linked offensive soul tools! An attack like that would probably severely injure even a Titled Douluo. Fortunately, I had imitation to conceal myself continuously so I didn't have to suffer continuous attacks. Otherwise, the consequences could have been disastrous. At the least, Princess Wei Na wouldn't have returned with her life.

However, Huo Yuhao was starting to feel that the Beast God's reverse scale had its benefits, and increasingly so. At least, it provided protection for him in his most perilous moments. Otherwise, he would need quite some time to recover if he returned with severe injuries, even though his own body was quite tough.

What can we do to find Teacher Xiao Ya? The Sun Moon Empire's camp is like a metal plate. It's just too difficult.

Huo Yuhao returned to his room with those questions, and removed his outer shirt as he crossed his legs and meditated.

Huo Yuhao reported the results of his investigation to Elder Song and Yan Shaozhe at daybreak. However, he didn't mention that Princess Wei Na went with him, and only told them that he discovered the linked offensive soul tool's attack and evaded it before he hurried back.

Everyone's faces grew solemn when they heard Huo Yuhao's description. Elder Song lowered her voice and said, "Why don't I accompany you tonight? That attack is powerful, but I should have no problem protecting you."

Huo Yuhao thought for a moment and said, "That's perfect. But, Elder Song, there is something else I want to do."

"Eh?" Elder Song glanced at Huo Yuhao confusedly.

Huo Yuhao's eyes sparkled. "I want to see just how far the Sun Moon Empire's ground-based aerial surveillance soul tools can reach. We can only win our battles if we understand our enemies fully."

Elder Song nodded. She believed that with her around, the Sun Moon Empire's linked offensive soul tools couldn't possibly hurt Huo Yuhao no matter how powerful they were.

Huo Yuhao didn't obtain any accurate information, but he could guess that the Sun Moon Empire's advances in ground-based aerial surveillance soul tools likely occurred because of the multiple losses that he had caused them one after another. Their ground-based aerial surveillance soul tools were probably developed specifically for him. Furthermore, he could be sure that they were oscillation detectors.

To be able to target oscillation detectors so high up in the sky was extremely astonishing, even if their waves were compressed. The Sun Moon Empire had an absolute advantage in their industrial capabilities.

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The Sun Moon Empire's Radiant City, inside the royal palace.

There was a silent, very large room. It was almost two hundred square meters, while it was ornamented with the luxury and spectacle that only the royal family could have.

A handsome youth was sitting next to a table and eating some delicious food, and he seemed like he was really enjoying himself.

"Dum, dum, dum!" A soft knocking could be heard at the door.

The youth's eyes immediately lit up as he swiftly stood up and glanced in the door's direction. "Please come in."

The door opened, and a beautiful lady dressed in palace clothes walked in. Her hair was tied into a bun above her head, and her luxurious golden dress made her seem even more noble and elegant. Her skin was fair and almost translucent, like water would come out if someone squeezed her skin.

The door closed, and the room's atmosphere instantly became a lot more pleasant with such a gorgeous lady inside.

"Royal sister." The youth discreetly swallowed some saliva as he called out softly.

"Yes." The girl blushed a little, and she seemed shy and bashful as she gradually walked towards the table. "Aren't you going to ask me to sit down"?

"Oh, oh. Please sit down." The expensively-dressed youth spoke a little awkwardly.

The girl gradually sat down as she lowered her head and said embarrassedly, "I'm a little nervous, royal brother."

"I'm a little nervous, too. Why don't you eat something first, sister?" The youth stared at the girl's neck, which resembled that of an elegant swan, and the passion in his eyes was slowly sparked as even his voice began to tremble a little.

He had been pining after this girl for a long time, but had never had the guts to do anything about it. Who knew that such a fantastic opportunity would befall him today? This was much more wonderful than a snack from the gods! This snack wasn't just a snack, it was also absolutely delicious.

The girl gradually lifted her head as she bit down on her lower lip and said gently, "Do you really dare to, royal brother?"

The youth was momentarily stunned before he snickered and said, "Of course, I wouldn't normally dare to. But this is an order, and is something that my royal brother wants me to do. What else should I be afraid of? My brother has already shut me in for so many days to keep this secret. But I felt that

everything was worth it no matter what price I had to pay when I saw you. You're so beautiful, royal sister."

The girl smiled plainly and said, "Since you know that he wants to keep this secret, aren't you afraid that once the thing is done, he will kill you for it?"

The youth laughed and said, "How is that possible? We are cousins, and in the family hierarchy, I'm ranked among the first few who will be heir to the throne. Without the family's order, who dares to touch me? My brother hasn't been on the throne for too long, and even though he seems quite stable up there, if he dares to touch me, hmph!"

The young girl heaved a faint sigh and said, "You're thinking too much, royal brother, and you have underestimated your brother's methods. If he were so merciful, how could he become emperor?"

"Eh?" The youth's expression changed a little as he lowered his voice and said, "What do you mean, royal sister?"

The young girl smiled and shook her head. "I don't mean anything. I just want you to understand before you die."

"You!" The youth suddenly stood up. Suddenly, he felt a wave of dizziness come over his head as he stared at the girl in front of him with an incredulous look in his eyes.

The girl slowly stood up, and the faint but fragrant aroma on her body dampened as she made a grab at the youth. The youth's body immediately flew backwards and landed on the bed as he lost consciousness.

The young girl's face, which originally had a faint smile on it, immediately turned cold. "I'm sorry, royal brother. Blame your brother if you wish to blame someone." She held a sharp spike-shaped object in her hands as she spoke and walked towards the bed.

Fifteen minutes later.

The girl appeared inside a royal hall.

"It's done, Your Majesty." The girl spoke gently. The person sitting on the throne was none other than the Sun Moon Empire's emperor, Xu Tianran, while this luxuriously-dressed girl was Ju Zi.

"Thank you, Ju Zi. Please stand up." Xu Tianran waved his hand at her with a smile on her face. However, one could see upon closer inspection that his smile contained a kind of awkwardness and bitterness that was hard to detect.

Xu Tianran said, "Go and prepare. You have to begin as soon as possible to maintain activity. The royal doctor is already prepared."

"Yes, Your Majesty," Ju Zi nodded gently as she turned to leave.

She had just walked out of the hall when a dark shadow soundlessly appeared where she was before. He knelt down on one knee toward Xu Tianran and said, "Prince Tianhe has passed away, and it's confirmed that the empress did it herself. His life was taken in one hit, his heart was pierced, and he died."

“Alright, you may leave. Tell the royal doctor to see me after his inspection,” Xu Tianran answered coldly.

“Yes!”

The dark shadow departed soundlessly as Xu Tianran gradually stood up and paced around the room with his prosthetic legs.

His face was overcast. Prince Tianhe’s blood was very pure, and even though he was lazy and didn’t have a high cultivation rank, he was the most suitable target.

Xu Tianran felt as if his heart had been cut by a knife. Even though he had always treated Ju Zi as one of his most important chess pieces, they had spent so many years together, so how could he not develop any feelings for her? However, he couldn’t do what normal males could, and the royal family needed an heir. Thus, he had to devise such a devious plan.

Ju Zi didn’t need to have any physical contact with Prince Tianhe even if she wanted his seed. That could be accomplished with the Sun Moon Empire’s technology. What was amusing was that Prince Tianhe thought he had taken the advantage. His death by Ju Zi’s hands was also Xu Tianran’s order.

The reason why Xu Tianran chose to do this was simple. Ju Zi couldn’t go back once she killed Prince Tianhe, because her life would be over if this piece of news was spread. At the same time, Prince Tianhe would become the future heir’s true father if she was taking his seed. How could Xu Tianran allow such a person to live in the world? He wouldn’t be afraid of Ju Zi telling her crown prince anything in the future if he died at her hands. At the same time, this was a measure to tie Ju Zi even closer to himself.

Xu Tianran knew that his actions were very selfish and very cruel, and that was especially so for Ju Zi, who had always been loyal to him. However, he couldn’t rest if he hadn’t done all this. He was one of the most ambitious and ruthless characters of his time, he would never let anything escape his grasp.

I’ll compensate Ju Zi slowly in the future! But before that...

Xu Tianran’s eyes flashed coldly as his thoughts stopped there.

It didn’t take long before an elderly royal doctor walked in from outside and knelt down in front of Xu Tianran.

“How is it?” Xu Tianran asked coldly.

The royal physician deliberately lowered his voice and said, “Your Majesty, the empress is still perfect.”

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The iciness on Xu Tianran’s face mostly vanished after he heard his words. He felt as if an enormous burden had been lifted from his chest as he muttered under his breath, “I’m sorry, Ju Zi, I was overthinking. I will treat you well as long as you don’t betray me.” He then said to the man kneeling on the floor, “You may go, royal physician, and take care of the Empress. Make sure this goes well.”

“Yes,” The royal physician said respectfully, “rest assured, Your Majesty, as I have checked the Empress’ body many times. She is very healthy, and today is the most opportune time for her to become pregnant. I am more than ninety percent confident that I can help the Empress get pregnant.”



The royal physician was just speaking his mind honestly, but he was completely unaware that his last sentence sounded vaguely ambiguous, and Xu Tianran's eyes flickered murderously in response. Of course, from the beginning to the end, he was never going to let anybody who had anything to do with this live.

"Go. Once it's complete, I will reward you heavily."

"Thank you, Your Majesty."

Ju Zi was also in a silent room. She was lying down on a bed, only covered by a clean white gown. Her eyes were very calm, but there was a dash of coldness deep within them.

Xu Tianran, Xu Tianran, Xu Tianran!

Ju Zi repeated that name continuously in her heart.

Xu Tianran, I haven't misjudged you after all. I have been so loyal to you, but you treat me like that. Good, very good! It's a pity that no matter how intelligent you are, you are clueless that I have already been prepared for all this. How could I bear a child for a stranger?

"Are you ready, Empress? You might feel some pain in a while." The royal physician's warm voice could be heard.

