

Tang Sect 521

Chapter 521.1: Two Cultivation Methods of the Second Soul Core

“When you want to form your second soul core, you’ll inevitably infringe upon your first soul core. Instead of there being one center, there’ll be two centers. Your first soul core will generate intense resistance. This is because you are disrupting the circulation of your first soul core by forming your second soul core. That’s why it becomes particularly difficult, and you’ll face a lot of interference.”

Huo Yuhao nodded. Elder Xuan’s description fit the situation he was facing right now exactly.

Elder Xuan continued, “It seems like you understand what I’m saying! Don’t tell me that you’ve already begun trying to form your second soul core?”

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly and replied, “I’ve been on it for some time, but I’ve not managed to make much progress. Otherwise, why would Wutong a Titled Douluo, but not me? We’ve been cultivating together, and the standard of our soul power roughly the same. This second soul core has been troubling me for a long time.”

As he looked at Tang Wutong before looking at Huo Yuhao, Elder Xuan couldn’t help but sigh.

“Impressive! Yuhao, you must remember never to rush trying to form your second soul core. If you are overly zealous, you might run amok. When that happens, even an immortal can’t save you.”

“Alright.” Huo Yuhao was petrified. When Elder Xuan mentioned the words ‘run amok’, there was an obvious terrified look in his eyes. If even someone like him could become terrified, it showed how frightening running amok was.

Elder Xuan laughed bitterly. “It almost happened to me once. I was much younger then, and therefore much more impulsive. If not for the fact that Elder Mu was by my side and helped me with the trouble, you guys wouldn’t be able to see me. Even so, I lay in bed for a good three years before I recovered my vital energy. For the next ten years, I didn’t dare to try forming my second soul core.”

Huo Yuhao was stunned. “So frightening?”

Elder Xuan nodded seriously and said, “Yes, it’s very terrifying. Don’t forget that the successful formation of your first soul core means that your soul core is basically a soul power grenade that has been greatly compressed. When it’s stable, it is a source of soul power. But if it isn’t stable, its explosiveness is demonstrated. Once it blows apart, not even a streak of your spirit will be left behind. Don’t you think it’s terrifying? When I almost ran amok, there was a slight crack on the surface of my soul core before Elder Mu forcefully covered it. That’s why the worst didn’t happen. Otherwise, I would have been finished.”

“Alright, since you are already at this stage, you should be able to sense it deeply. I’ll continue talking and you’ll continue to listen to me intently. It’ll be useful for your future breakthrough.”

“Yes.” Huo Yuhao acknowledged respectfully.

Elder Xuan continued, saying, “There are two known methods of forming your second soul core. Most soul masters choose the first method, Resonance, which I mentioned earlier. To prevent your second soul core from disrupting your first soul core, you must first listen to your first soul core and respect its

existence. During the formation of your second soul core, you must first find the rhythm and frequency of the circulation of your first soul core. When you attempt to form your second soul core, you must first resonate with your first soul core. This will minimize any disruption. Your second soul core must circulate and compress to the standard of your first soul core, before picking up speed and creating two centers instead of one. What's needed is soul power compression and revolution. However, the new core will be along the straight line of the diameter of the two circles combined. Since it's bigger, it can consolidate and compress more soul power. This is the reason why Ultimate Douluo are so strong."

So that's why!

If not for Elder Xuan's explanation, Huo Yuhao would have taken another ten years to understand this concept. He might not have even learned the technique, and faced the possibility of running amok.

Elder Xuan said, "Although it's difficult to form your second soul core through resonance, you can succeed if you keep trying and your soul power and control are strong enough. Just like Elder Mu, the Darkness Holy Dragon, the Death God Douluo and myself, you should be walking this path."

Huo Yuhao was curious as he asked, "Elder Xuan, how do you know that Ye Xishui and Long Xiaoyao also took this path?"

Elder Xuan smiled and said, "If they didn't, the result would be completely different."

"Are you talking about the second method?" Huo Yuhao asked.

Elder Xuan nodded and said, "Yes. Using resonance to form your second soul core is comparatively safer. This is because your first soul core is still the main one. The formation of your second soul core will follow the frequency of revolution of your first soul core, and thus not many problems will occur between your first and second soul cores. However, if you use another method to form your second soul core, the danger is much greater. Of course, the benefit is as great as the danger. The other method is 'Yin Yang Complement'.

"Yin Yang Complement?" Just like Resonance, this was Huo Yuhao's first time coming across such a cultivation term.

Elder Xuan nodded. "It's Yin Yang Complement. What this means is that the second soul core will follow a different path from the first soul core during its formation. It'll be like forming a new soul core from scratch. The second soul core will have nothing to do with the first soul core. It'll also be fully disrupted by the first soul core. If your soul power revolves towards the left when you first form your first soul core, then your second soul core has to revolve towards the right. Everything must be completely different from the first soul core."

Huo Yuhao was astonished. "How is that possible? Didn't you say that the first soul core becomes the center of all my soul power after it forms? If my second soul core revolves in the opposite direction from my first soul core, wouldn't it become a target, and cause me to run amok?"

Elder Xuan shook his head and said, "No, you're right. Your second soul core must revolve in the opposite direction as your first soul core within the sphere of influence of your first soul core. While the resistance is very great, you can achieve independence of your second soul core as long as it can complete a revolution. Let me now tell you how you can easily run amok given certain conditions. It

happens the most easily when there's chaos during the process of forming your soul core, rather than when your soul core revolves. You'll face a major problem when any sort of chaos leads to disruption in the entire process. As a result, you should only use the Yin Yang Complement if you are strong enough and persistent enough. You must maintain the counter-revolution with all your might, and slowly allow your second soul core to form its own world within the control of your first soul core. This will make it truly independent, and immunize itself from the disruption of the first soul core. Then, it can improve and strengthen to reach the same standard as your first soul core. Once the strengths of your two soul cores are similar, there'll be one major conflict. During this conflict, an explosive-like fusion will occur. If it succeeds, your second soul core will be formed. From there, an extremely strong twin soul core balanced by Yin and Yang will be formed. If you fail, you die!"

Huo Yuhao was stunned. Even though this was just Elder Xuan's description, he could already sense how difficult it was to achieve such a balance.

"Surely there isn't anyone who's chosen this method, right? It's too dangerous. Furthermore, what will it be like even if you succeed, given that your two soul cores are revolving in opposite directions? Wouldn't there always be a conflict within your body?"

Elder Xuan smiled and shook his head, "There are still those who try. Although I've never heard of any human soul master succeeding as of yet, the twin soul core that's formed is the strongest if success is attained. Let me ask you, how should a whirlpool move such that it's at its fastest speed?"

Huo Yuhao was puzzled as he asked, "Isn't it just by revolving?"

Elder Xuan replied, "The correct answer is a combination of push and pull. Think about it. If two whirlpools move in two opposite directions, what will happen between these two whirlpools? Any soul power that's stuck between the two whirlpools will immediately form another whirlpool due to the opposing forces, but this new whirlpool will be forced away."

After listening to Elder Xuan's words, Huo Yuhao only heard a loud boom in his head. A very important doubt that he had had all this while was finally answered.

He said almost immediately, "Elder Xuan, did Di Tian use the Yin Yang Complement?"

Elder Xuan was stunned. "You actually guessed it. That's right. He did use that method. That's why he's so strong. The reason why he succeeded was because he had been accumulating his strength for a long time. Furthermore, he's physically strong. As for how he did it, I'm not sure. However, I think he's the only one who has succeeded among all the known individuals and soul beasts. As a result, it's without a doubt that he's the strongest among all Ultimate Douluo. If he fights with all his strength, I don't think Long Xiaoyao and Ye Xishui would be his match even if they combined forces.

Di Tian had always been Huo Yuhao's goal. The more he understood this Beast God, the more he felt how terrifying he was.

He had actually used the Yin Yang Complement to form his twin soul core. As he thought of how Di Tian circulated his soul power, it all made sense to him. Yes, his soul power appears as small whirlpools. That must be the effect of a balance of Yin and Yang. Each of those small whirlpools contains immense soul power. Compared to ordinary an Ultimate Douluo, the amount of soul power he can store is much greater. No wonder even his projection can scare off Ye Xishui. He's indeed the Beast God!

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Elder Xuan said, "You shouldn't be thinking about the Yin Yang Complement. It's too dangerous. While your body is strong, you can't compare yourself to the Beast God. After all, humans and soul beasts are biologically different. That's why you shouldn't go and take the risk. Just follow the principle of Resonance to cultivate. You possess Ultimate Ice and twin martial souls. As long as your second soul core forms successfully and you work towards your third soul core to become an Ultimate Douluo, it's not impossible for you to reach Di Tian's abilities."

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly in his heart. "If it's already so difficult to form my second soul core, what about my third soul core? I'm afraid no one in the history of Shrek Academy has cultivated a third soul core."

Elder Xuan then provided more advice to Huo Yuhao. He revealed everything that he had experienced to Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong.

"Alright, you just need to remember what I said. Don't attempt a breakthrough anytime soon. It's very dangerous. I must be around to protect you when you try. This is so that the risk you are facing is at its lowest."

"Alright." Huo Yuhao acknowledged his words.

Elder Xuan said, "The mission will take place in ten days. Meet the rest of the people who are going over the following days. You are very familiar with the meeting place, which is the Ming Dou Mountain Range. Both of you can proceed there first and rendezvous at the White Tiger Duke's camp. When everyone is there, you'll set off. Remember what I said. Both of you are there to help only. Aren't you very good at concealment? Don't reveal all your abilities. Don't become a target. That applies for both you and Wutong."

"Elder Xuan, don't worry. To protect Wutong, I won't take the risk." Huo Yuhao assured Elder Xuan once again.

Huo Yuhao wasn't too worried about this mission. In fact, he was a little skeptical of such a mission. Was it so easy to assassinate the leader of an empire? Furthermore, whether they would like to admit it or not, the combined power of the Sun Moon Empire was the greatest in all the empires of the Douluo Continent. He was very familiar with the defensive strength of their soul tools. Assassinating Xu Tianran would be extremely difficult.

However, since Elder Xuan let him go, he still had to make this trip. Huo Yuhao wasn't against it. However, he didn't hold any hope of achieving any results on this mission.

Even though he wasn't purely there for a show, he made up his mind to regard safety as the main priority. He wasn't going to take any unnecessary risks.

With their brand-new Haodong Power, Tang Wutong and his fighting strength was much greater than before. Along with the fact that his survival ability on a battlefield was very great and he had a wealth of experience, he was very confident of preserving his own life.

After returning to the Tang Sect, Huo Yuhao immediately pulled Tang Wutong back to his room to meditate. He could only focus during his meditation. He needed to fully understand what Elder Xuan was describing earlier, and turn his experience into comprehension.

Over the next few days, Huo Yuhao did some preparatory work. It was only on the ninth day that he and Tang Wutong bade goodbye to the rest of the Tang Sect. They quietly left Shrek City and proceeded towards the Star Luo Empire's borders.

After entering the borders of the Star Luo Empire, Huo Yuhao was astonished to find out that there were aerial surveillance soul tools in the Star Luo Empire. Although there weren't many of them, it was better to have some than not to have any at all. Evidently, Shrek Academy wasn't the only one that had intensified their research in this area. After suffering during the war, the three empires of the original Douluo Continent also strengthened their research in this area. It wasn't possible to catch up to the Sun Moon Empire, but it was better than nothing.

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong held hands as they flew through the sky. Their soul power circulated in their bodies, and they both had a flying-type soul tool on their backs.

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong's flying-type soul tools were made by Huo Yuhao personally. They were Class 9 soul tools.

Compared to other Class 9 soul engineers, Huo Yuhao's greatest advantage was the speed with which he produced Class 9 soul tools. He didn't design these two flying-type soul tools. Rather, Xuan Ziwen was the one who designed them. He only produced them, which took five months in total. Although they weren't the best Class 9 soul tools, they were definitely exquisite work.

They were dim-blue. Such a color helped the soul tools blend into the sky. At such a level, remaining hidden was more important than the superficial design of the soul tool.

As their circulated their soul power, the speed of their flying-type soul tools was immediately increased to the speed of sound. Of course, the length of time that they could maintain such a speed, as well as how quick they were depleted, was directly related to the volume of their soul power. With Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong's current cultivation, they could only maintain such a sonic speed for about fifteen minutes. However, if they used their Haodong Power, that time would be increased to an hour. An hour was sufficient for them to cross half the empire. This was why Huo Yuhao was very confident that they could protect themselves.

Class 9 soul tools would definitely not just have one ability. These two flying-type soul tools were equipped with soul thrusters. If these thrusters were boosted, they would be able to travel up to three times the speed of sound. Even that could only be maintained for a moment, there were many occasions that unexpected effects could be achieved.

Of course, not just anyone could use such an ability. This was because the burden on one's body as a result of using this ability was very great. Any soul master with less than seven rings would blow apart due to the immense pressure when traveling at such a great speed.

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong were both talented. Tang Wutong was already a Titled Douluo, while Huo Yuhao was at Rank 89. Both of them could use such an ability.

Xuan Ziwen called these two flying-type soul tools Supersonic Wings. Xuan Ziwen was even proud enough to claim that these two flying-type soul tools were capable of being ranked among the top ten flying-type soul tools on the continent. This was because Class 9 soul engineers would rarely focus their energy on producing such soul tools.

To produce a Class 9 soul tool, a Class 9 soul engineer must be willing to sacrifice a lot of energy. At the same time, he must possess sufficient resources too.

Originally, Shrek Academy and the Tang Sect didn't have a lot of rare metals. However, as time passed, the development and prosperity of Shrek City attracted a lot of businessmen. This provided Shrek City and the Tang Sect with a lot of new resources.

The Tang Sect's soul tools were also being sold. Soul tools were very profitable. By trading soul tools for rare metals, the Tang Sect managed to gather sufficient resources. While the Sun Moon Empire had many Class 9 soul engineers, the demand for resources was also very high. However, only Xuan Ziwen and Huo Yuhao required resources in Shrek City. This was why all the top-grade materials were all with them, and enough to support their production demands.

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong maintained one-fourth the speed of sound as they flew. This was already very quick, and it was also a speed that ensured that they would remain in their best condition. With the circulation of their Haodong Power, they could maintain a balance between the depletion and restoration of their abilities.

Huo Yuhao said, "Wutong?"

"What?" Tang Wutong glanced at him.

Huo Yuhao squinted and said, "What would you think if I chose the Yin Yang Complement to cultivate my second soul core?"

Tang Wutong was astonished and replied, "Yuhao, don't take the risk! Didn't Elder Xuan mention that it's very dangerous?"

