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Chapter 591.1: The Ice-Spirit Douluo Descends

However, the four Titled Douluo were surprised to see Xu Sanshi smile at this moment when they had expected to see him panic. They all saw a smile that sent shivers down their spines.

Xu Sanshi suddenly turned around and exposed his back to these people in front of him. He waved his Xuanwu Shield in the air as his fourth soul ring lit up.

This was one of Xu Sanshi's most powerful skills—Xuanwu Displacement.

After releasing a flash of light, Xu Sanshi disappeared before their eyes.

All of those soul masters who were taking orders from Xue Kui and Xue Leng were stunned. Did he disappear just like this? Even though they did not know how he had escaped, they were certain that his peers from Tang Sect as well as his mother would perish under the huge wave of attacks. Did he really run away just like that?

However, they were forced to dismiss that possibility at the next instant. After Xu Sanshi had disappeared, another figure instantly appeared in his place.

Following which, this figure released an invincibly powerful light.

The surrounding air suddenly became intensely cold as the temperature of the entire hall plunged instantly. Countless icicles were released at Xue Kui and Xue Leng from that person's body.

Those icicles were at least three meters long as they penetrated and blocked every single soul skill that was coming his way. Even the four Titled Douluo had no choice but to use their soul skills to attack those icicles to prevent them from piercing their bodies.

The man who was dressed in a white long robe was able to block all of their attacks with a single soul skill after appearing in Xu Sanshi's former position.

Those three-meter long icicles were so strong that the Soul Sages and Soul Douluo could not hold them off. In fact, they contained so much energy that even the four Titled Douluo were thrown back by the sheer force they exerted on them.

"Spiritual Blast." The young man dressed in white announced with a low voice. Following which, the surrounding air suddenly became illusory.

Every single soul master felt as though his or her head was hit by a gigantic hammer. Their bodies started to tremble vigorously as loud grunts of pain could be heard. Those soul masters who tried to release more soul skills after their previous ones were destroyed by the icicles found themselves interrupted. The Soul Sages naturally suffered the most, as they were instantly forced out of their martial soul true bodies before stumbling backward. Blood immediately gushed out from their mouths and nostrils. It was apparent that they had sustained serious injuries.

"Mass Enfeeblement." A circle of white light expanded into the surroundings before enveloping Xue Leng, Xue Kui and the rest. A powerful sense of fatigue started to plague them as the white light sapped their energy.

It seemed as though the young man dressed in white wanted to inform them of his every move as he announced once again, "Spiritual Confusion."

Four vortexes appeared on the four Titled Douluo's bodies at the same time. Their sudden appearance seemed to have stunned the four of them.

The young man raised his right hand as a deep blue light appeared in his palm. The dark blue light was shining from a long blue sword.

Following which, the young man slashed out with his sword as the four Titled Douluo transformed into ice sculptures. Because of how powerful the slash was, the ice sculptures flew backward after they formed.

How powerful must that slash be to take down four Titled Douluo with a single blow?

However, that was not the end.

"Blizzard." Countless snowflakes started to form out of nowhere in the air. Following which, a powerful blizzard began to gush towards the group of soul masters.

Even though the temperature in front of the young man had plummeted to below minus two hundred degrees celsius at that instant, the temperature behind him was still warm and comfortable.

After being weakened by Mass Enfeeblement and Spiritual Blast, the Soul Sages and Soul Douluo who were used to winning their battles could only huddle up as they tried to warm their already frozen blood by mustering their soul power and soul skills to protect themselves.

Unfortunately, all of their methods were futile. It was impossible for them to change the outcome under the wrath of the powerful blizzard. Ultimately, they would all inevitably collapse due to the insanely low temperature. The only difference was when they would collapse, because they all had different cultivations. Within ten seconds, the side of the hall that was in front of that young man had turned into a world of ice.

It took less than a minute for that person to finish all of them off. Now, the entire hall had become silent.

At this instant, two familiar figures brought Xue Leng and Xue Kui into the hall.

Xu Sanshi was holding onto Xue Kui, while a young lady who had long violet hair grabbed Xue Leng's armor. Both Xue Leng's and Xue Kui's heads were lowered. It was apparent that they had already lost all hope.

The young man dressed in white turned around and looked at the group of people from Tang Sect before smiling. "Hi, did you miss me?"

Nan Qiuqiu rushed forward and punched his chest unapologetically. "Why did you only come now?"

The young man revealed an awkward smile. "Can't you be a little bit gentler?"

Nan Qiuqiu rolled her eyes before replying, "If you want tender love, go and look for your Wutong. Wutong, I'm so glad you're okay."

That's right! The young man was none other than Huo Yuhao. And the young lady who had entered the hall with Xu Sanshi was naturally Tang Wutong.

The only reason why Xu Sanshi had smiled in the face of immense danger earlier was that he had sensed Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection Sharing! Huo Yuhao had told him to switch places with him. Hence, he performed the Xuanwu Displacement to send Huo Yuhao into the hall.

Afterward, everything became really straightforward.