"Alright, royal physician. You may begin." Ju Zi answered plainly.

"Alright, then. Please give me the seed that you have prepared." The royal physician spoke respectfully.

Ju Zi lifted her hand, and a small metal tube appeared in the center of her palm as she slowly passed it to the physician. There was a tinge of tenderness on her facial expression at this moment, and the name "Xu Tianran" gradually disappeared from her mind, while another name took its place...

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High up in the night sky.

Four thousand five hundred meters. This was an altitude of four thousand five hundred meters. Huo Yuhao was hovering silently in midair; he had already appeared once more above the Sun Moon Empire's army camp. He made sure he was as vigilant as he could be while he quietly observed the army camp beneath him. At the same time, he tried to sense whatever dangers could appear at any moment.

Four thousand five hundred meters. I wonder if the Sun Moon Empire's ground-based aerial surveillance soul tools can still discover me.?Huo Yuhao squinted a little as he bided his time quietly.

Several minutes quickly passed, but nothing was happening beneath him. The red light that he had encountered the previous night didn't appear.

A faint smile gradually appeared at the corner of Huo Yuhao's mouth.

His eyes gazed at something faintly discernible in the distance, at a cloud that was drifting through the air. He maintained his original position, quietly awaiting something.

Suddenly, a ball of black mist descended from the sky without warning and blanketed his position.

Huo Yuhao looked a little shocked as he immediately dispelled his Imitation and revealed himself from the air.

“Tsk, tsk! I thought, which other powerful soul master could it be? But you’re just a little kid. You’re just a Soul Sage, and you dare to spy on the Sun Moon Empire’s army camp?” A hoarse voice that wasn’t pleasing to the ear could be heard. Two black shadows suddenly appeared fifty meters away from Huo Yuhao as the cloud that he was staring at disappeared.

Large and disheveled black mist bore down on him in a circle from all directions and surrounded Huo Yuhao, while the two black shadows stared at him vigorously.

Two yellow, two purple, and five black soul rings glowed on the person who was speaking. The other black shadow, who didn’t make a sound, had an even stronger combination of soul rings. He had one yellow, three purple, and five black soul rings.

They were both Titled Douluo. Furthermore, the auras emanating from their bodies felt very sinister and evil.

“Evil soul masters?” Huo Yuhao exclaimed in surprise.

“Kid, don’t you think it’s a little too late for you to realize that?” The man in black who was speaking before drifted towards Huo Yuhao as he spoke. A bluish-black light gradually grew larger behind him. This bluish-black light shadow looked incredibly terrifying. In the beginning, it looked like a skull, but Huo Yuhao could only see after it swelled that it was a pale human face. He couldn’t even tell if this face was male or female, but there were countless disgusting bluish-black maggots crawling all over it.

The other man in black didn’t make a sound from the beginning to the end. Light glowed from behind him as well, but this light was dark green, and condensed into an enormous centipede with a single eye on its forehead that swayed gently in the air.

Huo Yuhao’s face was completely pale. “Wow, two evil Titled Douluo.

Evil Titled Douluo were frightening individuals comparable to Transcendent Douluo in the world of soul masters! Huo Yuhao’s body seemed to tremble from fright.

“It’s too late to be afraid. The two of us wouldn’t have had to make this trip if we didn’t have to capture you alive. Alright, kid, follow us down. Otherwise, I’ll let you have a taste of my Avenging Spirit Mask. I’ll let it consume your spirit bit by bit, and that feeling, tsk, tsk...”

Avenging Spirit Mask. This was the first time Huo Yuhao had heard of a martial soul like that. It seemed like a mutated martial soul, and it was definitely an evil martial soul.

“Two seniors, I’m just a scout responsible for collecting intelligence. Why do you have to cause trouble for me?” Huo Yuhao forced a laugh as he spoke.

“Hahahaha! Kid, you don’t have to insult us with words. Are you going to let us capture you without resisting, or do we have to make a move on you?”

Huo Yuhao gritted his teeth and said, “I can let you capture me, but can I know your titles? At least, I will know whose hands I’ve fallen into.”

The evil soul master who possessed the Avenging Spirit Mask said, "There's no harm in telling you. I am the Masquerade Douluo, and this is the Heavenly Centipede Douluo."

"I didn't expect us to meet again. You're a spy after all." A familiar voice could be heard, and it came from the Heavenly Centipede Douluo, who hadn't spoken at all until this point. He suddenly lifted the black veil that was covering his face and revealed himself.

Huo Yuhao's expression changed a little when he saw him, and that was because he knew this evil soul master. He was the Duskwater Alliance Master, and he seemed to be the Holy Ghost Church's Second Elder.

Huo Yuhao had always been careful, and that was the reason why he would always change his appearance even when he was conducting aerial surveillance. However, the look that he had chosen to take on was the same as the identity he had used to participate in the Radiant City Elite Soul Engineering Tournament, Tang Wu. That was the reason why he was immediately recognized by Nangong Wan.

"We finally meet again, Alliance Master Nangong." Huo Yuhao replied, but his expression seemed a lot calmer than before.

Nangong Wan gritted his teeth when he saw Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao had helped the Duskwater Alliance eventually win the championship during the Radiant City Elite Soul Engineering Tournament, and he took away all his prizes. Nangong Wan was prepared to take him in as his disciple back then, but because Huo Yuhao's performance was far too outstanding, and especially because of his necromancy, even the Holy Ghost Church's vice-leader paid attention to him. She believed that he was the Holy Ghost Church's Holy Son, who had yet to appear in this world. But who knew that Huo Yuhao would immediately disappear after the competition, and take away countless rare metals, the Sunmoon Divine Needle, and a Class 9 stationary soul cannon shell, Annihilation Storm.

The Sunmoon Divine Needle was still alright, as the Starsky Douluo, Ye Yulin had taken that out. However, it wasn't easy for the Holy Ghost Church to obtain Annihilation Storm, and the original intention was for it to urge soul engineers to put effort into the competition. But Huo Yuhao had vanished into thin air, in the mess of that enormous explosion, without a trace.

In the aftermath of the great explosion, Nangong Wan had tried hard to find him, but how could he find Tang Wu? And now he had met Huo Yuhao once more today, and Nangong Wan could tell from where he had appeared that he was a spy. Furthermore, he was the Heavenly Soul Empire's spy. How could he not be angry?

The vice-leader had berated him for not being able to find Huo Yuhao.

"Yes, it's been a long time. Should I call you Tang Wu, or by another name?" Nangong Wan said coldly.

Huo Yuhao smiled plainly and said, "You can just call me Tang Wu." Of course, he wouldn't be so foolish as to reveal his identity. Furthermore, he wasn't just a soul engineer when he met Nangong Wan back then. He had also presented himself as a necromancer.

"Alright, Tang Wu. I want to see how you can run away this time!" Nangong Wan said coldly.

Huo Yuhao grinned and said, "Run? Why would I run? The two of you are the ones who shouldn't run away later."

"Eh?" The Masquerade Douluo and the Heavenly Centipede Douluo were momentarily stunned as a green shadow bolted towards them like a ghost from far away. It took but a few blinks of the eye for her to arrive beside Huo Yuhao. Wasn't that the Greenshadow Douluo, Elder Song?

Huo Yuhao had departed at the same time as Elder Song, but they didn't travel together. Huo Yuhao was attracting the attention of the ground-based aerial surveillance soul tools from four thousand five hundred meters up in the sky, while Elder Song watched him from six thousand meters. Six thousand meters was the limit that humans could reach, and nobody but Transcendent Douluo could reach that altitude. The Sun Moon Empire's surveillance soul tools couldn't possibly reach that height.

However, Huo Yuhao didn't expect two evil Titled Douluo who wanted to capture him alive. This was an unexpected but pleasant surprise. If he could capture a Titled Douluo, it would be a lot easier for him to discover Tang Ya's location.

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The Heavenly Centipede Douluo and the Masquerade Douluo's expressions froze a little when Elder Song appeared, because they hadn't sensed this powerful individual's presence around them before this. Furthermore, Elder Song had arrived way too quickly; she was already in front of them when they had just seen her. They could tell from just her speed that she was undoubtedly a Transcendent Douluo.

Elder Song hovered calmly in midair. Her expression was very casual and plain, but that was enough to give those two evil soul masters immense pressure.

Not being able to sense their opponent's aura was most frightening for individuals who were at least Titled Douluo. The reason was because they saw with their own eyes that Elder Song had descended from above, and with her speed, she had to have been at an altitude of more than five thousand five hundred meters. Yet, she could conceal her aura so nicely, so she was definitely a Transcendent Douluo.

An evil soul master's advantage wasn't that obvious anymore at a Transcendent Douluo's level. Furthermore, evil soul masters themselves had difficulty becoming Titled Douluo, while becoming a Transcendent Douluo was even more challenging.

The Masquerade Douluo was at Rank 91, while Nangong Wan was a little stronger at Rank 92.

Nangong Wan's eyes squinted a little as intense silver light shone from them. The giant centipede projection behind him seemed to come alive as it twisted, while his nine soul rings flickered faintly.

The Masquerade Douluo's sinister aura became increasingly dense, and that frightening human face continued forward as it seemed to envelop Huo Yuhao and Elder Song.

Elder Song was just standing there, yet she seemed incredibly casual, as she didn't even unleash her martial soul.

Huo Yuhao suddenly moved. He retreated instead of pushing forward, and disappeared behind Elder Song with a flash.

Everyone began to move together, and the two evil soul masters immediately made their moves along with Huo Yuhao.

The enormous human face behind the Masquerade Douluo suddenly pushed forward and loomed over Huo Yuhao and Elder Song. Agonizing cries echoed throughout the skies, and they sounded extremely frightening. The Masquerade Douluo's second, third, and fourth soul rings glowed one after another. The projection became so huge that the Heavenly Centipede Douluo was completely blocked behind it.