Huo Yuhao replied, "It is, but the benefits are great too. If I succeed, I believe I can become as strong as a Transcendent Douluo when I become a Titled Douluo. I still remember how Di Tian's strength descended upon me when I faced Ye Xishui at the Ming Dou Mountain Range. I clearly felt that his soul power appeared in the form of soul cores. It was extremely strong. Every streak of his soul power was forcefully compressed. He could even force the Death God Douluo away although my body was very weak back then. In the future, I will need to fight the Beast God. If my second soul core is weaker than his, it'll be very difficult for me to challenge him in the future."

Tang Wutong creased her brows. "However, it's too dangerous. Furthermore, even if you use Resonance to cultivate your second soul core, you can still cultivate a third soul core in the future! When that happens, you can still challenge the Beast God with three soul cores. In addition, why do you need to challenge the Beast God?"

Huo Yuhao sighed and replied, "I have my own difficulties. Di Tian gave me a piece of his reverse scale. He says that it protects me, but it's actually spying on me. Once my future cultivation reaches a certain

standard, or once I develop some kind of special understanding, it'll interfere with me. To remove this reverse scale, I need to defeat Di Tian. Otherwise, I won't be able to reach the peak in the future."

As he spoke, he opened the buttons at the front of his shirt and revealed the piece of reverse scale to Tang Wutong.

When Tang Wutong saw he pitch-black reverse scale, an angry look flashed across her eyes. "Di Tian, hmph!"

Huo Yuhao grabbed her hand and said, "This is why I need to choose the best method at every stage of my cultivation. It's only then that I can challenge him. After all, Di Tian has dominated the continent for years. There's a reason why he's the strongest."

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Tang Wutong turned her head and looked at Huo Yuhao. She asked seriously, "If you used the Yin Yang Complement, how confident are you? Also, have you ever thought of the fact that you'll have to cultivate a third soul core? Otherwise, you won't become a Titled Douluo. If you use Resonance instead, you'll use the same method when it comes to your third soul core. It's just more difficult compared to your second soul core. However, how are you going to do it if you used the Yin Yang Complement? At least, I don't have a clue. Di Tian has been famous for hundreds of thousands of years, but he only has two soul cores. Doesn't he want a third soul core? He must not have succeeded so far. This shows how difficult it is to cultivate a third soul core after using the Yin Yang Complement to cultivate a second soul core."

"Yes." After listening to Tang Wutong's words, Huo Yuhao nodded. He definitely knew that her words were very logical. However, he was indignant!

"Wutong, whichever method you use, a third soul core has always been a myth. When I chose to form my first soul core, I did it to increase the speed of my cultivation. I'm not sure if I can continue to create miracles when it comes to my third soul core. However, I believe that I can challenge the Beast God even if I don't become an Ultimate Douluo if I use the Yin Yang Complement to cultivate my second soul core. Don't forget that I'm also a Class 9 soul engineer. When I become a Transcendent Douluo in the future, I can try to become a Class 10 soul engineer. That's why I really want to try."

Tang Wutong nodded and said, "How confident are you then? Or rather, what can you rely on? If it's too dangerous, I won't let you try at all."

Huo Yuhao replied, "Honestly speaking, I'm a little confident. I've been cultivating every day. You should be able to sense how strong my body is."

After hearing his words, Tang Wutong turned slightly red. "Who's sensing your body?"

Huo Yuhao also chuckled, "See, thinking isn't healthy. I'm talking about my physical strength. I've taken a lot of treasures. I've also been nourished by the Life Gold. My life energy is much stronger than most ordinary soul masters. I'm confident in this aspect. While almost all the Manifold Mysterious Ice Essence in my body has been absorbed, there's still some left in my spirit. Once I try for my second soul core, this strength can be tapped into. Forming a soul core requires a lot of energy. It should be able to satisfy this requirement. Also, my spiritual power is strong enough."

“We’ve been tirelessly cultivating over the past two years. I’m also astonished by the improvements to my spiritual power. I’m not sure about the exact level of my spiritual power now, but I feel that I’m at the tier of a Transcendent Douluo. This will help me with the control of my soul power, which far exceeds that of ordinary people.”

“I really want to give it a go. Even if it’s dangerous, I’ll invite Elder Xuan to protect me. I’m sure I can deal with any danger in time.”

Seeing that he was so persistent, Tang Wutong nodded after pondering for a moment. She replied, “Alright then. You can give it a go. However, you must not force the issue.”

Huo Yuhao was delighted. In fact, if he couldn’t force it, he wouldn’t want to hide anything from Tang Wutong. Even if there was a possibility that they would be separated, he would rather give up on his cultivation.

Tang Wutong revealed a slight smile on her face. “In that case, I’ll choose the same path as you when I reach Rank 98 in the future. You’ll need to impart your experience to me then.”

Huo Yuhao was a little helpless as he commented, “You’re so competitive!”

Tang Wutong replied, “I’m not competitive. I just cannot lag behind you.”

“Alright.” Huo Yuhao didn’t stop her. Given her abilities, she wasn’t any weaker than him, especially in terms of her talent. Huo Yuhao could subtly sense that her abilities and potential had become a little unpredictable ever since she had returned as Tang Wutong.

When Tang Wutong became a Titled Douluo, it was when Huo Yuhao was creating a Class 9 soul tool with Xuan Ziwen. Huo Yuhao didn’t know how she made a breakthrough, but he knew that she owned her own Spirit after that. Her ninth soul ring was her Spirit.

As for cultivating her second soul core, it was still too early. She had to try first before she could determine anything. If Huo Yuhao opposed her now, he was just looking for trouble.

Their journey was very peaceful. The Star Luo Empire’s aerial surveillance soul tools couldn’t possibly detect them. The two of them were close to the Ming Dou Mountain Range by noon time.

The Ming Dou Mountain Range was a very important location. Here, there were many more aerial surveillance soul tools. Furthermore, the Star Luo Empire’s army had also been re-deployed. Even though it was difficult to tell what the re-deployment was like, it seemed like there had been major changes. Without a doubt, these changes were made in accordance to the Sun Moon Empire’s fighting strategy.

When they were still fifty kilometers from the Ming Dou Mountain Range, Huo Yuhao deliberately held onto Tang Wutong and slowed down. They were then discovered by the aerial surveillance soul tools.

This was to avoid any unnecessary trouble. After this, both of them drifted in the air and waited.

Indeed, the Star Luo Empire reacted very quickly. In just a short period of time, a group of soul masters flew towards them using flying-type soul tools.

There were ten of them. Perhaps it was because the Star Luo Empire had managed to get an upper hand over the Sun Moon Empire when they used such small groups, but they had started to fancy them.

This group of soul masters was very friendly. Evidently, they had been waiting near the aerial surveillance soul tools. In addition, Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong came from the mainland. It was more likely that they were friendly instead of hostile.

Huo Yuhao retrieved the letter for this mission that Elder Xuan had passed to him. He was immediately recognized and led towards the Ming Dou Mountain Range by this group of soul masters.

For some reason, Huo Yuhao felt different every time he came to the Ming Dou Mountain Range. He was about to meet the White Tiger Duke again. This time, he was much less hateful than before. However, there was some reluctance on his part to face the White Tiger Duke again.

Every time he thought of how the White Tiger Duke had hugged him and flown into the sky, he would have some kind of weird feeling. Even if he was unwilling to admit it, he knew that he was proud to have such a father. Without the White Tiger Duke, the Star Luo Empire's borders wouldn't be in such a state. In addition, the pressure on the Heavenly Soul Empire wouldn't have fallen so quickly either.

The White Tiger Duke was indeed a cornerstone figure!

Tang Wutong whispered, "You're a little nervous."

Huo Yuhao forced a laugh, "No I'm not!"

Tang Wutong chuckled and said, "How dare you deny it? Your hands are already full of sweat. Don't worry. I'm by your side."

"Okay." After hearing her words, Huo Yuhao felt much more relieved.

The main peak of the Ming Dou Mountain Range was where the Death God Douluo and Di Tian had clashed. Right now, the White Tiger Duke's commander tent was located on this main peak.

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong were escorted there.

Evidently, the mountain had been through some changes. It was very flat now. The edges of it bristled with soul tools, which made it seem as if there were soul formations present. Among them were Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons. They were even present in the greatest numbers.

Slightly further back were other tents. The White Tiger Duke had chosen this mountain to place his commander tent because the view was the best from here. The situation in the Sun Moon Empire could be most easily observed from this mountaintop.

In terms of surveillance, the Star Luo Empire had indeed put in a lot of hard work. At least in terms of defense, these surveillance soul tools had helped greatly. On a few occasions, some small-scale penetrations by soul engineers from the Sun Moon Empire were discovered, and dealt with in time.

As they landed, Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong were directly led into the tent by the group of soul masters that had received them.

Before he even entered, Huo Yuhao unleashed his Spiritual Detection, as he often did. There were more than ten people in the tent. Each of their auras was also very dominant, and fairly strong. However, none of them noticed Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection.

Huo Yuhao held onto Tang Wutong as he walked into the tent. Once he entered, he became the focus of everyone's attention.

There was a huge table in the center of the tent. The White Tiger Duke was standing at the edge of the center of the table. When he saw Huo Yuhao, a surprised look flashed across his face.

Dai Yueheng and Dai Luoli were both there as well, behind the White Tiger Duke. Dai Yueheng was dressed like a general, while Dai Luoli was dressed as a bodyguard.

Huo Yuhao was familiar with many of the people around the table. Among them, the one who caught his attention the most was Du Busi. He was actually here.

It was rumored that he had suffered critical injuries when at the border of the Heavenly Soul Empire, and only barely managed to escape. It seemed like he had recovered from his injuries.

Apart from Du Busi, Princess Wei Na and Princess Jiujiu were also here. As for the rest, they were all Titled Douluo. There were even some Transcendent Douluo there.

When he saw Huo Yuhao, the White Tiger Duke immediately came up to receive him. He laughed and opened his arms towards him. "Yuhao, you are finally here. It's great to see you again!"

Before Huo Yuhao had time to react, the White Tiger Duke gave him an embrace.

Huo Yuhao felt his heart tremble. He subconsciously opened his arms and hugged him back. However, there was a slight throbbing look in his eyes.

After the hug, the White Tiger Duke also said hi to Tang Wutong. When he looked at Huo Yuhao again, there was a teasing look on his face. Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong had held hands and walked in together earlier. He had clearly seen it.

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Dai Luoli had been following the White Tiger Duke, Dai Hao, and he stared at Huo Yuhao with eyes brimming with excitement. He wanted to say something, but Huo Yuhao stopped him with a look.

Princess Wei Na and Princess Jiujiu came forward to make their greetings one after another.

From their perspective, Huo Yuhao naturally couldn't compare to these people standing inside the tent in terms of strength. But in terms of status, he was either at the same status with everyone else, or perhaps even greater. He could be considered a key figure who had turned the tide of battle!

Huo Yuhao greeted everyone one after another.

The Titled Douluo had different expressions when they looked at him. The Body Douluo, Du Busi had no expression at all, but the other Titled Douluo mostly reacted with shock. n(-o)-v--e./l(-b//l.)n

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong were the last to arrive out of everyone who was participating in this operation. Some of the others had been here for a day or two, while there were some who had been

here for six or seven days. Even though Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong weren't late, that disparity caused some of the most powerful individuals in the world of soul masters to be displeased.

The White Tiger Duke held Huo Yuhao's hand and walked inside with him before he turned to everyone else and said, "Come, let me make an introduction. Huo Yuhao is a gifted student from Shrek Academy, and he is known as the Eye of the Asura. Don't look down on him because he's young. Back then, he was a great help to us, and the Star Luo Empire probably wouldn't have been able to retake the Ming Dou Mountain Range without him."

The Titled Douluo who were here were naturally split into three different parties according to which empire they were from. The Titled Douluo who were from the Star Luo Empire all smiled and tilted their heads slightly as a gesture of amiability and friendliness. They had fought side by side with Huo Yuhao back then, and they had sufficiently experienced the tremendous benefit that his Spiritual Detection conferred on the battlefield. Furthermore, he had triggered the Beast God's strength in an epic battle against the Death God Douluo. That gave the Giant Hammer Douluo, the Shattered Star Douluo, and the others a deep and lasting impression.

The Titled Douluo from the Heavenly Soul Empire were comparatively more boastful and arrogant. Even though they knew this individual was closely and directly related to the tremendous explosion that had occurred inside the Sun Moon Empire's army, many of Shrek Academy's powerful individuals were there after all. From their perspective, that success was more attributable to Elder Song and Yan Shaozhe's abilities.

The Dou Ling Empire's Titled Douluo were most unfamiliar with Huo Yuhao. These Titled Douluo were the ones who were clearly displeased that Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong had arrived so long after everyone else did.

What were Titled Douluo? They held strategic importance within a nation, and any Titled Douluo enjoyed an extremely elevated status in their respective empires. They all possessed a kind of arrogance and pride that was unique to them.

One of the Dou Ling Empire's Titled Douluo looked on as the White Tiger Duke was so warm and passionate to Huo Yuhao even though he had arrived late. He smiled plainly and said, "You're too modest, Duke. We know that credit for reclaiming the Ming Dou Mountain Range belongs to you!"

The White Tiger Duke wasn't stupid, and he could immediately tell the displeasure in this elderly man's tone. He hurriedly said to Huo Yuhao, "Come, Yuhao. Let me make the introductions. This is the Heavenly Sun Douluo, and he's from the Dou Ling Empire. He's a hundred and fifty years old, and he's belongs to the world of soul masters' older generation. He's a Rank 97 Transcendent Douluo, and he's very powerful. This operation is directed mainly by the Body Douluo and the Heavenly Sun Douluo."

"Greetings, Heavenly Sun Douluo." Huo Yuhao gave the Heavenly Sun Douluo a light bow. He probably wasn't that different from him in terms of seniority. Huo Yuhao was the Dragon God Douluo Mu En's disciple, and Elder Mu had been more than two hundred years old when he had passed away. Therefore, Huo Yuhao was actually considered very senior, as he was here as Shrek Academy's representative.

The Heavenly Sun Douluo saw that Huo Yuhao only bowed a little, and displeasure immediately appeared in his eyes. He said plainly, "Heroes emerge from the younger generation after all! The new

generation of youngsters is better than the older ones. Seems like us old ones are indeed quickly retreating from history.”

Princess Wei Na laughed and said, “Don’t say that, Heavenly Sun Douluo. You’re old, but still strong and healthy. You can still reign supreme over the world of soul masters for another hundred years without any problems.”

The Heavenly Sun Douluo’s attitude was a lot better towards Princess Wei Na as he chuckled and said, “I can’t live for another hundred years. Perhaps brother Du might have a chance.”