The powerful soul masters who had troubled the rest of them were nothing to Huo Yuhao. He could take them down extremely easily.

Ye Guyi no longer tried to meditate as she stood up and looked at Huo Yuhao in the same way as Ji Juechen. Both of them were staring at Huo Yuhao as though he was a freak.

Huo Yuhao let out an awkward laugh. "Can both of you stop looking at me like that? I'll really start to blush."

Ji Juechen stomped forward towards Huo Yuhao before glaring at him with his piercing eyes. "Tell me. How did you do it? Even if you became a Transcendent Douluo, you should not have been able to pull that off. In fact, how did you take all of them down without any powerful soul skills? I can't believe it."

This was probably the longest sentence the sword fanatic had constructed in a long time. In fact, he was stammering while he was speaking to Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao smiled and said, "Wutong and I have regained our martial soul fusion. Now, the effects of our martial soul fusion can still last for ten seconds under our control even if we have been separated. Hence, what all of you just witnessed in the last ten seconds of the battle was pure fighting power which was unbelievably close to that of an Ultimate Douluo. That, coupled with my Ultimate martial soul, was more than enough to take all of them down."

More than a month ago, before he had even become a Transcendent Douluo, he was able to force the entire Sun Moon Empire army to retreat by himself. There was no doubt that he would be able to do a lot more with his enhanced abilities. In fact, he no longer needed to wear his Icy War God's Armor to destroy all of these Titled Douluo who were picking on Xu Sanshi and his friends. After all, the strongest Titled Douluo among them was only Rank 92.

However, these people were still alive even though they had been frozen by Huo Yuhao's Ultimate Ice. Nonetheless, their lives were now entirely in Huo Yuhao's hands.

Xu Sanshi threw Xue Kui to the ground and looked away. He was so angry that he didn't want to look him in the eye. He had long developed a murderous intent against Xue Kui and Xue Leng.

At this instant, Xue Lingxun walked towards Xu Sanshi and asked, "Sanshi, who is this? Is he a senior from the Academy? Why does he look so young? Senior, do you mind sharing with me how you take care of your skin?"

An awkward look immediately formed on Xu Sanshi's face. Even though he loved his mother a lot, he could not deny that she wasn't really sharp at times. Of course, he also knew that if his mother were a

little sharper, his father would not have been able to bring her away from the palace. Hence, he was still glad that his mother was someone who was not very sharp mentally.

“Come on, Mother. He’s not my senior. He’s a fellow disciple. To be more precise, he is actually my junior brother. His name is Huo Yuhao. Do you remember the news that came not too long ago? He is the Eyes of the Asura—the person who managed to win seven consecutive battles against Transcendent Douluo and Class 9 soul engineers by himself. He is Huo Yuhao—the Spirit Ice Douluo. This is Tang Wutong, the Dragon Butterfly Douluo.”

Xue Lingxun’s eyes widened in disbelief as she stared at Huo Yuhao before looking back at Xu Sanshi.

Huo Yuhao immediately moved forward with Tang Wutong to greet her. “Hello, Mrs. Xu.”

Xue Lingxun was still trying to take in the information her son had just shared with her. Suddenly, she turned around and slapped Xu Sanshi’s arm. “You little rascal, you really are a failure! Look at him and how powerful he is. I can’t believe you’re actually older than him.”

At this moment, Xu Sanshi was not sure whether he should laugh or cry. “Mother, how can you compare me with freaks like him!? My little junior brother is really a monster among monsters. I’m already doing quite well. I think it’s important to be satisfied with the results of one’s hard work instead of always comparing oneself with others!”

Jiang Nannan forced a cough as she spoke, “Sanshi and Mrs. Xu, don’t you think we should settle the matters at hand first?”

Xu Sanshi froze before nodding. Afterward, he turned around and looked at Huo Yuhao as though he were waiting for instructions.

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, “I am your fighter for today. Here, I will only take instructions from you. I will do whatever you want me to. But you must be the one making those decisions. Of course, I can make them die anytime. Just let me know what you need me to do.”

Xu Sanshi was a little stunned by what Huo Yuhao said. Afterward, he turned around to look at his mother.

Xue Lingxun had become normal again. A murderous look formed on her face as she declared, “They deserve to die.”

Xu Sanshi remained silent before shaking his head. He said, “I need all of you to stay here. Let me go out and get some people to come in. We need to find out what was actually going on before making decisions like these.”

Because the barrier outside the hall had already been removed by Huo Yuhao, news of Xue Kui’s and Xue Leng’s betrayal was spread to the rest of the city within fifteen minutes. An hour later, all of the Dou Ling Empire’s generals and ministers in the city were gathered within the hall.

Everything—including Xue Kui and Xue Leng—was still as it was right after the battle. Xu Sanshi made sure that no one shifted the ice sculptures, nor did he let the father and son leave.

By now, both Xue Leng and Xue Kui had given up all hope of surviving. There was no chance that they could escape from this huge group of powerful soul masters.