Huo Yuhao was already behind Elder Song, but he could still feel an intense force tugging at his soul, as if it were about to tear his spirit apart. Furthermore, he could feel threads of eerie chill bearing down on him from all directions.

The corner of Huo Yuhao's mouth curved into a cold smile. "Are we fighting with spiritual power now?"

Huo Yuhao's soul rings immediately covered his entire body, as he used Imitation to display normal colors, while his third soul ring glowed and transformed into a white circle – Mass Enfeeblement.

Huo Yuhao had already linked up with Elder Song by sharing his Spiritual Detection, and he stretched his Spiritual Detection over the entire area around them. Huo Yuhao didn't just cover the battlefield; he even covered a large area around the battlefield. He would definitely discover any other enemies should they appear.

This was the first time Huo Yuhao was working together in battle with a soul master as powerful as Elder Song was. He felt a little nervous, but he was more excited, as battling with and against Titled Douluo was an experience that was far too precious. Furthermore, he wasn't in any danger at all with an individual as powerful as Elder Song around.

Mass Enfeeblement's effects were extremely evident, as the human face that was bearing down on them became a little more illusory.

Huo Yuhao's Eye of Destiny suddenly opened at the same time. However, the evil soul masters couldn't see what he was doing because Elder Song was standing in front of him.

The rose-gold Eye of Destiny immediately became a cross between black and white, and it became so deep that it resembled the distant starry skies as the uncanny aura of destiny permeated the air. Huo Yuhao's sixth soul ring suddenly flickered.

The two evil soul masters couldn't feel what Huo Yuhao was doing, but Elder Song's senses were very evident. She could feel a kind of radiance piercing her back when Huo Yuhao's Eye of Destiny started to change color, and that strange undulation even made her feel a sense of danger. That wasn't soul power, nor was it spiritual power; it was an unknown force to Elder Song. Just as the two evil soul masters felt about her, uncertainties were the most frightening.

The battle erupted in a split second. Huo Yuhao's Mass Enfeeblement had just taken effect when the human face arrived before Elder Song.

Elder Song raised her right hand and used it as a blade as she sliced it across the sky. A dark green shadow flashed and disappeared as the human face was immediately cut in two, but that wasn't all. The dim green shadow that didn't seem very strong at all immediately arrived in front of the Masquerade Douluo.

The Masquerade Douluo felt his heart skip a beat. The light in front of him contorted a little as he swiftly retreated, and his body quivered in the next moment as the dark shadow vanished. However, there seemed to be some kind of liquid energy that dissipated in front of him.

The enormous dark green centipede stretched across the heavens in this moment, and it blasted venomous dark green fog towards Elder Song. This venomous fog was very unique, and it appeared as countless tiny particles as it covered the sky. Elder Song pushed her palm forward, and her powerful soul power penetrated through the venomous fog, yet did nothing to stop it.

Right at this moment, a dark beam fired soundlessly from Huo Yuhao's Eye of Destiny and struck the Masquerade Douluo, who was still retreating in the distance.

It was nighttime, and the light high up in the sky was already dim. The beam's black colors were the same as that of the night sky, while it also didn't have any soul power or spiritual power undulations.

Elder Song felt Huo Yuhao's black beam most deeply when he fired it. She felt goosebumps break out over her body, and she felt astonished once more.

The venomous fog wasn't dispelled, but that wasn't enough to stump someone as powerful as Elder Song was. Green light flashed as she took Huo Yuhao several dozen meters away and escaped the venomous fog's area of effect. Elder Song was an agility-type soul master after all.

The Masquerade Douluo shivered coldly when he was struck by that black beam. Something unknown happened, but an ominous feeling immediately coursed over his entire body.

What's wrong with me??The Masquerade Douluo was shocked, but his attacks didn't stop. He raised his hands as his fingers began to move like he was controlling something. Huo Yuhao and Elder Song had shifted horizontally in an instant, but twisting shadows immediately began to tremble vigorously around their bodies.

"Eh?" Elder Song's face changed a little, because she could clearly feel that these twisting shadows seemed to contain a very strange power that seemed to make her reactions and movements slow. She didn't just feel her movements slow, but she could even feel that her mind and thoughts were also slowing.

That is...

A control-type soul master. Is the Masquerade Douluo actually a control-type soul master?

There was no question that the Heavenly Centipede Douluo was an assault-type soul master, and an assault-type soul master cooperating with a control-type soul master was the best guarantee for unleashing their full potential.

This wasn't the first time that Nangong Wan and the Masquerade Douluo had worked together. Nangong Wan immediately launched his assault on the other side once the Masquerade Douluo made his move.

The centipede's shadow suddenly grew material, while Nangong Wan's own body vanished. The giant centipede that was flickering with dark green colors immediately swelled, and its gigantic frame

immediately crashed against Elder Song and Huo Yuhao. It took a but a breath before it grew to over fifty meters long, while its hundreds of pairs of legs bore down on Huo Yuhao and Elder Song.

Martial soul true body!

A Titled Douluo's most powerful attack was when he transformed into his martial soul true body and launched a direct attack. Not even the Beast God, Di Tian was an exception to this fact.

Soul masters with beast souls had a similar style of battle to top-tier soul beasts once they became Soul Sages.

Elder Song was slowed as Nangong Wan began his assault. The Masquerade Douluo shone with light, but the human face from before didn't reappear. Instead, more illusory shadows revealed themselves. They were clearly maggots that were pale white in color, and they surrounded Elder Song and Huo Yuhao as they seemed like they were forming a formation. Strange spiritual undulations emanated from each maggot, and interfered with Huo Yuhao and Elder Song.

Huo Yuhao's Eye of Destiny glowed once more in this moment, as the air around him and Elder Song over several tens of square meters shook intensely. Those were soul power undulations, and those quakes came from his spirit and his soul.

Spiritual Blast!

Soundless explosions detonated as the maggots that were radiating spiritual undulations immediately froze, and their restrictive effects suddenly ended.

Elder Song's eyes immediately became clear as green light erupted from her body. She didn't bother with the giant centipede that was rushing towards her, and an eagle's call rang out as she transformed into an intense green beam and went straight for the Masquerade Douluo.

She was a Rank 97 Titled Douluo, and her speed was just too frightening when she was using her full strength.

Agility-type soul masters were known for their speed and attacking capabilities, while they were relatively weaker in defense. And Elder Song could be said to be one of the strongest agility-type soul masters in the world today.

If anybody could see what she was doing, they would see that Elder Song almost immediately transformed into a Greenshadow Godly Eagle as she charged forward. This Greenshadow Godly Eagle wasn't very big. Its wingspan stretched to less than four meters. It was a lot smaller and less intimidating compared to that enormous centipede, but the eagle's most terrifying characteristic was the fact that nobody could see it clearly. Not even Huo Yuhao could see her with his Spirit Eyes, and that was because she was simply too quick. She was so quick that she almost reached the speed that Instant Teleportation could reach. Huo Yuhao could faintly see some afterimages flash across the air as Elder Song appeared behind the Masquerade Douluo. Countless maggots immediately exploded and melted into goo as they dissipated in the air wherever she crossed.

The Masquerade Douluo's title was not because his martial soul was a mask. The Masquerade Douluo's martial soul was a Demonic Maggot, and it was a strange martial soul that required consuming human

souls to evolve. Furthermore, the Masquerade Douluo was most fond of consuming the brains of all kinds of living creatures. His martial soul would improve with every instance of consumption.

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He was considered half a spiritual-type soul master. However, he had many evil tricks up his sleeves too. His Demonic Maggot also contained a lethal poison. This was why his abilities were actually mixed.

Right now, the Masquerade Douluo was already very stiff in the air. He was just like the maggots that were struck by Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Blast earlier.

This isn't good! Nangong Wan was horrified. Although he didn't know how the Masquerade Douluo was, he knew that the situation wasn't good from how stiff his body was, and how Elder Song had appeared behind him.

How is this possible? No matter what, the Masquerade Douluo is a Titled Douluo! Even an Ultimate Douluo can't kill him instantly. To become a Titled Douluo, one had to be very strong. Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to handle the strength of a soul core. However, why did the Masquerade Douluo seem like he was...

However, Elder Song's attack also exposed Huo Yuhao. It was as if Huo Yuhao was facing the Heavenly Centipede Nangong Wan.

The huge centipede crashed down on him with a terrifying and dominant aura.

However, what Nangong Wan only saw a grin on Huo Yuhao's face.

A projection flashed before Huo Yuhao transformed into the Masquerade Douluo. At this moment, Nangong Wan was already so close that he couldn't retract his attack.

As a dark-green light flashed, the Masquerade Douluo was instantly torn to pieces. Under the effect of the poison from the Heavenly Centipede True Body, he was instantly dissolved, and turned into dark-green liquid that dripped down.

Is Masquerade dead? Nangong Wan was horrified. Although he didn't know how Huo Yuhao had switched the Masquerade Douluo over, it was evident that the Masquerade Douluo had been dealt a lethal blow, given how he was completely helpless against his attack.

Right now, Huo Yuhao nicely appeared where the Masquerade Douluo was earlier. He had used his Spiritual Duplication to duplicate the Xuanwu Displacement.

He had used the Xuanwu Displacement many times, and had started to really like this soul skill. It's definitely a life-saving ultimate skill! The only problem is that I need to find Xu Sanshi to duplicate it again every three times I use it.

Nangong Wan wasn't the only one who was astonished by the Masquerade Douluo's death. Even Elder Song was shocked. She would never expect a Titled Douluo to be so weak. In fact, the Masquerade Douluo's defense collapsed the moment they had clashed with each other.

Originally, Elder Song had thought that the Masquerade Douluo was critically hurt by her only.



Everything happened too quickly. When Nangong Wan completely disintegrated the Masquerade Douluo, Huo Yuhao had already slipped behind Elder Song.

Nangong Wan tensed up before his Heavenly Centipede True Body squirmed. After this, he opened his mouth wide and released a poisonous fog that engulfed Elder Song and Huo Yuhao.