Du Busi said plainly, “That’s enough. Let’s not flatter each other. Since everyone is here, let’s prepare for the operation, as time is of the essence. Dai Hao, you’re the one who came up with the plan. Tell us about it.”

The White Tiger Duke nodded and said, “Our operation is called the Emperor Killing Operation, and will be jointly executed by five Titled Douluo each from the Heavenly Soul Empire, the Dou Ling Empire, and the Star Luo Empire. We will proceed to the Sun Moon Empire and assassinate the emperor, Xu Tianran.”

“Even though Xu Tianran is still young, he’s an incredibly ruthless and ambitious character of his generation. War in the future is inevitable as long as he’s around. The Sun Moon Empire is becoming stronger, and we will lose the initiative and end up on the back foot if we don’t make a move. The Sun Moon Empire will descend into chaos if we can assassinate Xu Tianran. His brothers will definitely fight with each other for the throne. After all, his son hasn’t been born for too long, and it’ll be hard for him to ascend to the throne when he’s only a year old.”

A thought occurred to Huo Yuhao as he heard the White Tiger Duke’s words. Xu Tianran’s son... doesn’t that mean he’s also Ju Zi’s child? Ju Zi has given him a child.

Ju Zi’s voice and smile surfaced in Huo Yuhao’s mind, and a kind of discomfort surfaced in his heart. No matter what, he shared some sentiments with her back then. He had saved her life before, and she had saved his. This time, their operation was targeted at the Sun Moon Empire’s emperor, Xu Tianran, who was also Ju Zi’s husband! If they successfully assassinated Xu Tianran, Ju Zi would no longer have a husband, and her child would no longer have a father.

Huo Yuhao heaved a sigh inside as his thoughts stopped there. Ju Zi was right that his heart was too soft, especially toward people that he cared about.

Not even Tang Wutong knew about the thoughts that were surfacing in Huo Yuhao’s mind. She thought that he was a little moody because he had met the White Tiger Duke.

The White Tiger Duke continued, “It is undoubtedly extremely difficult to assassinate Xu Tianran. But the Douluo Continent’s three native empires will benefit greatly if our operation is successful. That’s the reason why I have invited everyone to take this risk in this operation. From my perspective, the most crucial component of our operation is how we are to enter the Sun Moon Empire’s territory and infiltrate Radiant City. As long as we can infiltrate Radiant City undetected, we will have practically completed half of our mission.”

“Our spies in the Sun Moon Empire have risked death to relay some intel to us. Roughly seven days from now, Xu Tianran will participate in the Sun Moon Empire’s Grand Sacrificial Ceremony. He’s the emperor, so he will undoubtedly be the one performing the sacrificial rites at the ceremony. That’s the best opportunity for us to execute our mission.”

“Of course, there will undoubtedly be many powerful individuals by his side during the ceremony. Furthermore, the Sun Moon Empire is adept with all kinds of soul tools. Xu Tianran definitely has a formidable automatic soul tool on him. Therefore, we have to draw the expert fighters by his side away if we wish to assassinate him. So, we have to split our operation into two parts.”

“All fifteen members will be divided into two teams. The Body Douluo will lead one, while the Heavenly Sun Douluo will lead the other. The Body Douluo will lead the four other Transcendent Douluo, with the exception of the Heavenly Sun Douluo, and they will prepare to give Xu Tianran a thunderous and fatal blow. The Heavenly Sun Douluo will take the others to create a diversion during the day of the Grand Sacrificial Ceremony.”

“The target of our diversion will be the arsenals inside Radiant City. There are many arsenals in Radiant City, but the most important arsenal is in the city’s eastern outskirts. It’s relatively far from where the ceremony will be held, and it stores large masses of sealed Milk Bottles and stationary soul cannon shells. Once the arsenal is attacked, the disturbance will be large enough that Xu Tianran will be alerted. They will be sent into disarray, and the Body Douluo’s opportunity will arise when that happens. They will attack Xu Tianran amid the chaos, and everyone will retreat after a single strike. Please be safe, everyone, whether or not the mission is successful.”

The plan didn’t sound very complicated, but there were definitely many problems with the details.

How they were to infiltrate the Sun Moon Empire and then Radiant City would be a very important problem before they could even execute their mission. The plan wasn’t very intricate, and everything had to be played by ear.

Huo Yuhao frowned a little after listening to the White Tiger Duke’s plan. A plan that was as vague as this definitely had less than a fifty percent chance of success. Furthermore, their assassination target was the Sun Moon Empire’s emperor. How could the White Tiger Duke have a plan like that? This wasn’t like his standard at all! The White Tiger Duke shouldn’t make a mistake like that with his intelligence.

This operation had an absolutely magnificent lineup. The Body Sect’s leader, Du Busi was still a Rank 98 Transcendent Douluo, even if his cultivation hadn’t increased for a long time. He was second only to an Ultimate Douluo. And even though the Heavenly Sun Douluo seemed a little displeased with Huo Yuhao, he was still a Rank 97 Transcendent Douluo; he was likely to be the strongest individual in the Dou Ling Empire. They were at the helm of this operation. If the operation failed and they died in the process, it would be a fatal blow to the Douluo Continent’s three native empires!

Huo Yuhao had many doubts in his mind, but he was the youngest here, so it wasn’t very appropriate for him to ask too much.

Du Busi nodded and said, “That’s roughly the plan, but we have to talk more about the details. There isn’t much time left, and we have to infiltrate the Sun Moon Empire as quickly as possible.”

The White Tiger Duke nodded as he turned towards Huo Yuhao beside him. "Yuhao, concealment and infiltration are your strengths. Do you have a way of bringing everyone into the Sun Moon Empire's territory without being discovered?"

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Huo Yuhao said, "Entering the Sun Moon Empire isn't difficult, but there are aerial and super-high aerial surveillance soul tools everywhere inside the Sun Moon Empire's territory. After our previous encounters, the Sun Moon Empire have worked hard on their ground-based aerial surveillance soul tools. Therefore, in order for us not to avoid being discovered after entering the Sun Moon Empire's territory as much as possible, I think the best way is to proceed on foot. The aerial surveillance soul tools cannot have oscillation or thermal detectors attached to them, so as long as we avoid the big cities, we shouldn't have a problem reaching Radiant City's proximity peacefully. We'll break into groups once we reach Radiant City, and we'll disguise ourselves before we sneak our way into Radiant City. That should also not be difficult. But..."

He paused for a moment.

The White Tiger Duke asked, "But what?"

Huo Yuhao continued, "If we wish to reach Radiant City without leaving a trace at all, I hope that everyone can listen to my commands along the way, at least before we reach Radiant City. That is the only way for me to guarantee that I can bring everyone to the right location."

"Listen to your commands? Little fellow, how old are you?" One of the Dou Ling Empire's Titled Douluo asked disdainfully.

The White Tiger Duke frowned, and he was about to say something when the Star Luo Empire's Shattered Star Douluo lowered his voice and said, "We will listen to whoever is better. We concede that Yuhao is better than we are at concealment and infiltration, and I agree for him to lead us into Radiant City, and I will listen to his commands."

The Star Luo Empire's Titled Douluo nodded one after another and expressed their approval.

The Heavenly Sun Douluo's eyes narrowed. "Are you that confident, little fellow?"

Huo Yuhao smiled faintly. He didn't seem affected at all by the doubts that the Dou Ling Empire's Titled Douluo were projecting onto him. "If everyone is willing to listen to my commands during the process, then I do have some confidence. Of course, I am not asking any of you to do anything, I just hope that everyone will move according to my Spiritual Detection when we are executing the mission, so that we can avoid leaving any traces behind."

The Heavenly Sun Douluo laughed and turned towards Du Busi. "Brother Du, the youngsters are so impressive nowadays! At least, they are definitely much more confident than we were back in the day."

"I agree." Du Busi said coldly.

The Heavenly Sun Douluo's face froze. Du Busi actually agreed? He had an arrogant and prideful personality, but he was willing to let this little fellow lead the operation?

Du Busi nodded in Huo Yuhao's direction and said, "Since we are to proceed on foot, time is of the essence. We will leave tomorrow morning."

Huo Yuhao nodded and acknowledged, "Alright."

The Titled Douluo returned to their respective tents to rest, while the White Tiger Duke requested for Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong to remain because he wanted to hold a welcoming dinner for them.

A tableful of food that wasn't considered too sumptuous was set out in the commander's tent. There was meat and rice, but there wasn't any alcohol. The White Tiger Duke had banned alcohol in his camp, and he led by example.

"Yuhao, welcome back to the Ming Dou Mountain Range. Let me use tea in place of wine and raise a toast to you." The White Tiger Duke raised his teacup to express his sentiments to Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao touched the White Tiger Duke's teacup gently with his own and said plainly, "You're too polite, Duke." Huo Yuhao finally relaxed after interacting with the White Tiger Duke. He stared at the man, who clearly seemed a lot more worn out than before, and he realized helplessly that his own hatred for this man seemed to have become increasingly faint.

"You have travelled far, and you must be hungry. You should hurry and have something to eat." The White Tiger Duke laughed as he spoke.

Princess Jiujiu and Dai Yueheng accompanied them for dinner. Dai Luoli didn't seem worthy enough to sit at this table due to his status in the army.

Dai Yueheng was sitting opposite Huo Yuhao, and complicated looks appeared in his eyes from time to time. He was already an eight-ringed Soul Douluo, and in terms of cultivation, he was even more outstanding than the White Tiger Duke was back when they were the same age. However, his advantage didn't seem like anything in front of Huo Yuhao. Huo Yuhao was seven years younger than he was, but he had already established a resounding reputation in the world of soul masters.

That was especially so for the Spirit Pagoda, which had been developing at an exponential rate over recent years. The Star Luo Empire had their own branch of the Spirit Pagoda, and all soul masters would be proud that they could obtain a Spirit for themselves. The organization's status in the world of soul masters naturally rose accordingly through the ranks, and their influence increased and expanded at an incredible speed. And the young Huo Yuhao, who was right before him, could be considered the founder of the Spirit Pagoda!

Princess Jiujiu was also staring at Huo Yuhao as strange colors flickered in her beautiful eyes. Huo Yuhao gave her a different feeling every time they met. For instance, what she felt about him in this moment was an immeasurable depth. Yes, she couldn't even tell what cultivation rank he had reached.

They enjoyed their dinner and exchanged some tea before the White Tiger Duke asked someone to light the lamps inside the tent.

Dai Luoli and Princess Jiujiu left. The White Tiger Duke, Huo Yuhao, and Tang Wutong remained inside the commander's tent. nove/**b**.1n

"You have something to say to me, sir?" Huo Yuhao asked.

The White Tiger Duke nodded gently as he turned towards Huo Yuhao. He lowered his voice and said, "Yuhao, this operation is extremely dangerous. If not for the fact that your abilities are far too important, I wouldn't have asked Shrek Academy to let you come. You have to remember that your responsibility is to take them safely into Radiant City, but concealing them will be sufficient. You don't need to participate when they begin their attack, and once you detect that something is wrong, you have to escape and return. Do not care about the others. Do you understand?"

A thought occurred to Huo Yuhao, and he could clearly read between the White Tiger Duke's lines.

"Lord Duke, this operation has mobilized perhaps the most elite soul masters across the continent's three original empires. To be frank, I don't quite favor this mission. The plan is not detailed and thorough enough, and our enemies are too powerful. Our chances of success are really not favorable. If I act according to your words and don't participate in the attack, what will happen to them if I leave by myself? If they perish in the Sun Moon Empire, the impact to us..."

The White Tiger Duke fell silent. Huo Yuhao's senses were incredibly sharp, and he discovered, to his surprise, that a dash of embarrassment flashed across the bottom of Dai Hao's eyes.

"Yuhao, I cannot explain too much to you. You have to remember to act according to what I've said, and ensure your own safety above all else."

Huo Yuhao's expression gradually became solemn as he listened to the Duke's words. Even though he didn't explain things explicitly, he had spoken clearly enough, and it was evident that this mission had some nuances to it. It definitely wasn't as simple as it appeared on the outside. But the White Tiger Duke was unwilling to explain what these nuances were, and something was clearly holding him back.

"Alright, I understand." Huo Yuhao didn't probe any further. Even though he hadn't interacted much with the White Tiger Duke, they were related by blood after all! Even he didn't expect himself to subconsciously trust his father, even though they had never identified as father and son.

The White Tiger Duke nodded seriously and said, "Please act according to what I've said. Do remember that."

"Yes."

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong were arranged to stay in a tent on the mountaintop, and allocated one room each. But of course, they chose to sleep together.

Tang Wutong shut the door as she lowered her voice and said, "It seems like there are many problems with this operation! The White Tiger Duke is trying to warn you." She could see that Huo Yuhao's eyes seemed a little strange. Others didn't know about his relationship with the White Tiger Duke, but how could she not know? Judging from his emotions, his hostility against the White Tiger Duke didn't seem as strong as before. This was fantastic from Tang Wutong's perspective, since no matter what, they were father and son after all! Furthermore, she knew that this hatred had been bothering Huo Yuhao for a long time.

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "He must have his reasons for not being able to explain. I don't think there will be any problems in the first part of this mission, but it's hard to say what the situation will be like after entering Radiant City. In the end, our task is to bring those Titled Douluo into Radiant City, and

what they do has nothing to do with us as long as we complete our task. What the White Tiger Duke was trying to tell me was exactly that, and that's why he kept reminding me again and again."

Tang Wutong looked on as Huo Yuhao looked like he was contemplating. She asked probingly, "He seems very concerned about you."

Huo Yuhao glanced at her. "Just ask whatever you wish to ask, Wutong. We don't have to beat about the bush with each other."

Tang Wutong punched his shoulder gently and said, "You're so annoying, I'm just concerned about you. I think that your hostility towards him doesn't seem as strong as before."

Huo Yuhao forced a laugh and said, "Even though I'm not willing to admit it, that appears to be happening. In the days that you were gone, I went back to see my mother's grave. It has been repaired and renovated, and he should be responsible for that. Afterwards, when we fought in the Star Luo Empire, we interacted a little more. I have been affected, and that's inevitable. But I have to avenge my mother."

Tang Wutong nodded silently and said, "Let's talk about that after everything else. No matter what their mission's target is, their final goal is the same: to deal as heavy a blow as they can to the Sun Moon Empire so that their invasion can be delayed. Let's return to the academy after completing our task."

She didn't continue the conversation, like she wanted to avoid talking about it. The reason for that was because she understood that trying to change the hatred in Huo Yuhao's heart overnight wasn't possible. In the end, he had been bullied a lot when he was young, and his mother had died from her illness. These things were closely related to the White Tiger Duke's Mansion, and she could thus only gradually reduce the hatred in his heart. Even if he had to take his revenge in the future, at least he would control himself in what he would do.

Huo Yuhao said, "You're right. No matter what their target is during this operation, their final aim will be the same. We just have to do what we have to do. There's only one person I want to protect, and that's you."

Tang Wutong giggled. "I'm a Titled Douluo, so we'll see who has to protect who."

Huo Yuhao laughed and said, "You can protect me too! Come, protect me, quickly." He opened his arms to Tang Wutong as he spoke.

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Tang Wutong laughed as she dodged away. "Have you forgotten how much it hurts?"

Huo Yuhao immediately pulled a long face. "My dear, you have to ask your father to come when we go back this time and remove his seal. Otherwise, I'm going to go crazy."

Tang Wutong giggled. "I think it's pretty good this way. You'll just have a slight taste of it. Isn't it always wonderful to have something to look forward to?"

Huo Yuhao put on a depressed face and said, "You are beautiful. I have been too stifled."

Tang Wutong blushed as she said, "Hurry up and cultivate. All you know to do is speak frivolous things."

Two people sat opposite each other in a tent not far from them. It was the Body Douluo, Du Busi, and the Heavenly Sun Douluo.

“Brother Du, are we really going to listen to that little fellow’s commands along the way?” The Heavenly Sun Douluo asked Du Busi with a little displeasure in his voice.

Du Busi nodded and said, “Don’t underestimate that little kid, Heavenly Sun. He’s surprised me more than once already, and he has a spiritual-type martial soul. He has very unique abilities concerning concealment. Our operation is about to begin, are you a little nervous? Otherwise, why are you so flustered?”

The Heavenly Sun Douluo sighed and said, “It’s not possible that I’m not even a little nervous. Looking at the Heavenly Soul Empire’s situation, I’m truly worried about the Dou Ling Empire! The Dou Ling Empire’s national strength is inferior to the Heavenly Soul Empire. Once the war starts again, if the Heavenly Soul Empire cannot hold our enemies back, we will fall as well. Therefore, our operation needs to happen. However, I don’t trust that little fellow who’s just a little older than twenty. He’s too young. If we are exposed before we even enter Radiant City, then we don’t have a chance at all.”

Du Busi said plainly, “That’s why I said you’re being nervous. Have you not paid attention to that youngster’s aura? Can you tell what his cultivation rank is?”

The Heavenly Sun Douluo was momentarily surprised. “He probably has around seven soul rings. I felt their soul power undulations before this, and they’re both around seven soul rings.”

The Body Douluo, Du Busi shook his head and said, “No, you will realize after closer scrutiny that their true strengths are very unlike what they appear on the surface. Their soul power undulations of a seven-ringed soul master are fake. That kid’s spiritual power is extremely strong, and even I was almost fooled. However, I realized upon closer inspection that his spiritual power is deep and vast like the ocean. I cannot tell what his true cultivation is, but it’s definitely not at seven rings.”

The Heavenly Sun Douluo didn’t really believe him. “He’s only a little more than twenty. Even if he’s from Shrek Academy, seven soul rings is already quite impressive.”

Du Busi answered, “You can inspect him a little more closely tomorrow. What I’m sure of is that if we wish to enter the Sun Moon Empire without leaving any tracks, letting the little fellow command us should have the best effect.”

“Alright, we’ll just let him command us.” The Heavenly Sun Douluo was evidently a little fearful of Du Busi, and he didn’t continue discussing the problem.

“Is the news from Radiant City reliable, Brother Du?” The Heavenly Sun Douluo lowered his voice and asked.

Du Busi nodded and said, “We have already confirmed our intel. They are my elite disciples, and there should be no problem with their info. After you succeed, you have to escape immediately. You don’t have to worry about me because I have people providing support on the inside. Safety won’t be a problem.”

“Alright, be careful.”

Everyone gathered once more in the White Tiger Duke's command tent after breakfast in the morning on the second day.

Huo Yuhao was still holding Tang Wutong's hand, and that wasn't just to display how intimate they were with each other. He also wanted to keep them in their strongest condition, but they were the only ones who knew that, of course.

The White Tiger Duke lowered his voice and said, "Everyone, this operation is extremely important. It is related to the direction in which the war will proceed in the future. But please remember, everyone, that you are the cornerstones of your respective empires, and if our mission is unsuccessful, you have to ensure your own safety. We still have hope as long as you guys are around."

The White Tiger Duke's words were heavy, but very sentimental and sincere. Everyone's expressions changed.

The Body Douluo, Du Busi heaved a sigh and said, "I didn't think that we'd end up like this. There was once a time when I had absolute faith that we could keep our enemies beyond our walls, but it now seems like that's just laughable. We have been living in a cave, and that has caused us to lag too far behind. We can only give our all on this mission. No matter what, we have to succeed. We appreciate your thoughts, Duke, but if we don't put our lives on the line for this mission, then we have almost no chance of success. We have to give everything we have for our countries, no matter what. Alright, let's move out."

Du Busi's status in the world of soul masters was very impressive; he was on the same level as Shrek Academy's elder Xuan. The White Tiger Duke, Dai Hao was just a junior in front of him.

"Be careful along the way. Good luck, everyone, and Godspeed. May you return with success." Dai Hao took a step back as he spoke, and bowed solemnly at everyone.

Du Busi turned towards everyone and surveyed them before he took the first stride out from the commander's tent. The Heavenly Sun Douluo followed closely behind, and the rest of the Titled Douluo walked out after him. Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong walked at the end.

Du Busi didn't continue walking forward when he left the tent. Instead, his eyes fell on Huo Yuhao and said, "From now on, kid, we will all listen to your commands before we enter Radiant City. Don't worry, nobody will give you any trouble along the way, since I'm the one that's saying this. Everyone will listen to you, and that includes me. Now, what do we do?"

Du Busi's words were extremely overbearing and dominant. Only a person with his cultivation and his status in the world of soul masters could convince the other fourteen Titled Douluo.

Huo Yuhao stared at the mighty Body Douluo in surprise. He didn't expect that Du Busi would be so supportive of him, as he knew that the Body Douluo had had some run-ins with his teacher back in the day. It seemed like he had left everything behind because his nation was in danger. He should have understood many things after the serious injury that he had sustained the last time around.

Du Busi was so supportive, and Huo Yuhao naturally had something to show for it. He hurriedly bowed in Du Busi's direction and said, "Thank you for your trust, sir. I can't say that I'll command everyone, but I hope that we can all safely enter the Sun Moon Empire's territory. Afterwards, I will use some methods

to help everyone conceal yourselves. Therefore, I hope that everyone can listen to what I say along the way. I will be most confident that way.”

Du Busi smiled plainly and said, “You don’t have to be polite. Give us something real.”

Huo Yuhao knew that if he couldn’t display some of his abilities right now, these Titled Douluo wouldn’t be so compliant. Everyone respected strength in the world of soul masters. That had been the way ten thousand years ago, and was still the way ten thousand years later today. Even though Huo Yuhao was already a Class 9 soul engineer, he was still willing to call himself a soul master. Perhaps that was because he hailed from Shrek Academy as a soul master.

Huo Yuhao’s eyes glowed, and golden light flickered faintly at the bottom of his eyes, while gentle spiritual undulations emanated soundlessly. These undulations enveloped all sixteen Titled Douluos, including Tang Wutong.

None of these Titled Douluo detected his spiritual power, and only when Huo Yuhao shared his Spiritual Detection and entered their spiritual world did they realize what was going on.

Every single one of the Titled Douluo from the three native empires, including Du Busi, changed their expressions in the next moment.

When they realized that spiritual power had entered their own spiritual worlds, they attempted to push back against it. A soul master’s spiritual sea was the core of their control over their own spirit. How could they just let someone enter?

Only the Star Luo Empire’s Titled Douluo, who had experienced Huo Yuhao’s Spiritual Detection before, didn’t resist at all.

But whether they were resisting or not didn’t matter, as Huo Yuhao’s Spiritual Detection completed the fusion very easily. That also meant that resistance was futile.

Spiritual Detection was like a large gauze, and all the Titled Douluo’s spiritual power was like water that rushed through the gauze. All that spiritual power couldn’t stop it from moving forward.

Even the Titled Douluo from the Star Luo Empire, who were relatively more familiar with Huo Yuhao, didn’t think his Spiritual Detection was so magical. Huo Yuhao just directly connected their spiritual power, and they didn’t need to do anything at all.

The world around them became completely three-dimensional in the next moment, and three-dimensional images from three hundred and sixty degrees around them immediately appeared in the Titled Douluo’s minds. They felt like they had an eye looking down from the sky, and everything became much clearer.

The Heavenly Sun Douluo and the other soul masters from the Dou Ling Empire were most unfamiliar with Huo Yuhao, and when they felt how mystical Huo Yuhao’s Spiritual Detection was, looks of astonishment appeared on their faces.

What made them even more surprised came afterward. The three-dimensional images three hundred and sixty degrees around them immediately expanded once they were connected, and began webbing out towards the distance. Everyone was just standing where they were, but their vision was beginning to

stretch far into the distance, and it didn't take long before large masses of the Ming Dou Mountain Range were within their sight.

The Body Douluo, Du Busi turned towards Huo Yuhao as strange lights flickered in his eyes. "Such formidable spiritual power. Have your eyes awakened for the second time, kid?"

Huo Yuhao was momentarily taken aback before he shook his head and said, "I don't know if my eyes have awakened for the second time, but my martial soul has mutated before."

Du Busi heaved a sigh and said, "That's a pity. If only we'd met a little earlier, I would have been willing to take you as my last disciple so that Mu En fellow didn't have it easy."

Huo Yuhao frowned a little when he heard Du Busi addressing his teacher respectfully. Du Busi was incredibly sharp, and immediately saw the displeasure in his eyes. He smiled plainly and said, "You don't have to be unhappy. Even if Mu En were still alive, I could still address him like that. My big brother wouldn't be dead if not for him."

A faint dash of deep and profound emotions circled in his eyes.

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"Alright, those are times long gone, so let's not talk about them anymore. Let's go. Let me see what other unique and magical qualities your spiritual power possesses. Speaking of which, the Body Sect is also adept with using spiritual power, but there's quite a gap when compared to you. Your spiritual power alone has the standard of a Titled Douluo, so you are absolutely worthy of participating in this operation with us."

Du Busi's cultivation and vision were incredible. Even though he only felt Huo Yuhao's spiritual power for a brief moment, he could immediately make an accurate judgment.

"Alright, let me lead the way." Huo Yuhao pulled Tang Wutong as he spoke, and they rose into the air at the same time. They didn't release their martial souls; they were just using soul power to channel the flying-type soul tool behind their backs. Wings stretched out behind them as they gradually hovered in midair.

The other fifteen Titled Douluo rose into the air one after another, but they experienced another strange scene as they flew into the sky. They realized to their surprise that, with Spiritual Detection, Huo Yuhao actually presented a flight course in their minds, and everyone's flight course was different. These Titled Douluo flew according to the charted flight course, and immediately formed a circular formation in the sky as they enveloped Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong in the center.

"Great multitasking," Du Busi praised once more. He didn't hide his admiration for Huo Yuhao at all.

Huo Yuhao nodded in his direction before he channeled his spiritual power once more, and passed precise forward paths to the Titled Douluo.

Everyone flew up at the same time, and they proceeded in the direction of the Sun Moon Empire's under Huo Yuhao's command.

The air contorted faintly just as they surged into the sky, and all seventeen people disappeared into the air just like that.

Everyone was surprised yet again. The other Titled Douluo felt a flash in front of their eyes before everyone else disappeared around them. But strangely, through Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection, they could feel everyone's precise locations in their minds. This also meant that what they could see with Spiritual Detection was vastly different from what they could see with their eyes.

This is... mass concealment?

Du Busi attempted to use his spiritual power to sense the people around him, but the Body Douluo was truly astonished this time. The reason was because he realized that, even with his spiritual power, he had to unleash his spiritual power to the highest possible level if he wanted to sense the others' locations. Afterwards, he still had to judge according to the exact locations that Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection provided before he could make out the details, and only then could he feel some faint spiritual undulations.

As for everyone else, which included the Heavenly Sun Douluo, they couldn't feel anything at all. They felt like everyone had just vanished into thin air.

The Heavenly Sun Douluo no longer underestimated Huo Yuhao at all. What he had accomplished right now was far more important and effective than any of the Titled Douluo were in this operation. With an ability that could conceal everyone from sight, they could reach the Sun Moon Empire without expending too much effort. Furthermore, once they completed their task, retreating would also be a lot easier. They would have a better guarantee of their safety.

The White Tiger Duke was the one who had suggested that Shrek Academy send Huo Yuhao on this operation, because he had the best understanding of his mighty reconnaissance, investigation, and concealment abilities.

The Titled Douluo were all full of praise for the White Tiger Duke's decision in this moment. They no longer underestimated Huo Yuhao, were instead full of curiosity.

Their speed began to gradually increase under Huo Yuhao's control, and they began to rise high into the sky.

Everyone could feel that Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection was stretching far into the distance. Nobody felt much in the beginning, but their expressions began to change when it reached more than three thousand meters into the distance.

Before this, they had some doubts when the Body Douluo had remarked that Huo Yuhao's spiritual power had reached a Titled Douluo's standard, and they had thought Du Busi was exaggerating things. But now they began to understand that Du Busi wasn't exaggerating at all. How could anyone sustain Spiritual Detection over such a large area without possessing strength of a Titled Douluo's spiritual power?

Three thousand meters was just the beginning. Afterwards, Huo Yuhao reached four thousand meters, then five thousand, then six thousand. When Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection stretched all the way to ten thousand meters, the Body Douluo couldn't help but blurt out, "Kid, your spiritual power has the standard of a Transcendent Douluo!"

Huo Yuhao smiled faintly and replied, "You flatter me, sir. I'm just cutting some corners with my soul skill."

Du Busi chortled, but said nothing more.

It was a soul skill, but it was a hundred thousand year soul skill! The higher Huo Yuhao's cultivation was, the more he could feel and experience exactly how powerful the hundred thousand year soul skill that his brother Skydream had bestowed upon him all those years ago was. Those four hundred thousand year soul skills consolidated his Spirit Eyes' foundations.

Huo Yuhao was very modest, but nobody dared to underestimate him anymore. Titled Douluo could reach accurate conclusions from just a single glimpse, and even though they didn't know how formidable his fighting strength was, they could be sure that this youngster's potential in the future was boundless.

Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection, which could reach an incredibly far distance, quickly began to have practical uses. Large masses of all kinds of surveillance soul tools had already appeared in his vision, and the Titled Douluo could sense them all through Spiritual Detection.