I can't fight anymore. The Masquerade Douluo's death was too weird. He was so weirded out that he started to become fearful. Although he knew that he was stronger than the Masquerade Douluo, he also knew that this difference wasn't very big. He didn't want to die here. This was why he had already made up his mind to flee just as he released his poisonous fog.

His poisonous fog was very strong. It was his origin skill. No soul power could sweep it away. It could only be avoided. It could even cover a large area. It was the best skill he could use to escape.

However, at this moment, the temperature of the air fell significantly. The already chilly night sky turned even colder. Following this, thick snow started to fall from the sky.

The poisonous fog that he released contained water too. Suddenly, the water in the fog froze, causing the fog to become much thinner. After this, a blizzard raged. Although the fog couldn't be dissipated by soul power, it was still useless against the snow that fell. The extremely low temperature also greatly restricted Nangong Wan's speed.

An illusory beam of rose-gold light seemed to turn from illusory to real at this moment as it landed on Nangong Wan.

Nangong Wan groaned, and his spirit shook tremendously. He immediately detached from his Heavenly Centipede True Body.

A green projection arrived in front of Nangong Wan. All Nangong Wan saw was a mighty Greenshadow Godly Eagle.

Birds were the natural nemesis of scorpions. This was even more so for the Greenshadow Godly Eagle. Nangong Wan, who had just sustained an attack from Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Shock, could only conjure his soul power to forcefully clash with Elder Song.

The absolute difference in their abilities was demonstrated at this moment. Nangong Wan groaned before he was flung away, spitting blood.

Elder Song's Greenshadow Godly Eagle immediately flew above his head. It was exactly at this moment that a weird white whirlpool appeared above Nangong Wan.

He only felt very confused and blurred after he was dealt such a heavy blow. He wanted to use his protective skill, but he couldn't do it. The Greenshadow Godly Eagle was now above him, and the eagle pierced its sharp talons into his shoulders.

Sharp soul power instantly surged into Nangong Wan's body. He screamed in pain once again. His own soul power had been sealed, and he had lost the ability to resist.

From the start until the end, the fight lasted less than a minute. Out of the two evil Titled Douluo, one was killed, and the other was captured.

The Greenshadow Godly Eagle turned to look at Huo Yuhao. Huo Yuhao seemed to be very free right now. He flew towards Elder Song and gave her a thumbs-up. "Let's go, Elder Song."

The eagle opened its mouth, and Elder Song's voice sounded. "You! It seems like my decision was right to let you command this operation. Let's go." As she spoke, she had already fluttered her wings, and turned into a streak of green light before charging straight toward Heavenly Spirit City. Huo Yuhao used his Imitation to hide himself once again before following closely behind her.

Elder Song's compliment wasn't without justification. Huo Yuhao's abilities left her very impressed. The fight earlier was a clash between three Titled Douluo, but in fact, Elder Song clearly knew that the entire fight was under Huo Yuhao's control. He was definitely a deserved control-type soul master.

From his Mass Enfeeblement at the start, Huo Yuhao used some kind of method to weaken the Masquerade Douluo's defense. After that, Elder Song unleashed her full strength at the Masquerade Douluo. That was because Huo Yuhao had asked her to do it through his Spiritual Detection. Otherwise, why would Elder Song abandon Huo Yuhao to attack the Masquerade Douluo just as the Heavenly Centipede was approaching him?

Elder Song didn't think of that. Naturally, their enemies didn't think of that either. This was how the Masquerade Douluo was killed.

Huo Yuhao controlled the entire proceedings, using his Xuanwu Displacement to escape from danger. Just as the Heavenly Centipede wanted to escape, he used a domain-type skill to neutralize the poisonous fog. At the same time, he used his spiritual-type attack to stall Nangong Wan and knock him out of his Martial Soul True Body. Elder Song came at that point, preventing him from protecting himself with all his strength. Huo Yuhao had even 'offered' Nangong Wan his Spiritual Confusion before Elder Song attacked.

Elder Song believed that she could win against both Titled Douluo even if she fought them herself. However, it would have been very difficult to keep them in the fight. It would have already been good enough if she could kill one of them. However, it would have taken time. The Masquerade Douluo controlled, while the Heavenly Centipede attacked. If they complemented each other well, they wouldn't have been easy to deal with.

However, those two evil soul masters were completely under Huo Yuhao's thumb, and got outplayed. Although they might not have been aware of his abilities, one couldn't discount his power either.

What Elder Song truly felt was that all her abilities seemed to have been boosted when she fought alongside Huo Yuhao. During the fighting, it was an unprecedentedly great feeling. Right now, she understood why he was such a symbolic figure in the Tang Sect. He was very strong.

As there were two evil soul masters dealing with Elder Song and Huo Yuhao, the Sun Moon Empire didn't send anyone else to attack. When they realized something was amiss, Elder Song and Huo Yuhao had already vanished. The two evil soul masters had also vanished.

They silently returned to Heavenly Spirit City. Nangong Wan had already been knocked out by Elder Song, and they brought him back to the courtyard.

The rest hadn't gone to sleep yet. They were waiting for Huo Yuhao and Elder Song to return.

“Eh, Elder Song, who is this?” Nan Qiuqiu was waiting in the courtyard. When she saw Huo Yuhao and Elder Song returning with Nangong Wan, she immediately rushed up to receive them.

Elder Song smiled and answered, “We’ve caught an evil soul master. I’m sure we’ll get something if we question him.”

The rest all walked out from their rooms. Yan Shaozhe received them. As he saw Nangong Wan, he revealed a pensive look on his face.

Nangong Wan looked very pathetic right now. His shoulders were already stained red with blood. Elder Song had crippled the passageways in his arms and sealed his soul power. He was completely disabled now.

“Elder Song, why is this person so familiar to me?” Yan Shaozhe asked doubtfully.

Elder Song replied, “You’re right if he’s familiar to you. He’s Nangong Wan, the Heavenly Centipede.”

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Yan Shaozhe instantly opened his eyes wide, “That’s actually the Heavenly Centipede Douluo, Nangong Wan? No wonder he seemed so familiar. When I was out exploring after I graduated from the academy, I once interacted with him. His martial soul was very difficult to deal with, especially with the poison in it. I wanted to kill him then, but his poison was too strong. Eventually, he escaped. I didn’t expect him to land in your hands today.”

Elder Song shook her head and said, “He didn’t exactly land in my hands. Yuhao and I teamed up to capture him. To be honest, I’m starting to like the idea of fighting alongside Yuhao. With him around, I feel that my powers have increased.”

Yan Shaozhe didn’t expect Elder Song to think so highly of Huo Yuhao and laughed, “Elder Song, don’t spoil my little junior like that.”

Elder Song chortled and said, “I mean what I say. Yuhao’s spiritual power is not inferior to any spiritual-type Titled Douluo. Apart from his cultivation being slightly weaker, his control and auxiliary abilities are definitely not inferior to a Titled Douluo. For fights at our tier, it would be of great help if he were around.”

Huo Yuhao was a little embarrassed as he said, “Elder Song, you praise me too much.”

Elder Song smiled without saying anything. Yan Shaozhe laughed, “Little junior, don’t be so humble. Come, tell us how you faced the Heavenly Centipede Douluo and describe the entire fighting process.”

Huo Yuhao looked at Elder Song. After Elder Song gave him permission, he described how he had met and fought the two evil soul masters in detail.

After hearing that he had killed another evil Titled Douluo, Yan Shaozhe couldn’t laugh anymore.

As they were not that strong yet, those from the Tang Sect didn’t participate in fights against Titled Douluo. However, Yan Shaozhe was clearly aware of the abilities of evil Titled Douluo.

He knew how frustrating they were to deal with him. He questioned whether he could deal with two evil soul masters in such a short time even if he teamed up with Elder Song. From Huo Yuhao's description, it seemed like the two evil soul masters were killed even before they managed to unleash their full strength.

Huo Yuhao's Spirit Eyes are very mysterious. No wonder Elder Song is so in awe of him. No wonder he's a leading figure of the new generation! No wonder teacher mentioned that the academy would have a pillar once Yuhao grows up. The academy's reputation as the top academy on the continent is destined to continue on.

"Yuhao." Yan Shaozhe suddenly turned serious and looked at Huo Yuhao. *no ve.1b.In*

"Yes? Dean Yan." Huo Yuhao didn't understand why Yan Shaozhe had suddenly become so serious.

Yan Shaozhe said, "After this operation ends, don't go out so often anymore. Remain in the Tang Sect or on Sea God's Island to cultivate. It's best if you wait until your cultivation reaches that of a Titled Douluo before you leave again."

Huo Yuhao didn't expect Yan Shaozhe to say this. He revealed a bitter smile on his face. The Tang Sect already had a Teacher Xuan who wouldn't let him leave the sect. Now there was Dean Yan as well.

Elder Song nodded in agreement and said, "Shaozhe is right. After we return this time, I'll talk to Elder Xuan. Don't leave Shrek City so easily in the future."

"Elder Song, Dean Yan, why is that?" Xiao Xiao asked, puzzled.

Yan Shaozhe smiled and answered, "The academy can't afford to lose him. Yuhao is too important to the academy's future. Even though soul tools have become the trend of late, individual abilities are still of critical importance at the highest level. In the future, the academy will need someone who is very strong. Yuhao is shaping up to be this person. He was like teacher back then. He's even surpassed him. This is why we can't let him take any risks."

Elder Song nodded. She completely agreed with Yan Shaozhe's point of view.

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly and said, "Titled Douluo... that'll take some time. But..."

"There are no buts," Elder Song said, "no matter what happens, nothing is more important than your successful development. Whatever you want to achieve outside, the academy can help you. However, you must remain within Shrek City. Bei Bei, you are responsible for watching him after we return. If he sneaks off, I'll question you."

"Yes!" Bei Bei revealed a smile on his face. He secretly thought to himself. It seems like I don't have to worry about little junior's safety for some time now.

Huo Yuhao coughed and said, "Elder Song, Dean Yan, we should interrogate Nangong Wan first. Let's see if we can find out where Teacher Xiao Ya is."

Elder Song nodded and said, "I'm afraid it'll be difficult. Evil soul masters are very twisted. They aren't afraid of dying. Furthermore, we can't force them to say anything. What ideas do you have?"

Huo Yuhao said, "I can use my spiritual power to interfere with his thoughts and question him from there on, forcing him to tell the truth. However, my spiritual power must be far beyond his before I can do that, and he's a Titled Douluo. Even if his soul power is sealed, his spiritual power is still very strong. I'm afraid it'll be difficult."

Yan Shaozhe's eyes shone with a cold light. "That's simple. I'll just make him sufficiently weak. A person's mind is greatly connected to his body. When someone is weakened beyond a certain degree, his mind will also become weak and vulnerable. You can exploit that opportunity to question him."

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "If that's the case, I'll give it a go."

"Everyone else can go back and rest. Shaozhe, Yuhao, follow me." Elder Song grabbed Nangong Wan with one hand and walked toward a room where no one was staying.

Bei Bei said, "Elder Song, let me tag along." He was really anxious about Tang Ya's whereabouts.

Elder Song nodded and said, "Alright, you can come along."

The four of them led Nangong Wan into the room. Elder Song passed Nangong Wan over to Yan Shaozhe and said, "Shaozhe, you can take over."

Yan Shaozhe nodded and said, "Let me take a look at his condition first to first check whether he has any restrictions placed on him."

Gentle white light shone from Yan Shaozhe's hand. He used his palms to quickly slap Nangong Wan's body.

As he started slapping, Nangong Wan started shaking. At the beginning, the shaking was very gentle. However, as Yan Shaozhe slapped him even harder, Nangong Wan's body started to shake more and more.

To a Titled Douluo, the power of his soul core was the core of his strength. Elder Song was using her soul power to seal Nangong Wan's soul core such that it spun at a slower speed. From there, it would be unable to provide him enough soul power.

Yan Shaozhe only checked for fifteen minutes before he stopped. He nodded at Elder Song and said, "It should be fine. Even the Holy Ghost Church will find it difficult to put any restrictions on him, given his cultivation!"

Elder Song nodded and said, "Let's start then. What do you plan to do?"

Yan Shaozhe's eyes flashed coldly, "I'll cripple his soul core first and allow his soul power to dissipate. In this way, he won't harm anyone anymore. Furthermore, without his soul power to support him, his body will become very weak, even with his great spiritual power."

Elder Song nodded and said, "Alright, we'll do that then. You can do it. I'll protect you. Yuhao, be prepared. After we cripple his soul power, we don't know what kind of reaction we will elicit. We need to keep from descending into hysteria."

"Yes." Huo Yuhao walked to one side and sat cross-legged on a chair. He temporarily took a rest to restore his energy.

Yan Shaozhe stood in front of the bed that they had laid Nangong Wan out in. His hands formed a ring in front of his body. Gentle white soul power surged out, and gradually turned dim gold. The soul power undulations that were released also started to dance like flames. The soul power slowly formed a whirlpool that drifted above Nangong Wan.

It wasn't easy trying to cripple a Titled Douluo's soul core. It was like what had happened when Huo Yuhao performed the test. A huge explosion could occur if one's soul core was affected. If the soul core of a Titled Douluo exploded, it could potentially be very dangerous.

If a Titled Douluo died, just like the Masquerade Douluo, things would still be fine. This was because the soul core of a dead Titled Douluo would shrink and slowly vanish as he gradually lost his life energy. Even if an explosion occurred, it would happen in another dimension. It wouldn't affect this world.

However, to cripple a soul master's soul core before he was dead was much more troublesome. A soul master's soul core depended on the soul master's life energy. To cripple his soul core, the soul power in his soul core had to be guided out, and the soul core had to be destroyed just as it was at its weakest point.

The white flames that revolved above Nangong Wan spun even faster. A white whirlpool subtly appeared in front of Yan Shaozhe's belly. That was where his soul core was located at.

Yan Shaozhe was a Transcendent Douluo. As Elder Mu's inheriting disciple and the dean of Shrek Academy's Martial Soul Department, he was very strong. His Radiant Phoenix was a top-ranked martial soul, and he was a Transcendent Douluo. All these years, his soul power had been slowly improving. He was now a Rank 96 Titled Douluo. Compared to Elder Song, he was only inferior by one rank. Although the difference in this one rank was very great, Yan Shaozhe might not be much weaker than Elder Song if he fought her with his full strength, considering that his martial soul was much stronger.

Right now, the aura of his soul core was released. Huo Yuhao, who was resting, had some kind of feeling. He didn't need to open his eyes, and he only silently sensed the soul power undulations from Yan Shaozhe's body. He was secretly impressed.

Yan Shaozhe's soul power was also circulating in a whirlpool-state around his soul core. However, the circulation of his soul power was much slower compared to Huo Yuhao. That was because his soul power was completely fluid.

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If Huo Yuhao's soul core was like a tornado in the sky, then Yan Shaozhe's soul core was like a huge whirlpool that could devour everything in the ocean. The soul power that it contained was much greater.

A Titled Douluo is indeed a Titled Douluo! As Huo Yuhao was secretly in awe, he was also reflecting on himself. As his abilities increased, his self-confidence also grew. He was even confident of fighting some Titled Douluo. However, the aura that Yan Shaozhe exuded right now made him fully aware of how far inferior he was.

Wasn't that the case? Although he appeared to have controlled the fight earlier, that was because Elder Song was around! If not for her, he would be dead against an evil Titled Douluo even if it was just a duel.

If those two evil Titled Douluo had unleashed their full strength right from the start, he wouldn't have been able to take advantage or even handle a fight at that tier.

Elder Song and Dean Yan were both right. He had to be stronger. After he returned this time, he had to work harder on his cultivation as he learned about soul tools from Teacher Xuan. At least he had to fully absorb the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence in his body first.

As Huo Yuhao was thinking about all that, Yan Shaozhe began.

The white whirlpool above Nangong Wan slowly descended. The sharp part of it landed directly on Nangong Wan's dantian.

When it touched Nangong Wan's body, Nangong Wan shuddered and regained consciousness.

When he saw the flame on his body as he awoke, he was astonished. He clearly felt that his soul power was quickly seeping out from his dantian. It slowly dissipated, and as it dissipated, it entered another dimension.

They, they're trying to cripple my soul power.

Nangong Wan was horrified as he said, "No, no... you can't do this."

"You've harmed so many people," Yan Shaozhe said coldly, "we are only carrying out justice. We are already being very merciful by not killing you. It's a good thing to get rid of your abilities as an evil soul master."

"No, no, I beg you. Leave me some soul power. I'll let you do whatever you want." To a Titled Douluo, the dissipation of his soul power was too terrifying. He was too used to having great strength. The moment he lost it all would be more tormenting than death itself.

Yan Shaozhe was moved and asked, "Oh? You'll let me do whatever I want?"

Nangong Wan couldn't move, and could only speak, "Yes, yes. I'll do anything you want. If you need me to, I can become an undercover agent in the Holy Ghost Church. You can put restrictions on my body. As long as you let me keep my soul power, I'm willing to do anything."

Elder Song furrowed her brow and looked at Yan Shaozhe. On the other side, Huo Yuhao had also slowly opened his eyes. They didn't expect Nangong Wan to be so spineless.

"Alright, let me ask you a few questions first." Yan Shaozhe said. However, the whirlpool was still sucking away his soul power. n.-o)-v/-E.-l./B/|)-n

Nangong Wan answered in pain, "Can you stop sucking away my soul power first?"

Yan Shaozhe snorted coldly and said, "As long as a Titled Douluo's soul core isn't destroyed, isn't it easy to restore his soul power? We can leave it like this. It'll keep you awake too. Let me ask you now. Answer me as quickly as possible. If you hesitate, I'll destroy your soul core. You only have one chance. Don't test my determination."

"Alright. Ask me then." Nangong Wan knew that he was doomed. In front of a Transcendent Douluo, there was no way he could take his chances.

“Where’s the Holy Ghost Church’s headquarters?” Yan Shaozhe asked.

After hearing his question, Nangong Wan was stunned, then laughed bitterly. “I can’t tell you. Before I entered the church, and all those who were able to enter the headquarters, had restrictions placed on them. Once we reveal anything, the restriction will be triggered. Surely you don’t want me to blow apart, right?”

Yan Shaozhe was afraid in his heart. If not for Huo Yuhao’s previous experience, he would have his doubts. However, he was convinced this time. In spite of this, he remained very stern. “You’re a Titled Douluo. Who can place those restrictions on you?” As he spoke, he immediately strengthened the suction of Nangong Wan’s soul power.

Nangong Wan hurriedly said, “I really can’t say anything. Our Supreme Leader was the one who personally placed the restrictions on us. Apart from her, the sect leader, vice-sect leader and the Chief of the Worship Hall, everyone else in the sect has had restrictions placed on them. Once we mention where our headquarters is, we’ll immediately blow up and die.”

Yan Shaozhe furrowed his brow. “Does this mean that the Holy Ghost Church can take your life at any time if you betray them?”

Nangong Wan said, “That won’t happen. It’s not easy placing restrictions on someone to control them. The Supreme Leader’s curse can only be triggered through a very specific way. It’s only when I entertain the thought of revealing the specific place in my head. Apart from this, there won’t be any other effect.”

“So this curse can’t be removed?” Yan Shaozhe asked.

Nangong Wan laughed bitterly. “It’s not impossible. If someone’s spiritual power is greater than the Supreme Leader’s, this curse can still be removed. However, it’s too difficult. The Supreme Leader is an Ultimate Douluo. She’s too strong.”

Yan Shaozhe nodded and asked, “Alright, let me ask you then. How many people are there in the Holy Ghost Church? How are they divided?”