These surveillance soul tools covered between three thousand and five thousand meters of airspace, and it was an all-round detection with all kinds of surveillance soul tools. They covered almost all the space below five thousand meters.

The effect of Huo Yuhao taking the Titled Douluo further up was presented in this moment. They had no choice but to keep flying up, because unless they were higher in the sky, they couldn't pass by all the dense and tight surveillance soul tools without being detected.

Passing through the border was undoubtedly the most difficult part, and everyone understood that. They continued rising through the air under Huo Yuhao's guidance with Spiritual Detection.

Those who could participate in this operation were the best of the best in the world of soul masters. There weren't any who were at Rank 90; every single Titled Douluo was at least Rank 93. There were at least half who were also Transcendent Douluos.

Therefore, going five thousand meters into the air didn't trouble them at all.

But Huo Yuhao wasn't satisfied with just five thousand meters. He continued bringing everyone higher into the sky after reaching five thousand meters.

Any height above five thousand meters was practically forbidden to humans, and the further they went, the more gaps between their cultivation ranks began to show.

Nothing much happened to the Transcendent Douluo, but those who weren't yet Transcendent Douluo gradually began to slow down.

But what astonished them was that Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong, who were holding each other's hands, didn't decelerate due to the cold or because the air was thin. They seemed like their situation wasn't that much different from the various Transcendent Douluo.

They surprised everyone yet again as they continued taking them up. Huo Yuhao stopped rising only when they reached over six thousand meters in the sky, and only then did he bring everyone towards the Sun Moon Empire's territory.

Huo Yuhao was already a Class 9 soul engineer. He and Xuan Ziwen had conducted a series of research and experiments regarding all kinds of surveillance soul tools over the past two years, and therefore, he couldn't be more familiar with these soul tools. High altitude aerial surveillance soul tools could only conduct surveillance downwards; only a very small minority could survey both up and down at the same time. This type was extremely dangerous for everyone here, so that was the reason why Huo Yuhao continued to go up.

All soul tools would be much less effective above five thousand meters, and that was the same for high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools. Even though two years had gone by since then, these two years weren't enough for surveillance soul tools to be advanced to another level.

Therefore, two years later, according to Huo Yuhao's accurate judgment with Spiritual Detection, all the surveillance soul tools, whether they were on the ground or in the sky, were insufficient to reach altitudes of more than six thousand meters.

As casual as the Transcendent Douluos were, they still aided the other Titled Douluo to rise to greater heights at the same time as they continued forward and flew towards the Sun Moon Empire's territory.

Admiration was starting to appear in those Titled Douluo's minds. The reconnaissance and concealment abilities that Huo Yuhao had displayed was just one part of it; the other was the absolute strength that the two of them were displaying.

Rank 93 Titled Douluo had a lot of trouble flying at six thousand meters, but Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong appeared extremely casual from the beginning to the end. Furthermore, Huo Yuhao was the main control-type soul master, and he was leading all the other Titled Douluo.

He was multitasking, yet he could maintain flight at such a high altitude so casually. That was sufficient to prove his and Tang Wutong's strength.

Of course, these Titled Douluo didn't know that Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong had Class 9 flying-type soul tools behind their backs! This pair of flying-type soul tools allowed them to conserve soul power as much as possible, and allowed them to fly at extremely high altitudes.

The Heavenly Sun Douluo was already filled with astonishment. He didn't just stop underestimating Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong, but he even treated them with caution and wariness.

Typically, one had to be at least a Titled Douluo to fly at more than five thousand meters. Furthermore, going another thousand meters above five thousand was another challenge altogether. Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong didn't need anyone's help to fly to six thousand meters, and even if their flying-type soul tools were special, that was sufficient to display their abilities. This meant they were at least Titled Douluo.

How old are they? The White Tiger Duke did say that they were around twenty years old. That's just hard to imagine, and I can't see them straight anymore. Shrek Academy has managed to nurture Titled

Douluo who are only a little more than twenty. They have lived up to their name of being an academy of monsters!

Chapter 523.2: A Display of Strength

Suddenly, Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong weren't the only ones who these Titled Douluo were paying attention to. Even Shrek Academy's status within their minds was greatly elevated because of the abilities that Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong were displaying.

Huo Yuhao wasn't aware of the psychological changes that were happening in these Titled Douluo's minds, but he could guess some of them. Even though he had the Body Douluo's support and he could lead these formidable individuals, their statuses within the world of soul masters were too high. If he didn't show some prowess, he couldn't convince them at all. But now there seemed to be no problem at all.

The truth was, they weren't the only ones who were astonished; even Huo Yuhao himself was surprised by his spiritual power.

He almost didn't leave Shrek City at all when he was cultivating hard for the past two years, and he barely even left the Tang Sect. Tang Wutong had returned to his side, and even though that mysterious seal was affecting him, his heart and mind had been very clear and unperturbed over the past two years because he was with the person he loved. He was also cultivating with the help of Haodong power, and his improvement was exponential.

Huo Yuhao had always believed that he was increasing more of his soul power, but only today did he realize that his spiritual power had also grown to an incredibly powerful standard without his knowledge. His spiritual power had grown to a level that he almost found unbelievable.

He didn't feel like he was expending any spiritual power at all when he was using Spiritual Detection, and he could only feel his consciousness stretching out like the entire world was in his grasp. That feeling was very magical, and it also contained an inexplicable profundity. Therefore, he unwittingly expanded his detection's area of effect to more than ten thousand meters.

He could feel almost everything in the skies above and the ground below at a whim, and the surveillance soul tools that the Sun Moon Empire had deployed both in the air and on the ground were within his detection range. Huo Yuhao also discovered to his surprise as he was using Spiritual Detection that he could even sense those surveillance soul tools' detection range.

The reason why he could sense that was because the energy waves that these surveillance soul tools were releasing, no matter what type they were, were conducted through energy. Thermal and oscillation detectors, as surveillance soul tools that relied on vision, had a very small range. They were what the Sun Moon Empire was researching.

Now that Huo Yuhao could vividly sense all these energy waves, he could naturally and casually take everyone away from danger, circle past these soul tools' detection ranges, and directly towards the Sun Moon Empire's inner territory. They began to accelerate, and an altitude of six thousand meters was the maximum that practically all surveillance soul tools could reach.

But Huo Yuhao also realized that the Sun Moon Empire actually had a kind of ultra-long range aerial surveillance soul tool on the ground. A soul tool like that could release a powerful energy beam that surged high into the sky, and it could reach even ten thousand meters in the air to conduct surveillance. But it also had one fatal flaw: the beam could only sweep continuously through the sky. It couldn't conduct surveillance over an entire area at the same time.

Huo Yuhao understood that feature very easily. Just as he was using Spiritual Detection, the distance that he could reach when he was detecting in a single direction was vastly different from when he was detecting over an area. The Sun Moon Empire had probably developed a soul tool like that by compressing an oscillation detector's surveillance capability and compromising on area of effect so that it could achieve a longer range.

A single surveillance soul tool like that was naturally ineffective, but if there were many, and if they crossed each other as they made their sweeps, such a setup would be effective to some extent. However, it appeared like the Sun Moon Empire didn't have many of these surveillance soul tools, so Huo Yuhao and the others didn't run into too much trouble.

Faint light flickered as a dash of ice-cold light flashed across Huo Yuhao's face. His consciousness continued to stretch outward, and he almost couldn't control the desire in his heart. He wanted to see exactly how far his Spiritual Detection could reach.

When his Spiritual Detection's area had reached more than fifteen thousand meters, he finally suppressed the impulse in his heart. The reason was because he discovered to his astonishment that he still hadn't reached his limit.

How's that possible??The difference from before and now was far too large, and he was pushing his detection out in all directions!

This didn't seem like something that normal growth in spiritual power could achieve. Huo Yuhao began to understand through this period of experience that his spiritual power was actually increasing at an incredible speed because of his spiritual soul core, but he wasn't that sure about it on typical days, because his spiritual power was compressed and gathered within his soul core. Forming a soul core in one's dantian was extremely rare in the world of soul masters, and how effective that turned out to be far exceeded Huo Yuhao's expectations.

But that feeling of his consciousness extending, like heaven and earth were in his grasp, evidently wasn't because of his spiritual power's skyrocketing growth. Instead, it stemmed from another kind of power.

This feeling was similar to when Huo Yuhao had first met the Calamity Necromancer, Electrolux's aura.

Therefore, Huo Yuhao could faintly see that this had to have something to do with his entry into the mystical God Realm, and with the approval that he received from the God of Emotion. His spiritual power, or perhaps his consciousness, seemed to have gone through certain qualitative changes. These qualitative changes allowed his spiritual power and spirit to reach a whole new level. If he went according to how his teacher, Electrolux had said before, this level was called Divine Sense.

Of course, Huo Yuhao understood that his divine sense was still incomplete, and could only be considered half of the real thing because it came from a Godly Seat's approval. But even then, the

benefits conferred upon him were quite conspicuous. Not even he could tell what kind of level his all-out fighting strength could reach.

Huo Yuhao sensed his body's transformations as he brought everyone successfully into the Sun Moon Empire's territory. His spiritual power's tremendous growth caused him to change his thought process. With the range and area that his Spiritual Detection could reach, he didn't have to worry about any surveillance soul tools at all. Naturally, they didn't have to progress on foot. Flying at high speed through the air could save a lot of time.

Therefore, Huo Yuhao immediately lowered their altitude once they passed through the Sun Moon Empire's surveillance lockdown perimeter. They went down to about three thousand meters, while their flight speed accelerated swiftly as he brought the group of Titled Douluo deep into the Sun Moon Empire.

These Titled Douluo were starting to become a little numb. They were feeling far too many mystical things because Huo Yuhao was sharing his Spiritual Detection with them.

Many Titled Douluo were prepared to die to ensure that this mission was a success. However, their moods were a lot better than before at this point. With such a magical companion who was so adept at concealment and surveillance around, there was no doubt that their success rate and guarantee of safety were greatly improved. Huo Yuhao's status in every Titled Douluo's mind was rising continuously.

They flew for four hours before Huo Yuhao reduced his speed and took everyone down into a dense, thick forest.

They were all Titled Douluo, and their flight speeds were just too terrifying. The Ming Dou Mountain Range was bordering the Sun Moon Empire in the first place, and once they entered the Sun Moon Empire's territory, it took them four hours to come close to Radiant City.

Everyone drifted to the ground. Huo Yuhao stretched his Spiritual Detection far into the distance once more within this dense forest, and all that was happening within this forest and within his Spiritual Detection's area of effect was telling him that they were absolutely safe.

Huo Yuhao stopped using Imitation and stopped sharing his Spiritual Detection as he smiled and turned towards the Titled Douluo. "Let's rest for a while, everyone, and readjust ourselves. We're not far from Radiant City, and we'll enter in the evening."

Du Busi stared at Huo Yuhao with a strange look in his eyes. "Kid, you have given me too many surprises. How did you do all that?"

The other Titled Douluo's eyes were also trained on Huo Yuhao, and strange expressions filled every single one of their eyes. There was also something in their eyes that wasn't there before: equality.

Yes, in this moment, they were treating Huo Yuhao as someone who shared the same standard and prowess as they did.

Huo Yuhao said, "The truth is, Wutong and my martial souls can fuse. Therefore, we complement and support each other, and only then can we achieve things that normal soul masters cannot. This isn't my individual strength." He raised his hand, which was holding Tang Wutong's hand, as he spoke.

A thought occurred to Du Busi as he heard his words, and only then did he realize that he had overlooked the incredibly beautiful girl who barely spoke, who had been following beside Huo Yuhao this entire time.

“Martial soul fusion? That’s just extraordinary! If I remember correctly, you have twin martial souls, while your spiritual-type martial soul should be mainly used for control and detection. Your other martial soul possesses Ultimate Ice, and it’s mainly used for battle. If not for the fact that the circumstances don’t allow it, I would truly wish to see exactly what kind of strength you can reach. Shrek Academy will no longer have to worry about anything for the next century with you in their future.”

Du Busi was full of lament as he spoke. His Body Sect had many prodigious soul masters, but they would obviously lose their luster when compared to Huo Yuhao. They weren’t even at the same standard. Du Busi could tell that this youth, who was just a little more than twenty years old, had completely grown up. He was now positioned among the most powerful individuals in the world of soul masters, while his greatest advantage was his age. He was just a little more than twenty, and this meant he would undoubtedly become a Transcendent Douluo in the future. At the same time, he had a high chance of becoming an Ultimate Douluo.

Chapter 523.3: A Display of Strength

Not even Du Busi could guess how terrifying an Ultimate Douluo who possessed twin martial souls and an Ultimate martial soul would be, but he understood that as long as Huo Yuhao was given some more time, Shrek Academy and Shrek City would extremely secure no matter who controlled this world in the future.

No matter how soul tools developed in the future, when a person’s strength reached the pinnacle of the world, he would still be the most intimidating and the best deterrent. Wasn’t the Beast God in the Great Star Dou Forest like that? Even if the Sun Moon Empire conquered the entire continent in the future, would they dare to provoke the Beast God?

The Beast God had already mastered the laws of space, and not even an Ultimate Douluo could stop him if he truly wanted to assassinate somebody! Therefore, even a ruthless and ambitious character like Xu Tianran would never think of attacking the Great Star Dou Forest.

Huo Yuhao would likely become Shrek Academy’s deterrence in the same regard in the future.

Huo Yuhao smiled bashfully and said, “Please rest, everyone. I have just expended a lot of energy, so I’ll go ahead and recover.” He pulled Tang Wutong to one side and sat down as he spoke, and they placed their palms together as they meditated to recover.

Of course, Huo Yuhao didn’t use as much energy as he said he had. His spiritual power’s formidable strength had something to do with their martial soul fusion, but more came from his own abilities.

Tang Wutong stared at Huo Yuhao, and a smile appeared at the corner of her mouth. Huo Yuhao would make all the decisions when they were outside. She didn’t want to attract too much attention, and she didn’t have to prove anything.

The sun gradually began to set in the west, and the sky was slowly covered with beautiful reddish-gold colors, and anyone looking down from the sky over Radiant City would still have a feeling of obscurity.

This wasn't Huo Yuhao's first time in Radiant City, but his impression was a little different every time.

He was filled with admiration and shock in the beginning, and that was because he didn't understand much about the world of soul tools. But now, he wasn't just shocked. Instead, he felt a little fearful.

The tremendous explosion in Radiant City back then was incredibly frightening, but what was the ultimate result? The ultimate result was that, within several years, Radiant City had completely recovered. Furthermore, their buildings were even higher compared to back then, and the depth that they contained was much more profound and complex.