This time, Nangong Wan didn’t hesitate, and immediately said, “The most powerful figure in the Holy Ghost Church is our Supreme Leader, who is also the Sun Moon Empire’s Death God Douluo. Apart from her, we also have our sect leader and vice-sect leader. They are married. Our sect leader is called Zhongli Wu, while our vice-sect leader is called Feng Ling. We have eight honorary elders below them, who are all Titled Douluo. There are evil soul masters of different tiers underneath these eight elders. Apart from all of us, there are also special people in our church, including the two Holy Ladies. Great hope has been placed on them. They are very talented. That’s why they hold important positions in the church. They’re even more important than the eight honorary elders.”

“The evil soul masters in the Holy Ghost Church Worship Hall are the strongest. The Hallmaster of the Worship Hall, who is also the Chief of the Worship Hall, is the Darkness Holy Dragon and Dragon Emperor Douluo, Long Xiaoyao. He has eleven others in the Worship Hall under him. They are all Titled Douluo, and five of them are even Transcendent Douluo. Including the Chief, there are twelve of them. Their statuses are very high in the church. Only the Supreme Leader can command them. Even the sect leader can’t do so.”



Yan Shaozhe and Elder Song looked at each other. They had really benefited greatly from catching Nangong Wan this time. Such information was too valuable to Shrek Academy and the three empires of the original Douluo Continent. Finally, they had some knowledge of the Holy Ghost Church's internal structure.

According to Nangong Wan, the Holy Ghost Church had more than twenty Titled Douluo, including two Ultimate Douluo. They were indeed very strong!

Bei Bei continued asking from one side, "Why aren't the eight honorary elders in the Worship Hall if they are Titled Douluo too?"

Nangong Wan replied, "The Worshipped are hired by the church. They aren't all evil soul masters. The eight elders have lineages related to the church. That's why they're different. Furthermore, those that are evil soul masters in the Worship Hall are all very talented. Their martial souls are also very strong. For example, the Scorpion Tiger Douluo Zhang Peng is one of them."

Bei Bei asked again, "Apart from you and the Masquerade Douluo, who else from the Holy Ghost Church is at the frontline? Is the Masquerade Douluo one of the eight honorary elders?"

Nangong Wan answered, "Masquerade is ranked seventh among the elders. Apart from the two of us, the sect leader is also at the frontline. There's the sect leader, a Holy Lady and six members from the Worship Hall. Excluding me and Masquerade, there are two other honorary elders here. I'm ranked second among the elders. Out of the other two elders, one is the Third Elder, the Dark Lightning Douluo. Although his soul power is only at Rank 92, he's also a Class 9 soul engineer. His abilities aren't beneath mine. The other one is the Fourth Elder, the Netherworld Douluo. His martial soul is a Netherworld Sword, and he's at Rank 93."

After hearing the words 'Third Elder' and 'Fourth Elder', Huo Yuhao suddenly jumped off from his seat. He revealed a hateful look on his face.

If not for their ambush then, Wang Qiu'er wouldn't have needed to sacrifice herself. Huo Yuhao deeply hated the both of them!

Yan Shaozhe squinted and muttered to himself, "The Holy Ghost Church is really relentless! They actually have eleven evil Titled Douluo. This time, we killed one of them and captured another one, but there are still nine left. These evil soul masters are definitely more terrifying than Class 9 stationary soul cannons if they join the war. I remember news from the Heavenly Soul Empire that purported that the borders of the empire were only breached because of the evil soul masters, and the great casualties they caused. The same happened when Heaven Dou City was attacked.

Huo Yuhao came to the bedside at this moment, suppressing his hatred and asked, "What are your Holy Ladies called? And where are they?"

Nangong Wan said, "They have no name. We call them 'Holy Lady' directly. The one at the frontline right now is the Bluesilver Holy Lady. The other one, known as the Phoenix Holy Lady, is with the vice-sect leader. The Bluesilver Holy Lady follows the sect leader, as he holds an important position. He stays in the tent next to the central tent in the Imperial Dragon Soul Engineer Legion's area. It's easy to identify because it's golden. The Bluesilver Holy Lady stays in a tent beside his."

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Teacher Xiao Ya is indeed in the base. Huo Yuhao's eyes brightened, and he turned to Bei Bei. Bei Bei already looked pretty agitated right now. He finally knew where she was, and had an opportunity to save her. Suddenly, Bei Bei was overwhelmed, and subconsciously clenched his fists.

Yan Shaozhe nodded and said, "I'll let you retain your soul power, seeing that you are so cooperative." As he spoke, he retracted the whirlpool above Nangong Wan and slapped his forehead with his right hand, knocking Nangong Wan unconscious once again.

The entire room descended into momentary silence. They had obtained valuable information after capturing Nangong Wan. Not only did they find out where Tang Ya and Ma Xiaotao were, but they also understood more about the internal structure of the Holy Ghost Church. This was very helpful to Shrek Academy to deal with the Holy Ghost Church in the future.

Huo Yuhao looked at Yan Shaozhe and asked, "Dean Yan, since we have accurate information, can we planning how we're going to carry out our operation?"

Yan Shaozhe was amused as he looked at him and said, "Didn't we agree that you'd command the operation? Of course you'll come up with the plan. What ideas do you have?"

Huo Yuhao couldn't be bothered with being modest right now and immediately replied, "If we want to save Teacher Xiao Ya, we can only bait her out. The Sun Moon Empire's set-up is too strong. Five soul formations are enough to kill any expert. We need to bait Teacher Xiao Ya out. Otherwise, there's no other way."

Yan Shaozhe squinted and said, "How do we do that then? Unless it's a full-scale battle, the Holy Ghost Church's sect leader might not appear. Tang Ya will naturally not appear then."

Huo Yuhao furrowed his brow and said, "Yes, that's why it's difficult. If we fight all-out, the Heavenly Soul Empire will suffer heavy losses. Even if the Sun Moon Empire wouldn't have sufficient resources to last the entire fight, they'll still be very strong once they attack. They still have a lot of evil soul masters to help them. That's why I believe that the Heavenly Soul Empire wouldn't be willing to cooperate with us if that were the plan. If that's the case, we only have one other solution."

"Oh?" Elder Song, Yan Shaozhe and Bei Bei focused their attention on Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao's eyes flashed with a cold light and he turned to Nangong Wan before saying, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained!"

"No!" Bei Bei shouted without any hesitation. His eyes were filled with horror.

Although Huo Yuhao only said a few words, Bei Bei knew exactly what he wanted to do.

"You can't do it. It's too dangerous." Elder Song commented. "You want to use him to enter the base? Have you even thought of what would happen if you were recognized? There are many powerful individuals in the Sun Moon Empire's base. The Holy Ghost Church's sect leader is even holding the fort. How can you sneak in so easily?"

Huo Yuhao smiled and replied, "Elder Song, Dean Yan, eldest senior, don't worry. Since I came up with his idea, I'm naturally confident that it'll work. Although there's some risk, it's not as bad as all of you think. Elder Song, take a look."

As he spoke, Huo Yuhao spun once. Suddenly, his aura changed greatly, and his body rapidly transformed. After he completed his turn, his look had completely changed. Didn't he look just like the Masquerade Douluo? Even his aura was identical. It was sinister and cold. There were no discrepancies at all.

"This..." Earlier, Elder Song and Huo Yuhao had faced the two evil Titled Douluo together. Right now, she was astonished when she saw the changes that happened to Huo Yuhao.

Elder Song was a Rank 97 Titled Douluo. However, she couldn't tell that anything wrong with Huo Yuhao just by using her naked eyes.

Elder Song increased her spiritual power and swept it across Huo Yuhao's body. Huo Yuhao shuddered slightly, but a wave of spiritual power was suddenly deflected back. It even carried a sinister aura. Just like before, there wasn't any difference from the Masquerade Douluo.

Huo Yuhao lifted his hands, and pitch-black maggots started to surface in mid-air. Every maggot carried strong spiritual undulations. They reached toward Elder Song like a huge web.

However, Elder Song felt something wrong when she came into contact with this huge web. Earlier, the soul skill that the Masquerade Douluo had unleashed caused her entire person, including her spirit, to slow slightly. However, Huo Yuhao's soul skill only left her slightly weaker. There was a difference when it came to strength, but the sinister aura remained.

Elder Song said, "Your soul skill seems to be off, but it appears very similar on the surface."

Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "It definitely won't be the same. However, with my Imitation and Nangong Wan's help, there shouldn't be too many problems. Nangong Wan holds an even higher position than the Masquerade Douluo. I'll ask him about some of the Masquerade Douluo's habits later. After we return, I won't be easy to recognize with Nangong Wan leading the way. Even the sect leader can't tell who I am without laying his hands on me."

Bei Bei shook his head and said, "No, it's too dangerous. I can't implicate you to save Xiao Ya. Little junior, I know that you want to save her too. If not for the fact that I'm helpless, I would have volunteered to sneak in instead. However, you're different. You're the future hope of the Tang Sect and Shrek Academy. I can't make you take this risk. If something happens to you, how could I account to the academy and the rest of our teammates?"

Huo Yuhao said, "Eldest senior, we have no other way right now. We can only do this so that we can achieve our aim in the shortest time possible. Furthermore, who says that I'm going alone? All of you will follow me. I can't fight by myself."

"What?" Bei Bei, Elder Song and Yan Shaozhe were stunned as they looked at Huo Yuhao. Is he not going alone? However, there were so many, of them and none of them had Imitation like Huo Yuhao. How could they sneak in too?

Huo Yuhao smiled mysteriously and said, "Let's make a simple plan and take advantage of the time that we have to sneak into the Sun Moon Empire's base first. After that, we can discuss our detailed plan. We..."

He lowered his voice and explained the plan once. After hearing his plan, Bei Bei looked enlightened, whereas Elder Song and Yan Shaozhe were getting increasingly shocked.

One hour later.

The night sky was still dark, but the Sun Moon Empire's base wasn't peaceful.

The sect leader of the Holy Ghost Church was standing in the center of the commander's tent of the Sun Moon Empire's Crusading Army. The marshal of this army was a very notable general in the Sun Moon Empire.

Ju Zi returned to the empire, and had other plans. The army was now commanded by this marshal. Although he was already more than seventy years old, he was still a Soul Douluo. He was called Lin Hai. Although his cultivation wasn't great, his influence in the Sun Moon Empire was still great, as he hailed from a family of military men, and he was also a Duke.

Initially, when Ju Zi had entered the army, he had helped her a lot. He was also of the same lineage as Xu Tianran. Otherwise, Xu Tianran wouldn't have passed him the reins of the three armies.

Lin Hai had another advantage that enabled him to become marshal of the three armies. It was his abilities. Weak abilities weren't always necessarily a bad thing. Just because he wasn't a Titled Douluo, he couldn't command the stronger Class 9 soul engineer legion, even though his influence in the army was very great. This was why he could only command the ordinary soldiers. While the legion commanders of the soul engineer legions had to listen to his instructions, they still acted with great autonomy. n/)OverlB1n

Ju Zi could truly ensure strict obedience to her instructions and command the entire army. It wasn't because of her abilities, but because of her mysterious and unpredictable strategies that left the three armies shocked. Right now, Ju Zi was being called the 'Female God of War' in the Sun Moon Empire.

Lin Hai didn't possess the same unpredictability as Ju Zi, but he was more sturdy as a person. What was needed now was balance. He was naturally the most suitable person to command the three armies.

However, Lin Hai wasn't in a good mood today. Yesterday, their ground-based surveillance soul tools had discovered enemies sneaking about in the sky. Then, they fired a linked attack, but couldn't lock onto the enemies because they were too far away. This was why he didn't know what had happened. However, he gave the order to increase their surveillance of the sky after that incident.

Indeed, the enemies appeared again today. Just as Lin Hai was about to attack the sky with even greater intensity, the sect leader of the Holy Ghost Church wanted to get people to capture their enemies alive. After all, enemies that could conceal themselves were very difficult to take precautions against. It was better for them to capture them and find out where their abilities came from.

The sect leader of the Holy Ghost Church was also the Imperial Tutor. At the same time, he had the authority to supervise Lin Hai. Lin Hai naturally couldn't stop him, given that he had made such a

proposition. As a result, the Heavenly Centipede Douluo and Masquerade Douluo were deployed. To Zhongli Wu, two evil Titled Douluo were enough to capture their enemies.

However, who could guess that Nangong Wan and the Masquerade Douluo would disappear? Even the ground-based surveillance soul tools only discovered strong soul power undulations before the two of them vanished.

They were two evil Titled Douluo. The Holy Ghost Church had been around for so many years, but there weren't many evil Titled Douluo. Zhongli Wu held Nangong Wan in high regard. Although he wasn't young anymore, his Heavenly Centipede could still improve. If he was lucky enough, he might still become a Transcendent Douluo. Now that both of them were missing, how could Zhongli Wu not be furious?

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"Still no news? Are your people dumb?" Zhongli Wu said coldly to Lin Hai.

Although Zhongli Wu wouldn't admit it, he still admired Ju Zi a lot. When the Star Luo Empire snatched the Ming Dou Mountain Range back, Zhongli Wu felt that it was unbelievable. His own mother couldn't stop the Star Luo Empire. He was in great disbelief. After that, Ye Xishui mentioned that someone had used Di Tian's strength to keep her at bay. It was then Zhongli Wu finally understood.

Although the Star Luo Empire had regained control of the Ming Dou Mountain Range and caused trouble at the Sun Moon Empire's borders, the Heavenly Soul Empire had already lost two-thirds of their land. Even their capital had been taken. All these were the merit of Ju Zi. This was why Zhongli Wu would have been much more polite if Ju Zi were here. However, he believed that Lin Hai was only a puppet.

"All the surveillance soul tools are operating at their highest efficiency. Also, we've sent out more than ten soul engineer teams to search the sky. Indeed, we haven't found anything." Lin Hai also knew that he couldn't afford to offend Zhongli Wu. He could only explain the situation once again.

Zhongli Wu's eyes flashed with a cold light. "Don't tell me they have many skilled individuals over there hiding in the sky? Impossible, the surveillance soul tools here have been in use all this while. There's even monitoring of the sky using ground-based telescopes. Unless they can all conceal themselves, how can they disappear in the sky?"

As it's night time, the ground-based telescopes are much less effective. However, even so, any major movements would still be discovered. Furthermore, Nangong Wan and Masquerade are both Titled Douluo. Even if the enemies are strong, they should be able to handle them for some time. At least they should be able to send distress signals. I don't understand how they could go missing.

Just as Zhongli Wu was puzzled, frantic footstep noises were heard. "Repor——"

Lin Hai straightened his face. "Tell me, what have you found?"

"Yes, Marshal. The Heavenly Centipede Douluo and Masquerade Douluo are back."

After hearing his words, Lin Hai heaved a sigh of relief. "The two of them are finally back. Now, I wonder how this guy will continue to put me in a spot."

Zhongli Wu also appeared much more composed, and said, "Tell them that I'm here. Ask them to come see me."

"Noted." The soldier relaying the message acknowledged his order and quickly rushed off.

Not long afterward, the curtains to the commander's tent opened, and two people walked in.

Nangong Wan was walking slightly in front. He quickly arrived in front of Zhongli Wu and bowed before saying, "Sect leader."

The Masquerade Douluo followed closely behind him and did the same.

Zhongli Wu asked, "Why have both of you disappeared for so long? What happened?"

Nangong Wan looked very grim. "That fellow was very cunning. After we discovered him, we hid in the clouds and got closer to him. However, he discovered us before we got close to him. He's a spiritual-type Titled Douluo, but his abilities are ordinary. However, he was very quick, and his senses were also very acute. After discovering us, he immediately turned around and fled. He had someone to help him. When we chased him to the Heavenly Soul Empire's base, we were afraid of falling into their trap, so we stopped and turned back."

Zhongli Wu didn't suspect Nangong Wan. It was normal. How easy was it to harm two Titled Douluo?

Zhongli Wu nodded and asked, "What other discoveries have you made?" *nOve-lb.1n*

Nangong Wan replied, "Yes, sect leader. We seemed to have seen some people from Shrek Academy. Whoever helped that Titled Douluo seemed to have come from Shrek Academy. We saw one of their signals. Because of that, we didn't venture further, as we were afraid of falling into their trap."

"Shrek Academy?" Zhongli Wu was slightly moved when he heard these words. All this while, the Holy Ghost Church had felt that their greatest enemy wasn't the Body Sect, but Shrek Academy.

Shrek Academy had been around for thousands of years. Furthermore, they had students from all around the world. In the three empires of the original Douluo Continent, many military figures hailed from Shrek Academy. Once Shrek Academy announced their wish to accept students, the response would be overwhelming. This was why the Sun Moon Empire had failed when they started the first war. Shrek Academy's intervention caused everything to become futile.

It had been some time since this war had started. Although Shrek Academy hadn't openly joined in the war, the Death God Douluo claimed that someone from Shrek Academy had intervened during the Ming Dou Mountain Range incident. Now there were people from Shrek Academy here too?

Nangong Wan and the Masquerade Douluo stood at one side and silently waited as Zhongli Wu pondered.

"Did you clearly see what martial souls those from Shrek Academy possessed?" Zhongli Wu asked.

Nangong Wan replied, "I only saw one. It was from a Transcendent Douluo. His martial soul was a golden phoenix. His abilities were very great. Even if I challenged him to a duel, I wouldn't be confident of beating him."

“Golden phoenix? Transcendent Douluo? Yan Shaozhe?” A cold look surfaced on Zhongli Wu’s face. Yan Shaozhe, the Radiant Phoenix Douluo. He’s actually personally here. It seems like Shrek Academy is about to intervene.

As he spoke until here, Zhongli Wu’s expression turned grimmer and grimmer. Although Shrek Academy no longer had an Ultimate Douluo, the Holy Ghost Church had never once let down their guard against them. Even though the Holy Ghost Church was at its peak now, and even had two Ultimate Douluo, they didn’t have the idea of directly attacking Shrek Academy.

This was especially since Shrek Academy had forced the Great Star Dou Forest to retreat not long ago, which further enhanced the academy’s reputation as the top academy on the continent. Although the Holy Ghost Church wasn’t aware of what had truly happened, the Great Star Dou Forest was still the number one soul beast forest in the world. Out of the Ten Great Savage Beasts, five were in the Great Star Dou Forest. This even included Di Tian! Even so, none of them could take down Shrek City. This showed how strong Shrek City was.

The Holy Ghost Church was going to deal with Shrek Academy sooner or later. However, they had no intention of using their abilities to deal with them directly. They wanted to borrow the Sun Moon Empire’s strength. No matter how strong Shrek Academy was, it was still a soul master academy. Their values would be deeply rooted. Although the academy had been investing greatly in soul tools in recent years, Zhongli Wu still felt that it was insufficient. Could they possibly catch up so quickly?

No matter how impenetrable Shrek City was, they wouldn’t be able to survive if Zhongli Wu led soul engineer legions to attack them, and fired Class 9 stationary soul cannons at them.

However, Zhongli Wu was a little depressed that Ye Xishui and Long Xiaoyao had said that they couldn’t attack Shrek Academy directly no matter what. Without the support of the two of them, Zhongli Wu didn’t dare to make any plans to attack Shrek Academy.

“Since they’re here, we’ll let them come at us. Marshal Lin Hai.” Zhongli Wu turned to Lin Hai.

Lin Hai immediately stood up, and respectfully said, “Imperial Tutor, please give me your orders.”

Zhongli Wu said, “Get your men to be more cautious and step up surveillance. Once you discover something, inform me quickly. I want to see what Yan Shaozhe is up to.”