Huo Yuhao was already a Class 9 soul engineer, and he could understand a lot of things. Radiant City wasn't as simple as a normal city. It didn't have sprawling city walls, and there weren't large numbers of guards. But what Huo Yuhao saw was Radiant City's seemingly chaotic but actually extremely practical structural setups. These structures were like fulcrums in an enormous web, and weren't as simple as just structures. They contained tremendous soul power undulations.

Huo Yuhao had heard from Xuan Ziwen that the Sun Moon Empire had some core secrets regarding their soul tool research, and not even Xuan Ziwen, who was the number one research fellow back then, was sure about what these secrets were.

The Sun Moon Empire had another place besides their Illustrious Virtue Hall called the Imperial Consecration Hall. It was called a "consecration hall", but it was better named the Imperial Research Center. Almost all of the Sun Moon Empire's Class 9 soul engineers were members of this research center, and one was only worthy of joining this research center when one became a Class 9 soul engineer.

That place controlled all of the Sun Moon Empire's true secrets regarding soul tools, and these secrets included a kind of soul tool known as high-energy compression array soul tools.

This type of soul tool could store soul power in massive amounts, and could absorb energy from the external world to sustain itself. The only problem was that such soul tools were too bulky, and there was no way to transport them. That was the reason why they weren't directly inserted into the war, and only Radiant City had such things around.

But these high-energy compression array soul tools also possessed incredibly formidable power. An array like that could store soul power equivalent to that of a hundred Titled Douluo combined. According to Xuan Ziwen's judgment, Radiant City had a total of four of these exorbitantly expensive and enormous high-energy compression soul tools. What they were used for was to provide Radiant City with enough energy to sustain their overall defenses.

Only individuals from the Imperial Research Center knew exactly how these soul tools looked and worked, but they had to be absolutely terrifying.

Soul power equivalent to four hundred Titled Douluo was a force terrifying enough to construct a defensive barrier for the entire city! Xuan Ziwen had also told Huo Yuhao that if the Sun Moon Empire could make these high-energy compression array soul tools smaller, then apocalypse would descend upon the continent's other empires. When that happened, the Sun Moon Empire would possess batches of soul tools similar to the Death God at their disposal, and Class 10 soul tools would appear immediately afterward.

Xuan Ziwen was proud and arrogant, but he told Huo Yuhao very clearly that finalizing research on something like high-energy compression array soul tools wasn't something that a single soul engineer could achieve. That was the result of the Sun Moon Empire's many Class 9 soul engineers' research over many years. A single soul engineer could only master part of the technology's components, and every one of this soul tool's important components was equivalent to a Class 9 soul tool. This gap in soul tool technology wasn't something that could be covered within ten or twenty years, or even within a hundred years.

Therefore, Xuan Ziwen had already privately given his pessimistic opinion about the war. The Sun Moon Empire's foundations were just too powerful, and they also had sufficient resources. What they needed now was to gradually convert their foundations in soul tool technology accumulated over the years into practical uses for war. When that happened, who could stop their forward march?

That was the reason why Huo Yuhao felt fearful in this moment. That frightful sensation was too evident when he viewed Radiant City as a Class 9 soul engineer. Radiant City was like a frightening Transcendent soul beast in his eyes, and it was just lying there, prostrate. Nobody knew when it would truly flash its fangs.

Huo Yuhao even found the Holy Ghost Church laughable. That frightening sect that seemed to control many of the Sun Moon Empire's core existences, which also possessed formidable strength in two Ultimate Douluo, was perhaps just a joke in front of the Sun Moon Empire's true foundations. However, the Sun Moon Empire needed them right now. If the day came when Xu Tianran believed that his wings were fully outstretched, and when the might of soul tools could be placed on full display, the Holy Ghost Church would face a calamity that would probably exceed their expectations. noVe.Lb{1n

Huo Yuhao gradually clenched his fist as Xuan Ziwen's words echoed in his mind. If you want to stop the Sun Moon Empire from launching an invasion, there's only one thing you can do. You have to create a kind of power or force large enough to intimidate the entire Sun Moon Empire so that they won't dare to use their frightening soul tools so easily. That is the only way to give the Douluo Continent's three native empires sufficient time.

When Xuan Ziwen was making that speech to Huo Yuhao, he also told him that he couldn't achieve such a feat. A Class 9 soul engineer was Xuan Ziwen's limit, and only a talented prodigy like Huo Yuhao had a chance to push through to become a Class 10 soul engineer, and create a terrifyingly apocalyptic soul tool.

Huo Yuhao didn't feel that deeply back then, but now he truly understood the meaning behind Xuan Ziwen's words.

There were many more surveillance soul tools of many different kinds inside Radiant City, and their surveillance was much tighter. There was no question that some of the newly developed surveillance soul tools would appear inside Radiant City, especially when it came to aerial surveillance soul tools. There were many domain-related surveillance soul tools that Huo Yuhao was coming across for the first time.

Huo Yuhao inspected everything closely and made his judgment before he brought the Titled Douluo down to the ground. Entering Radiant City across the ground was, comparatively, the easiest way. The city didn't have any city walls after all, so they could enter from anywhere.

Huo Yuhao made sure that the space in between everyone was a little tighter before he shared his Spiritual Detection. They circled around Radiant City for almost a third of its circumference, and only when the sky had completely darkened did they find a gap, which Huo Yuhao swiftly brought everyone through and into Radiant City.

There were fewer surveillance soul tools once they entered Radiant City, since the majority of them were aimed outward.

Huo Yuhao stopped using Imitation when they reached a dark and shady corner. He turned to the Titled Douluo and whispered, "Luck has been on our side, seniors, and I've managed to bring everyone inside. I will now return my interim command to you, Body Douluo. What do we do next?"

Huo Yuhao strongly adhered to the White Tiger Duke's reminder, that his main task had been completed once he brought these Titled Douluo into Radiant City. He would naturally no longer be the one directing things after that.

Huo Yuhao could tell from the White Tiger Duke's words back then that this operation wasn't as simple as it seemed on the surface. There had to be deeper things within, but since the Duke wasn't willing to tell him what the true aim of their mission was, he couldn't probe any further. Naturally, he wouldn't involve himself too much.

The Body Douluo, Du Busi nodded and said, "Change your appearances, everyone, and split up to find a place to settle down. We have arrived earlier than we predicted, so we should get familiar with our environment. Three individuals will form one team. Yuhao, you and Tang Wutong will form a team with me. We will use the transmission soul tools that we have prepared to communicate, and we will use codes when we talk to each other."

The Titled Douluo nodded one by one as they began to disguise themselves.

They were evidently prepared as they swiftly changed into the Sun Moon Empire's clothing before they made some simple changes to their facial appearance.

Anyone who could become a powerful Titled Douluo wasn't simple, and it didn't take long before they dispersed.

Du Busi disguised himself as a middle-aged man in his forties, and even his body became strangely different. His originally broad and towering frame became much smaller, to the point where he seemed weak and frail. The other two powerful individuals from the Body Sect had also disguised themselves as his servants, and they were extremely inconspicuous.

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It was much simpler for Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong. They didn't even need to put on makeup. Through Imitation, they managed to retain their youthful looks, but their appearances changed. For example, Tang Wutong's eyes became smaller, and her pinkish-blue hair turned brown, a common hair color in the Sun Moon Empire. Some minor changes also made her look more ordinary. Although she still appeared delicate, she was not as ravishing as before.

Du Busi smiled when he saw how they looked. He said, "Not bad. Let's go."

After walking out of the dark alleyway, they didn't need to avoid the ordinary surveillance soul tools due to their camouflage. They righteously walked onto the streets and found an inn to stay in.

Radiant City was very prosperous. Ever since the Sun Moon Empire occupied two-thirds of the Heavenly Soul Empire's land, Xu Tianran consolidated his position in the empire even further. His throne was now very stable, especially after Ju Zi bore him a Crown Prince.

Xu Tianran and Ju Zi named their son Xu Yunhan. One month after his birth, he was named the Crown Prince.

For an empire, a Crown Prince represented its future. Furthermore, Xu Tianran was disabled. This made a Crown Prince even more paramount.

Ever since the Crown Prince was named, some of the doubts that came from the imperial family disappeared. Xu Tianran was finally respected as the Emperor.

Ju Zi was also well-loved by the Sun Moon Empire's citizens. The story of how she became the Empress spread widely. She was just an ordinary civilian who was saved by Xu Tianran when he was still a Crown Prince. After that, she hurt herself seriously to save him, which touched him. Eventually, she became the Empress. With Xu Tianran's help, Ju Zi slowly revealed her extraordinary talent in military matters. After Xu Tianran ascended to the throne, she accumulated merits and became the Marshal of the Three Armies, leading the Sun Moon Empire's army in its domination over the Heavenly Soul Empire.

Within the Sun Moon Empire, the story that spread was that the Heavenly Soul Empire would have been completely annexed if not for the fact that Ju Zi was pregnant, and had to return to the empire to nurse her baby.

Ju Zi was also known as a Goddess of War. In some areas, she was even more outstanding than Xu Tianran.

Undoubtedly, everything about Ju Zi was intentionally spread under Xu Tianran's orders. First, it was a means of making amends to her. Second, Xu Tianran was disabled and couldn't do many things on his own. He needed someone he trusted to perform tasks for him. Ju Zi was a female. If she wanted to be in the limelight, she needed to be more glorious. This was why Xu Tianran did so much to ensure that she shone as much as possible.

Of course, there was one more reason why she was being pushed into the limelight. This was because she had earned the recognition of the Sun Moon Empire's army. In a few fights, she demonstrated her talent, and won over many generals. Whenever she was involved in a fight, the Sun Moon Empire always made headway. When she returned to the empire, things changed at the frontline. She had earned her reputation as a Goddess of War.

After settling down, Huo Yuhao told the Body Douluo before bringing Tang Wutong out to roam the streets.

"Yuhao, aren't you going to ask the Body Douluo about the true goal of this mission?" Tang Wutong asked him.

Huo Yuhao smiled and replied, "Why should I ask if he doesn't want to tell? I think we aren't the only ones in the dark. Many of the Titled Douluo on this mission probably don't know the true goal of this mission. Only the Body Douluo and Heavenly Sun Douluo know."

"My mentality is different from before. I was fearless in the past. Then, I didn't have you by my side. I didn't know whether I could find you. However, things are different now. With you by my side, my greatest mission is to bring you back safely. I also hope to return safely with you. That's enough. That's why I'm not probing too much. Why should I bring more trouble to myself?"

Tang Wutong stopped in her tracks. As Huo Yuhao was holding her hand, he also naturally stopped.

Tang Wutong looked at him, and there seemed to be something in her eyes.

Huo Yuhao smiled and asked, "What? Are you touched?"

Tang Wutong lifted her hand and caressed his face. "Yuhao, you've matured."

Huo Yuhao grabbed her hand. "You've recovered your memories this time and returned to my side. I've thought over many things clearly. I don't want to be a hero that saves the world. I don't care about my reputation either. You are the most important thing in my heart. As long as you are by my side, so what if I lose the world?"

"I worked tirelessly in my cultivation and improved myself in the hope that I could better protect you and my loved ones. Wutong, I love you."

Huo Yuhao was very calm. So was his gaze. However, it was his words that made Tang Wutong tear up a little, and she was gently pulled into his embrace.

"Me too. I love you too, Yuhao."

Huo Yuhao didn't dare to hug her too tightly. He wasn't afraid of being attacked by the seal, but afraid of attracting attention if he triggered it.

They only hugged gently. However, he still felt very warm in his heart.

At this moment, a commotion could be heard on the streets. Fully armored Soldiers were running over.

These soldiers were all very tall and large. As they ran over, they appeared very domineering. They didn't try to avoid anyone at all. Those who couldn't react in time were knocked over.

Tang Wutong and Huo Yuhao were on the streets too, but they couldn't reveal their extraordinary speed right now. Huo Yuhao could only turn his body and block Tang Wutong. At the same time, he pushed her as they got out of the soldiers' way.

The soldier running at the front knocked into Huo Yuhao's back. The resultant force did nothing to worry Huo Yuhao. However, he still staggered a few steps to the side. He even let out a groan. His acting was top-grade.

Huo Yuhao was a little annoyed as he said, "These people are really party poopers!"

Tang Wutong chuckled and commented, "This is not the effect of my father's seal."

The bystanders on the streets were also displeased. Of course, they weren't too loud with their complaints.

"It's the Imperial Guards again. They're revolting. They don't treat us as humans at all. Recently, His Majesty has wanted to organize a Grand Sacrificial Ceremony. These Imperial Guards have been coming out of the palace on many occasions, and we're the ones suffering for it."

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Huo Yuhao squinted. In the Sun Moon Empire, the imperial family held the greatest power. Among them, the Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineer Legion was naturally the strongest. They are also called the Imperial Court Soul Engineer Legion, and were the strongest among the Hand that Protects the Nation. The Imperial Palace of Consecration, also known as the Research Institute, was next. As for how strong the Sun Moon Empire was, no one fully knew.

There was going to be a Grand Sacrificial Ceremony. However, Huo Yuhao realized that assassinating Xu Tianran was almost impossible after entering Radiant City. Xu Tianran controlled the core strength of the Sun Moon Empire right now. How was it going to be easy to kill him?

After making turns along the streets and grabbing a bite to eat, Huo Yuhao brought Tang Wutong back to their inn. Once they entered, he heard Du Busi's voice.

Huo Yuhao asked Tang Wutong to return to their room first. He came to Du Busi's room.

Du Busi was in a single room on his own. The other two Titled Douluo from the Body Sect also had their own rooms.

When he saw Huo Yuhao, Du Busi raised his hand. The entire room was suddenly covered by a dim-green glow. If one wasn't observant enough, they wouldn't be able to detect any difference. However, Huo Yuhao was horrified to discover that his Spiritual Detection had been isolated.

Powerful.

At Du Busi's level and cultivation, his soul and spiritual power were almost completely fused. He was like Elder Xuan before – one step from becoming an Ultimate Douluo. However, it was a pity that he didn't have a Qiankun Fortune Pill to help him. In addition, he was critically hurt before. It would take some time before he could complete that last step.

"How is it? Did you discover anything while you were out?" Du Busi asked.

Huo Yuhao shook his head and replied, "Things are normal in Radiant City. The surveillance soul tools in the city have covered almost the entire city. However, more surveillance soul tools are pointed towards the outside of the city rather than inside the city. The Grand Sacrificial Ceremony is indeed in progress. Everything fits the information that we've been given."

Du Busi nodded and replied, "Yuhao, we have another mission apart from assassinating Xu Tianran."