“Yes.” Lin Hai respectfully acknowledged his words.

Zhongli Wu turned to Nangong Wan and said, “Nangong, Masquerade, go and rest. Both of you have done well this time by bringing back important news. However, don’t chase our enemies recklessly in the future. Shrek Academy is very sly. Once you fall into their trap, you’ll be in big trouble. Both of you are important to the church. I hope nothing happens to you.”

“Thank you for your concern.” Nangong Wan and the Masquerade Douluo bowed at the same time.

Zhongli Wu waved them off and said, “Alright, both of you are dismissed.”

“Yes.” Nangong Wan and the Masquerade Douluo turned around and left.

Just as they reached the opening of the tent, Zhongli Wu suddenly called, “Wait a minute.”

Nangong Wan and the Masquerade Douluo both stopped. The Masquerade Douluo stiffened up, but it was only slightly. It wasn't obvious.

Zhongli Wu said, "Masquerade, you've already stagnated for some time. Stop thinking about playing with women. Work harder. Although your martial soul isn't very strong, it's very special. If you can become a Transcendent Douluo in the future, it'll be very helpful to the church."

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"Sect leader, you also know that it's difficult to cultivate my Demonic Maggot. It's not that I'm not working hard. It's just that my Demonic Maggot hasn't been able to gain anything from devouring the spirits of ordinary humans after I became a Titled Douluo. I can only achieve something if I devour the spirit of a Titled Douluo. Why don't you give me some resources when the war continues?" The Masquerade Douluo laughed.

Zhongli Wu furrowed his brow and said, "Enough with that. The church still has uses for the spirits of Titled Douluo. Even if your Demonic Maggot devours their spirits, it's not just one or two that will help you improve. It's such a waste. Although we are evil soul masters, stop trying to use shortcuts to achieve your goal. Work hard on your cultivation. You can improve in that way too. Look at Nangong. He's already Rank 93 now. When he reaches Rank 94, the church will turn resources toward him and quickly help him become a Transcendent Douluo. If you stay in your current state, you can only remain as one of the lousier elders we have."

"Yes, I'll work harder." The Masquerade Douluo said a little awkwardly.

"You can go." Zhongli Wu gestured again. The Masquerade Douluo felt as if he had been given a big let off, and walked out with Nangong Wan.

After exiting the commander's tent, Nangong Wan and the Masquerade Douluo looked at each other. The originally sinister look in the Masquerade Douluo's eyes became clearer, and he nodded gently.

Nangong Wan led him toward the left. Their tents were not far in that direction.

The real Masquerade Douluo had died at Elder Song's hands. Without a doubt, the Masquerade Douluo now was an imitation. Huo Yuhao was imitating him.

When Zhongli Wu had called out to him earlier, Huo Yuhao had tensed up. He clearly knew that if he was exposed in such a core area of the base, he would find it extremely difficult to escape from the sect leader of the Holy Ghost Church even if he had the protection of Di Tian's reverse scale.

Fortunately, he had found out some details on the Masquerade Douluo from Nangong Wan before he came here. This was why he managed to bluff his way through.

Nangong Wan sent the Masquerade Douluo to his tent before speaking through his soul power, "When are you going to remove my restrictions?"

Huo Yuhao said, "When we finish this mission, we'll remove the restrictions. Shrek Academy isn't the Holy Ghost Church. We'll keep our promises. As long as you cooperate with us, we won't hurt you. We'll even help you keep up the pretense. When you finish this mission, you'll be free and continue to be an



elder of the Holy Ghost Church. Of course, whatever you want to do in the future, it'll be your business. However, if you continue to harm others, you'll land in our hands again."

Nangong Wan laughed bitterly as he nodded. He pointed to Huo Yuhao's tent before turning and leaving. He didn't fully trust Huo Yuhao. However, not believing Huo Yuhao didn't mean that he didn't believe Shrek Academy. Shrek Academy's reputation on the continent was very notable. Earlier, Yan Shaozhe and Elder Song had guaranteed that he would be given his freedom if he helped them to complete this mission. Right now, the restrictions in Nangong Wan's body were placed by Huo Yuhao using necromancy after Yan Shaozhe sucked away his soul power. In fact, the restrictions weren't lethal, but they would be very painful if they were triggered.

After all, Huo Yuhao's cultivation wasn't too far off from his. These restrictions would only last for three days too. Of course, Nangong Wan didn't know all this. He only knew that his spiritual sea would be in excruciating pain if he tried to trigger the restrictions.

Huo Yuhao bent over and entered his tent.

The evil soul masters were treated very well in this camp. This tent was very large. However, Huo Yuhao's expression immediately changed when stepped in.

There was a strong fragrance in the Masquerade Douluo's tent. This fragrance carried the smell of aphrodisiac. Not only that, but there was also a sinister aura that accompanied it.

"Sir, you're back." A soft-spoken voice was heard. Two simply-dressed young girls received him immediately. Their faces were slightly red, and their breathing carried the aura of aphrodisiacs. Evidently, they were influenced by those drugs.

These two young girls were very pretty, but the look in their eyes was hollow. It was as if they had lost their souls.

Huo Yuhao said, "Stay away from me. Put your clothes on. I don't need your services today."

"What?" The two girls were stunned, but they didn't dare to say anything, and immediately dressed up before leaving when they felt the killing intent coming from Huo Yuhao.

When they left, the tent immediately smelled more refreshing.

Huo Yuhao pulled the curtains open to get rid of the smell. Although he only had a brief interaction with both girls earlier, he could still feel that the aphrodisiacs came from their bodies. This meant that their bodies had been modified. The way that the Holy Ghost Church harmed people could really make one bristle with anger.

Huo Yuhao didn't use his Spiritual Detection to observe his surroundings. He was in a very important area of the base. Everyone from the Holy Ghost Church stayed within this core region. Defense was undoubtedly very tight in such a region. If there was a spiritual barrier or a powerful individual around, he would immediately be detected.

This was why Huo Yuhao only looked out from his windows after pulling his curtains open and sensed his surroundings. When fresher air circulated into his tent, he immediately shut the windows.

The decoration inside this tent was quite classy. There was a huge carpet made out of animal skin that was laid on the ground, and a huge bed in the center of the tent. At the front, there was a table, a sofa and daily tools.

After sending the two young girls out, Huo Yuhao wasn't afraid of the Holy Ghost Church suspecting anything. Earlier, Zhongli Wu had told him to stop being so obsessed with sex. He was only listening to orders.

After closing the curtains, the entire tent became much quieter. It was also much dimmer. There were only a few dim soul lamps that were still on.

Evil soul masters didn't enjoy bright environments. Such dimness gave off a very sinister feel.

Huo Yuhao didn't get onto the bed. To him, the Masquerade Douluo must have had been on it with many young girls. It was too dirty. He pulled out a chair and sat cross-legged on it. After this, he carefully unleashed his spiritual power.

His Spiritual Detection was limited to his tent, but every single nook and cranny was within his detection.

He wanted to make sure that this place was fine before he proceeded with the next step of his operation.

A few minutes later, he opened his eyes once again and nodded. This is more like where an evil Titled Douluo should stay. There aren't any surveillance precautions taken in this tent, and there are also no surveillance soul tools that cover it.

This was great news. Huo Yuhao unleashed his soul power once again. This time, he formed a spiritual barrier and isolated the inside of the tent from the rest of the outside world. At this moment, he would immediately discover it if someone tried to use their spiritual power in this tent. It was just like when he was discovered.

After completing this set-up, Huo Yuhao started to mutter incantations. He was very soft. Unless one were in this room, it would be impossible to hear him.

The Masquerade Douluo was also partly adept at spiritual power. This was why it was easier for Huo Yuhao to keep up his false appearance if he imitated him. The evil soul master aura of the Masquerade Douluo could be imitated, while his spiritual power wasn't weaker than the Masquerade Douluo's was.

As he started chanting, the space in front of him started to distort. Halos flashed, and a pitch-black door slowly opened in front of him.

Huo Yuhao verified that no one had breached his spiritual barrier before he took a step into that door.

He came into another dimension, his spectral demiplane.

On a bald mountain, Elder Song, Yan Shaozhe and everyone from the Tang Sect was waiting for him. Apart from them, there was also the Ice Bear King.

Everyone from the Tang Sect had entered Huo Yuhao's spectral demiplane. They didn't have too much of a reaction when they first entered, but Yan Shaozhe and Elder Song were both astonished.

They hadn't expected Huo Yuhao to be capable of this. It was because they were strong that they understood what a demiplane meant.

Elder Song and Yan Shaozhe immediately realized where the spectral army came from when they were fighting the Great Star Dou Forest when they saw the boundless sea of spectres.

However, neither of them asked any questions about it.

In Huo Yuhao's plan, there was no way he could rescue Tang Ya alone.

Tang Ya's current abilities were unknown. However, they knew she was at least an evil Soul Sage. Huo Yuhao couldn't harm her either. It was impossible to capture her quickly. Furthermore, any movement in this base would be immediately discovered.

This was why Huo Yuhao had no choice but to expose his spectral demiplane to them, and let everyone rest inside it. When he entered it, it meant that everyone had assembled. Right now, the first step of the plan had been completed.

"How is it, Yuhao?" Everyone heaved a sigh of relief when they saw Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao nodded lightly and recounted everything that had happened to them.

Elder Song nodded and said, "Alright, take care then. You don't have to worry about us. We'll be waiting for you. When you think the time is right, we'll begin the mission."

"Yes." Huo Yuhao had entered to say hi to everyone, and tell them that he had successfully snuck into the Sun Moon Empire's base.

Yan Shaozhe furrowed his brow and said, "Yuhao, you should expedite your plan. The longer you stay there, the more you run the risk of being exposed."

"Yes." Huo Yuhao acknowledged once again.

Elder Song laughed, "Shaozhe, I think you've yet to acclimate to the environment here."