"What?" Huo Yuhao was shocked as he stared at Du Busi. Even though he had already deduced that, he was still astonished when Du Busi mentioned it. He knew exactly what this meant. It was Du Busi's recognition of him. However, at the same time, it also meant that Du Busi was dragging him into this mission.

Huo Yuhao started to regret having come. He was too young. If not for the fact that he had performed very well all this while, Du Busi wouldn't have recognized his abilities. If that didn't happen, he wouldn't be roped in on this side mission.

Huo Yuhao continued to act stunned as he asked, "What other mission is there? Are you talking about bombing the munitions warehouse?"

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Du Busi shook his head and answered, "Bombing their munitions warehouses is only our way of attracting their attention. In fact, you can't imagine how heavily guarded they are. That's why we just need to create chaos by bombing them. After that, we'll try to assassinate Xu Tianran. At the same time, there's another mission."

Huo Yuhao asked, "There's another mission? The White Tiger Duke didn't tell me anything!"

Du Busi said, "That's because this important mission is supposed to be completed by the Heavenly Sun Douluo and myself. Only the two of us know our true goal. Your Spiritual Detection is very strong. That's something we hadn't thought of before. Don't worry, we'll won't give you the most difficult task. We've already planned everything out. We hope that you can receive us when we finish it, no matter whether we succeed or fail. Your job is to ensure that the Titled Douluo involved in this mission can escape successfully."

After hearing his words, Huo Yuhao instantly heaved a sigh of relief. It was great that he didn't need to be exposed to danger. The Sun Moon Empire was a lion's den. If even Du Busi was being so prudent, it showed how difficult the upcoming mission was. It was best that he didn't need to be directly part of it. As for receiving them, that was the least he could do. Ensuring that the strength of the three empires in the original Douluo Continent was preserved was very critical in stopping the Sun Moon Empire.

"Alright, I'll do my best to help everyone escape." Huo Yuhao agreed without any hesitation.

Du Busi was pleased, and he smiled. "Alright, we'll plan an escape route. When the time comes, you shall receive us from this route. Whether we succeed or not, you should help everyone who returns. Once we meet you, our safety will be in your hands."

Huo Yuhao didn't agree immediately this time. He thought for a moment before nodding and saying, "Alright, I'll do my best."

Du Busi didn't immediately reveal the escape route. Rather, he reached into his pocket and retrieved a small booklet before passing it to Huo Yuhao.

"It's a pity that you met Mu En instead of me. I'm giving you this booklet. Take it as a reward for helping us this time."

The booklet was the size of a palm, but Huo Yuhao was astonished to find out that it was very heavy when he received it. It had to weigh at least five kilos.

The booklet was dim gold. There were four exquisitely written words on the cover, "Secrets of the Body".

Huo Yuhao was stunned when he saw these four words. He immediately lifted his head to look at Du Busi, but only saw a gentle look in his eyes.

“Elder, I can’t take this. It’s too...” Huo Yuhao subconsciously passed the booklet back.

Du Busi waved him off and refused to take the booklet back. He calmly said, “Do you know how much the Body Sect has suffered during the fight between the Heavenly Soul Empire and the Sun Moon Empire at the border?”

“Almost two-thirds of the elites in the Body Sect have died, including our few most talented soul masters from the younger generation. The Body Sect is only still around because I survived. However, once I die, the Body Sect will perish along with me.”

“The Sun Moon Empire is much stronger than I expected. In the past, I was too self-absorbed and self-confident. When we secretly attacked the Sun Moon Empire, we even dealt a huge blow to the Illustrious Virtue Hall. Then, I was so confident that we could deal with them. However, that seems like a joke now. I was just like a frog in a well. I lost my relevance, which led to our destruction. However, I believe that the Body Sect can still survive. All the soul masters in the Body Sect are uniquely talented. Your martial soul is also a body soul. You should be able to sense the difference between a martial soul and a body soul.”

“We are much more talented than ordinary soul masters, and we can comprehend things better. This allows us to complete the fusion of our soul and spiritual power more easily. In terms of abilities, we are far beyond those evil soul masters who don’t have any future. However, we lost. But we didn’t lose in terms of talent or abilities, but our vision. It was my mistake. That’s why I have to do something for the sect no matter what.”

“This booklet contains many secrets of body souls. It’s also the most important collection in the Body Sect. Only the Body Douluo can inherit this booklet. I’m lending it to you temporarily. If I survive this mission, return it to me. If I die, please send it to Shrek Academy and ask the academy to return it to the Body Sect. In the meantime, I permit you to go through its contents.”

“You don’t have to thank me either. I’m not just doing this to help you. At the same time, I hope to glorify body souls even further. Although you are Mu En’s disciple, that doesn’t take away the fact that you have a body soul. When your body soul becomes stronger, you’ll be a Body Douluo. Whether you are willing or not, it’s the truth. If the Body Sect perishes in the future, please help me to pass down the heritage and preserve the spirit of the sect when you meet a soul master with a body soul in the future. Take it as a payment for reading the contents of this booklet. What do you think?”

Was there any reason for Huo Yuhao to reject it? The answer was no.

Huo Yuhao was still deep in thought when he walked out from Du Busi’s room. Yes, he wasn’t happy just because he had obtained the ‘Secrets of the Body’. From Du Busi’s words, he could tell that he wasn’t in good condition. Furthermore, it seemed like he was the only one who thought that he wouldn’t return alive. It clearly felt as if he was entrusting the book to Huo Yuhao!

He wasn’t just entrusting the book. He was entrusting the entire Body Sect.

After returning to his own room, Huo Yuhao sat down in a chair and opened the book. Tang Wutong came to his side. When she saw the words 'Secrets of the Body', she was also astonished.

Huo Yuhao told her what Du Busi had told him quietly. After he finished, Tang Wutong furrowed her brow. "Yuhao, the Heavenly Soul Empire is done."

Huo Yuhao revealed a bitter smile on his face. He agreed with Tang Wutong. If even the Body Sect was in such bad shape that their sect leader had to entrust the entire sect to Huo Yuhao, it must mean that the Heavenly Soul Empire was doomed. Once their last line of defense fell, the entire empire would be gone. The only thing they could do now was hang on as long as they could.

From the Body Douluo's words, Huo Yuhao could tell that half of the elites of the Heavenly Soul Empire had been killed when the Sun Moon Empire first invaded Heaven Dou City. They were now truly crippled.

Although Du Busi didn't reveal the true goal of this mission, it seemed like this mission was very important, given that he appeared to put all his eggs into one basket. However, it might also be that he was trying to deal one last blow to the Sun Moon Empire before he died.

Huo Yuhao flipped open the first page of the book. The material used to make this book was unknown. Not only was it heavy, but it was also very tough.

The first page didn't contain the contents of the book. It was a piece of paper that was stuffed into the book.

"I've ruled the sect for more than two hundred years, but now I'm the one who has doomed the sect. It's my fault. My arrogance has caused the sect to fall behind the times. One is bound to be abandoned if he falls behind the times. However, this should not be happening to the Body Sect. A body soul is a godly gift. It's a pity that I don't have time to adapt to the times anymore. Anyone from the Body Sect should remember that soul tools are the future. In this future, we need to be able to stand out. The combination of a body soul and soul tools will be bound to astonish the world – Du Busi."

After reading these words, Huo Yuhao felt even more pressure. Given Du Busi's identity and status, he had actually said such self-defamatory words. This could only mean that something was destined to happen.

However, the last few sentences left Huo Yuhao stunned.

It had to do with the combination of body souls and soul tools. Isn't this the direction that Teacher Xuan and I discovered? We have a new plan because of this new path.

Yes, body souls allowed one to comprehend things better. More importantly, a specific body part of a soul master would become much stronger if that part was a body soul.

To put things into simpler terms, if a soul master's martial soul was his hand, he would be able to handle much stronger soul tools using his hand.

It was just like Huo Yuhao's eyes. In his case, his eyes were able to handle much stronger soul tools.

Du Busi knew what the future was going to be like. However, just like he mentioned, he had discovered it too late. He no longer had the opportunity to adapt.

Huo Yuhao gently took the piece of paper out and saw that the front page of the book was inscribed with the words 'Godly Gift'.

There was a paragraph of words below it.

"Humans are a gift of the gods. They retained the intelligence of the gods. Among humans, there are those who preserve the divine power of gods."

The Body Sect clearly treated body souls as godly gifts. Although Huo Yuhao didn't fully agree with such an idea, the sect must have their own reasoning, since it was a legacy that had been passed down for years.

As he thought until here, Huo Yuhao squinted and continued reading...

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Five days later.

The atmosphere in Radiant City felt evidently more serious and imposing compared to normal. Early in the morning, the usually bustling city became very quiet. Apart from some stores that sold daily necessities, most of the stores chose to cease business for the day.

This was because it was the day of the Grand Sacrificial Ceremony.

The Emperor of the Sun Moon Empire, Xu Tianran, would be at the outskirts of the city to attend the ceremony. He was going to pay his respects to heaven and earth, as well as the ancestors of the Sun Moon Empire.

The territories of the Sun Moon Empire had expanded greatly in the short period of time after Xu Tianran ascended to the throne. This ceremony was more of a ceremony to flaunt his achievements. At the same time, he was warning everyone to be prepared for the day that he ruled over the entire continent

Preparations for this Grand Sacrificial Ceremony had been in motion for many months. Many resources, including workers, money and materials, were tapped into for this ceremony.

Many citizens streamed out of the city in the early hours of the day. They came to the outskirts and prepared to witness the beginning of this glorious ceremony.

On the main streets of Radiant City, the soldiers wore helmets as they stood at the sides. The entire place was heavily guarded. An intense, solemn aura filled the entire city.

The citizens proceeded towards the southern outskirts in an orderly fashion under the eyes of the army.

This ceremony was extremely grand. For it, the Sun Moon Empire had deployed an army of more than a hundred thousand men.

At the southern outskirts, a huge sacrificial altar had already been constructed half a month ago. The altar was a platform that was weirdly-shaped. The left side was circular, while the right was like a crescent. The significance of such a design had to do with the Sun and the Moon, which symbolized the Sun Moon Empire.

The circular sacrificial altar was more than ten thousand square meters in area, and up to a hundred feet high. It was made completely from granite. There was even a six-story platform above the original platform. Each and every story of this platform was shaped exactly like the original platform, just that they were increasingly smaller in size. The platform at the top was only a thousand square meters in size.

From the bottom to the top, the colors of the platforms were respectively red, orange, yellow, green, indigo, blue and violet. They represented the colors of the rainbow, and signified everything in heaven and earth.

There was a total of eight stone stairways around the sacrificial altar. They all led to the top.

This altar wasn't only used once. It was passed down from generation to generation, and its sole purpose was to pay respects to the heavens.

The altar was heavily guarded. There were soul formations in each of the four cardinal directions. Even though the scale of the soul formations wasn't as large as that of their soul engineer legions, these soul formations were constructed by the Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineer Legion. The technology used was the most advanced as of yet.

Of the hundred thousand man army that was deployed to this ceremony, forty thousand guarded the altar. The rest were stationed elsewhere. Most of the soldiers were responsible for maintaining order.

The sky was already starting to turn bright. The sun shone on the majestic grand altar, which exuded a rainbow glow. From afar, it was a magnificent sight.

All seven altars combined reached a total height of a hundred feet, which was much higher than the tallest skyscraper in Radiant City. It was bound to become one of the symbolic structures of the Sun Moon Empire in the future.

Under the soldiers' orders, the citizens were crowded around the altar until there was hardly any space left. There were more than twenty million citizens in the Sun Moon Empire. They formed the core of the empire. Even if there weren't ten million people here to watch today, there were still a couple of million. The entire place was densely populated right now, and it was difficult to see the end of the sea of people.

The time of the ceremony was set at around nine in the morning. The energy from the sun was the strongest then, and it signified the Sun Moon Empire's continuous rise in the future.

In the distance, a group decked in bright yellow was slowly proceeding towards the sacrificial altar from Radiant City.

As this group passed, the soldiers opened a path for them. At the front, there was a huge dragon sedan carried by a thousand and twenty-four men. The sedan was covered in silk satin, and there were images of flying dragons embroidered on the silk. However, the images of the Sun and Moon were embroidered in the most core positions of the sedan.

This was Xu Tianran's dragon sedan. At this moment, Xu Tianran was seated in his sedan. He wore a nine-dragon, purplish-gold crown on his head, and was dressed in an elegant, brocade robe that was only fitting for the Emperor of the Sun Moon Empire.

Ju Zi, who was sitting beside him, was also dressed in an extremely elegant, bright yellow palace robe. She wore a smile on her face, and her headdress was adorned with the most expensive gems.

The curtains around the sedan were raised, so that all the citizens could see the most powerful couple in the world.

“Long live His Majesty!” The soldiers lifted their weapons and greeted Xu Tianran at the same time.

Suddenly, all the citizens kneeled down in the direction of the sedan at the same time.

Xu Tianran appeared very dignified as he sat on the sedan. He was also felt very proud of himself at this moment.

When he lost his legs, his world seemed to turn completely dark. However, he was now the ruler of the Sun Moon Empire. He was even the future ruler of the entire continent.

When he saw the millions of people bowing down to him, Xu Tianran could sense luck and fortune coming his way. That feeling was magical.

Paying respects to the heavens was only an act, but bringing the people together was important to stabilize the empire. Carrying out such a ceremony was what Xu Tianran wanted to do after he ascended to the throne.

Over the past two years, the three empires of the original Douluo Continent had made rapid developments. They had developed their soul tools and recruited more soldiers. But wasn't it the same for the Sun Moon Empire?

Xu Tianran got his rhythm completely right. At the beginning, his position as the Emperor wasn't very stable. However, he stood his ground and initiated an invasion with the Holy Ghost Church's support.

Why? It was to distract attention away from the internal conflicts in the empire. Whether his officials supported him or not, they knew what to do as long as they were intelligent enough. Defeating their enemies was the main priority.

Ju Zi didn't disappoint either. She relied on her wits and astonishing military talent to unleash the full advantages of the Sun Moon Empire's army, dominating the Star Luo and Heavenly Soul Empires. In the end, she attained marvelous results.

Although the war had already stopped before the Heavenly Soul Empire was completely occupied, one couldn't deny the fact that Xu Tianran had expanded the Sun Moon Empire. At this point, he chose to slow down his attacks and solidify the empire's defenses after listening to Ju Zi's suggestion. Instead, the empire would turn to soul tool technology to earn the trust and respect of the people in the occupied Heavenly Soul Empire. At the same time, Xu Tianran turned his attention inward.

Due to the achievements made during the war, there were much fewer objections. Ju Zi's pregnancy and the birth of the Crown Prince also served to further consolidate Xu Tianran's position. In just a short two years, he had completely silenced all his doubters. He was now the true ruler of his empire.

However, all of this still wasn't enough to satisfy his desires. He was too ambitious. He wanted to rule over the entire world and the entire Douluo Continent. He wanted to avenge the Holy War that the Sun Moon Empire had lost four thousand years ago.

This was why he wanted to pay respects to the heavens. He wanted to use this ceremony to tell the world that the Douluo Continent belonged to him and the Sun Moon Empire. After this ceremony, the Holy War would begin.

Ju Zi silently sat beside Xu Tianran. She could sense the heat from his body. It wasn't a change in his body temperature, but a manifestation of his ambitions. He was like the Sun as everyone watched him, releasing a bright yet dominant glow from his body.

Ju Zi was wearing a grin on her face throughout. After she gave birth, she appeared even more classy, elegant and mature. Her figure also became more voluptuous. Her originally smooth and delicate skin was even more moisturized now.

Xu Tianran patted Ju Zi's hand and jolted her back to her senses.

Ju Zi smiled as she said, "Congratulations, Your Majesty. You are the Emperor of Eternity."

Xu Tianran also revealed a smile on his face, "No matter what I own, I'll share it with you. Are you still unhappy? I didn't bring the Crown Prince along because he's too young. He'll be scared to see so many people."

Ju Zi gently shook her head and replied, "Why would I be unhappy? Your decision is right. I've already thought it through."

Xu Tianran replied, "It's good that you understand. Once the ceremony is over, I'll follow you to see Yunhan."

"Alright." Ju Zi nodded.

She naturally knew why Xu Tianran didn't want to bring her son for this ceremony. This was because he wasn't his biological son. Moreover, so what if they were biologically related? Given his character, he wanted to become the Emperor of Eternity. His dream took precedence over everything else. To him, the Crown Prince was only a tool. Of course, she was also a tool.

Finally, the dragon sedan arrived in front of the altar.

Xu Tianran stood up and held Ju Zi's hand before slowly descending from the dragon sedan. After this, they walked up the altar.

Right now, the bottom platform of the altar was filled with people. Those who were fit to be on the altar were all important figures in the Sun Moon Empire. To them, being here was an absolute honor.

The cheers of the citizens were very rapturous. It was astounding! The soundwaves created by a few million people echoed extremely far away.

Xu Tianran wore a smile on his face. Ju Zi wasn't the only one who could sense his glow. Everyone on the altar could also sense it. Their hearts trembling, they knelt down and bowed to him.

They could sense that the Sun Moon Empire would rule the entire continent in the near future.

Xu Tianran wasn't quick, but he was steady. When he reached the sixth platform, he naturally let go of Ju Zi's hand. Ju Zi stopped and watched as he climbed up to the seventh platform.

Yes, he was the only one who ascended to the seventh platform.

The seventh platform was adorned with many elegant patterns. A huge hexagram array reflected dim golden lights. In the center of this hexagram array, an image of the Sun and Moon was blinding. The Sun was golden, while the Moon was silver. Gold and silver intersected and complemented each other.

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There was a vigorous look of passion in Xu Tianran's eyes.

Yes, only I, as the Emperor of the Sun Moon Empire and future ruler of the entire continent and the entire world, wield the right to step onto the seventh platform of this Sun Moon Sacrificial Altar.

He ascended step by step until he reached the center of the platform. When he was above the image of the Sun and Moon, he was completely covered in a gold and silver glow.

"Ring, ring, ring——" An alarm that sounded like the groan of a giant beast sounded. The ceremony had officially begun.

After this, a total of a hundred and eight firecrackers were set off. The sounds of these firecrackers echoed for more than fifty kilometers.

Xu Tianran, who was at the top of the altar right now, was like the ruler of the entire world right now. He opened his arms wide and peered into the sky. He basked in the sunlight, and his face was filled with pride and mightiness.

"Boom, boom, boom, boom..." The booms continued to sound, but the expressions of a few people started to change.

These were intelligent people. The sounds of the firecrackers seemed a little weird; they seemed a little too loud.

In the distance, there appeared to be lights flashing from the east side of Radiant City.

Xu Tianran didn't seem to hear anything. He continued with the ceremony.

All types of sacrificial items were slowly raised along the sides of the seventh platform. These items were very specifically chosen over and over again.

The firecrackers had ceased by now, but there were still booms coming from afar.

Xu Tianran squinted and furrowed his brow slightly. However, he still continued with the ceremony. He gradually knelt down and kowtowed to the heavens.

He was supposed to rise after this and give a speech. After his speech, there would be a series of complicated ceremonial processes.

Some of the people on the lower platforms had quietly left. They proceeded eastwards. Though the Emperor couldn't personally go and find out what was happening, his subordinates could do so. The Sun Moon Empire's biggest munitions warehouse was located in the eastern suburbs. There were many stationary soul cannon shells stored in it.

After they were used in the war, stationary soul cannon shells had proven themselves to be the most effective on battlefields. The main reason for this was that their effective range was considerably great.

The rest of the soul tools' effective ranges were rather limited. Only stationary soul cannon shells had an effective range so great that it could cover the entire expanse of the continent, even though that was just theoretical. With their current technology, they could be fired from tens of kilometers away. They were the Sun Moon Empire's lethal weapons.

Furthermore, after the previous major explosion of their warehouse in Radiant City which caused major losses to the Sun Moon Empire, how would they dare to lower their guard?

Eastern suburbs.

Cannon shells were fired in quick succession in the direction of the munitions warehouse. However, the weird thing was that they seemed to be fired from the void. No soul tools could be seen at all.

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong held hands and quietly stood on the seemingly empty ground. However, the ground wasn't actually empty. Ten Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons had been unleashed to their full effect under the concealment of Huo Yuhao's Imitation and Spiritual Interference Domain.

The Heavenly Sun Douluo and nine other Titled Douluo were standing with both of them.

If not for Huo Yuhao's Imitation and Spiritual Interference Domain, the attack wouldn't have proceeded on so smoothly. However, it had indeed fooled the aerial surveillance soul tools in the sky. At least, the attack was achieving its intended effect for now.

The attack was being carried out successfully, but of course it didn't cause any damage. In the distance, a bright yellow barrier engulfed the warehouse. It had been activated upon contact. When the cannon shells fired by the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons touched this barrier, only ripples were formed.

Zhuce Divine Crossbow Cannons were manufactured by the Tang Sect, while the Class 4 shells that they fired were designed by Huo Yuhao. He was naturally very familiar with them.

Huo Yuhao was expressionless as he stood there. He sighed in his heart. According to Du Busi's plan, he and Tang Wutong would bid goodbye to the Heavenly Sun Douluo and the rest after the first round of attacks. They had to immediately prepare for the retreat and receive those who were carrying out the real mission.

The Heavenly Sun Douluo nodded at Huo Yuhao and said, "It's about time. People from the Sun Moon Empire are about to arrive. Let's make a move first. Both of you should quickly retreat. Follow the original plan."

"Alright elders, please take care."

The Heavenly Sun Douluo smiled and waved. He led the other nine Titled Douluo away. All of their bodies had an ethereal light film over them. After they exited Huo Yuhao's domain and were no longer concealed by his Imitation, they still needed to conceal themselves.

This is? Concealment soul tool?

Huo Yuhao was a little astonished as he watched them leave.

Concealment soul tools. I believe even the Sun Moon Empire is only in the experimental stage. I didn't expect these Titled Douluo to possess them already.

However, Huo Yuhao was a Class 9 soul engineer. Very soon, he could tell what the catch was. They were indeed concealment soul tools, but it seemed like only Titled Douluo could operate them from the soul power undulations that were being released. These soul tools that they were using were probably just half-finished. They could only be effectively maintained through the immense soul power undulations of Titled Douluo. Compared to his own Imitation, these soul tools drained much more soul power.

I hope they succeed with their plan!

Huo Yuhao had no habit of wasting things. He quickly stopped firing the Zhuge Divine Crossbow Cannons and put them away in his Starlight Sapphire Ring.

A cold look also surfaced on his face. The Sun Moon Empire reacts very quickly indeed. Their people are here after just a few attacks.

A massive silver web suddenly appeared in the clear sky. It wasn't a real web, but was formed using energy. It covered several thousands of square meters, and it was quickly engulfing Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong.

It was capturing-type linked soul tool.

The Sun Moon Empire indeed has all kinds of powerful soul tools! Huo Yuhao was only able to think of this because he was composed enough.

He grabbed Tang Wutong's hand tightly, and blinding silver light instantly shone from their backs. At this instant, a deafening boom resonated through the air. Following this, both of them turned into two beams of flowing light and quickly shot into the distance.

They were simply too quick. They were so quick that Huo Yuhao was unable to maintain his Imitation and domain. He had to fully focus his attention on protecting his body.

However, this extreme speed enabled both of them to quickly flee from the engulfing web.

Following this, a series of tremendous booms rang out from beneath the web.

It was the high-explosive bomb that Huo Yuhao had left behind. The extreme temperature generated from the bomb was enough to wipe away any traces of them ever being there.

Silver lights flashed in the sky, and were naturally captured by the aerial surveillance soul tools in the air. However, Huo Yuhao wasn't worried at all. This was because they were already so quick that they were no longer afraid of being chased by any soldiers.

They overcame the sound barrier as they traveled at supersonic speed. In an instant, they covered more than fifty kilometers.

No matter how well-equipped the Sun Moon Empire was in terms of aerial surveillance soul tools, they could only install these soul tools in and around Radiant City. They couldn't possibly cover the entire region.

This was why Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong were completely out of the range of the aerial surveillance soul tools in just a matter of moments. When they slowed down, Huo Yuhao used his Imitation to conceal both of them again.

Huo Yuhao peered into the distance as he landed on a mountain. However, he wasn't looking at the eastern suburbs, but the southern suburbs where the Grand Sacrificial Ceremony was taking place. I wonder how the Body Douluo and the rest are doing.

The booms from the eastern suburbs had ceased after some time. Xu Tianran kowtowed again after he finished reciting his speech.

At this moment, a weird aura could be felt in the air. The sky also turned ridiculously dark.

The originally bright sunlight was blocked off by gloomy clouds. The Sun Moon Sacrificial Altar also turned dimmer instantly.

The entire sky descended into darkness as the millions of citizens watched. Suddenly, the people began to feel terrified.

Xu Tianran finally turned grim.

This ceremony was chosen to be held on this auspicious day, which was determined after many rounds of verification. The gloomy clouds were certainly not a natural phenomenon. If it wasn't natural, it had to be the doing of humans.

"Xu Tianran, you are too ambitious. The heavens cannot stand you. I'll perform justice on behalf of the heavens today and deal with you." Vigorous soundwaves sounded in the air. Everyone could clearly hear the words.

Xu Tianran stood straight and coldly looked into the sky.

In the sky, a giant that resembled a god tore the gloomy clouds apart and walked out.

This giant was more than a hundred feet tall, and was completely jade-green. There was even a purple fog surrounding him. Wasn't he the Body Douluo, Du Busi?

Xu Tianran coldly said, "Demonic arts. How dare you disrupt today's ceremony! Today, I shall use your blood to pay respects to the heavens. I'll kill you, you demonic creature."

As he shouted, more than ten figures rose into the sky. Following this, a golden glow rose from the sides of the altar. It turned into a huge barrier that completely engulfed the altar.

There were many imperial family members and senior officials from the Sun Moon Empire on the altar. Xu Tianran was wary as they faced Du Busi, who was almost an Ultimate Douluo. He couldn't afford to lose anyone here.

And yet, he didn't really regard Du Busi very highly.

"Boom——"

Tremendous booms sounded from the four corners. Tragic screams and cries were immediately heard.

This time, Xu Tianran's expression changed. He was horrified as he roared, "Du Busi, how dare you disregard the principles of soul masters and let your men lay their hands on ordinary people?"

There were millions of citizens here! The amount of destruction that could be caused was terrifying.

"My empire has fallen, and my sect is on the brink of collapse. What principles do I still have to adhere to? The Body Sect has never had principles before either. If we are punished by the heavens, I'll shoulder all the punishment. Hahahahaha."

Du Busi laughed maniacally. He lifted his hands, and a terrifying aura was exuded from his body. It turned into a form of power that suppressed the ten figures that were rising up.

At this moment, the gloomy clouds in the sky started to shake. A long sigh sounded. "Old Du, why do you have to do this?"

Du Busi focused his gaze. "I knew you would come. What about that lass? Ask her along as well."

A figure silently appeared in the air. He was dressed in a black robe, and his white hair flowed freely. He was drifting high up in the sky, and had no intention of backing away. Any form of power that attempted to reach him was easily overcome by an invisible force. Nothing could come within three feet of him.

The Darkness Holy Dragon, the Dragon God Douluo Long Xiaoyao, who was a true Ultimate Douluo, had finally appeared.

Long Xiaoyao sighed and said, "Du Busi, leave. You can still leave now. I wouldn't have appeared if you didn't lay your hands on the ordinary citizens. If you massacre lives, you'll be filled with vengeance, and you'll never reincarnate."

Du Busi laughed maniacally and said, "Hahaha, this is funny. This is too funny. You're such a hypocrite. How dare you talk about massacring lives in front of me? You are in cahoots with them. How is it that you have the cheek to admonish me? Although Mu En is a big enemy of my sect, I respect him a lot. He protected Shrek City. What about you? For a woman, you are willing to work with evil soul masters. If Mu En were still alive, he'd definitely be ashamed to be mentioned in the same breath as you."

The killings had already begun around the altar. They weren't just ordinary soul masters. They were Transcendent Douluo. They had hidden themselves among the crowd, and were now starting to become violent. Their violence turned the entire venue into a river of blood.

Even though powerful individuals from the Sun Moon Empire rushed over immediately, how could they possibly stop this terrifying massacre?

Long Xiaoyao sighed and said, "How can you understand my thoughts? Stop the killings."

As he spoke, he punched in Du Busi's direction. Du Busi snorted coldly. He didn't move at all, and just extended his palm.

Suddenly, the entire sky seemed to move with his palm. The winds started to rage.

A black fist of energy enlarged as it moved through the air. It collided with Du Busi's palm.

There weren't any large noises. The sky only shook. The shaking might seem very gentle, but it stopped everyone on the ground. Even the golden barrier protecting the altar started to ripple. ~~no~~ 10/1n

Du Busi roared into the skies. Following this, a blinding purplish flame rose from his body. He instantly grew in size once again, until he was more than three hundred feet wide, and a thousand meters tall. His terrifying aura pushed the ten figures back to the ground. Some of the weaker ones were even crushed into powder.