As for the Class 9 soul engineer who was lurking outside, Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong had already tried their newly enhanced martial soul fusion skills on him. They had combined their powers and given him a blow of their Heavenly Emperor's Hammer. As many would have expected, he did not survive that blow even though he was in possession of several defensive soul tools.

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In fact, Huo Yuhao felt that it was a shame that they had snuffed him out just like that. After all, a Class 9 soul engineer was literally a walking treasure trove! That soul engineer probably had several valuable soul tools on him. However, he had fallen from the sky before Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong could even rummage through his things.

Xu Sanshi sat on the throne as his mother, Xue Lingxun, stood by his side, while Huo Yuhao and the rest stood by the sides of the hall.

The generals and ministers could definitely see what had happened while they were away. Even now, the temperature within the hall was still fairly low. In fact, every general and minister could not help but shiver after stepping into the hall.

It was still not that bad for those ministers and generals who had a relatively high cultivation. On the other hand, those ministers and generals who were not soul masters had no choice but to shiver as they waited for the rest of the people to enter the hall.

Xue Kui and Xue Leng had been tied up by Huo Yuhao and thrown into the center of the floor before everyone. Both of their heads were lowered as they kept quiet. As for the other soul masters who had been transformed into ice sculptures, they were still frozen just as before. All of them were standing there in their original fighting stances before they had been frozen.

W-What happened here?? This was the same question that was on everyone's minds. Among them, there were still quite a few ministers and generals who could recognize Xue Kui and Xue Leng.

In fact, some of them did not seem to be very pleased with what they were seeing.

"Prince Regent, w-what has happened here? Why are Xue Kui and Xue Leng here? And what's with all of these ice sculptures?" The Prime Minister stepped out and asked after planting one of his knees on the ground. He could no longer hold it anymore, and wanted to know what was going on. He did not go down on both of his knees because Xu Sanshi was still not the Emperor.

Xu Sanshi maintained his solemn expression as he asked, "Prime Minister, do you know who these two convicts are?"

The Prime Minister replied, "Yes, I do know them. This is Duke Xue Leng, the provincial governor of the Tian He Province, while the other person is Duke Xue Kui, the provincial governor of the Luo An Province. Why are they..."

Xu Sanshi spoke plainly, "Do you still not understand why they are tied up like this? Those thirty-odd ice sculptures were people they had brought in. Among them are five Titled Douluo. Do you see the burn mark on the floor here? It was left behind by one of Xue Kui's people whom we killed earlier. If you were to get some of our guards to do a search outside the hall, you would probably find the dead body of a Class 9 soul engineer."

After hearing Xu Sanshi's explanation, everyone's jaws dropped. They definitely knew what it meant when he explicitly pointed out the Class 9 soul engineer. Those ministers and generals who had revealed a displeased expression were even more shocked after hearing what Xu Sanshi had said.

It was a known fact that other than Shrek Academy, which had one or two Class 9 soul engineers, the rest of the Class 9 soul engineers on the continent were all from the Sun Moon Empire.

It was naturally impossible for Xue Kui and Xue Leng to get someone from Shrek Academy to take orders from them. This made the answer extremely obvious. After all, the entire Palace of the Dou Ling Empire had just been destroyed by the Sun Moon Empire. On top of that, the entire royal family had been murdered by them. The entire Dou Ling Empire definitely hated the Sun Moon Empire to the core.

"Rubbish! There is no Class 9 soul engineer. Even if there was one, he or she would have been on your side. If not, how would you be able to defeat us with so few people? We had so many Titled Douluo with us." Xue Leng angrily repudiated Xu Sanshi's claims. He knew that he would really lose all hope of surviving if he did not try to persuade the ministers to join his side.

Xu Sanshi stood up before walking down the steps. "Xue Leng, are you familiar with my background?"

Xue Leng turned his head and looked away from him.

Xu Sanshi said, "I am from Shrek Academy and was given the honor of being a member of this generation's Shrek's Seven Monsters. The Sun Moon Empire's army was camped just outside Shrek City not too long ago. As for how we managed to destroy all of your minions, I would only have to reveal a single name to convince all of you that what I have said is true."

As he spoke, he walked towards Huo Yuhao and explained, "This person is my junior brother. I believe many of you must have met him before. Since that's the case, let me share his name with you. His name is Huo Yuhao. I believe all of you should know who he is, right?"

"Huo Yuhao?" The Prime Minister muttered to himself. But very quickly, he looked up again as a startled look formed on his face. "Your Highness, didn't you mention to us that there was a person who had challenged the Sun Moon Empire to ten one-on-one battles, and won seven consecutive battles. That person eventually managed to force the War God Empress to admit defeat and retreat. Wasn't that person the Eyes of the Asura, the Spirit Ice Douluo—Huo Yuhao?"

Xu Sanshi nodded and replied, "That's right. He is Huo Yuhao. In addition, Yuhao has confirmed that the enemies who assaulted our Palace and almost exterminated everyone within the royal family were the Imperial Dragon Soul Engineer Legion and the Evil Tyrant Soul Engineer Legion—the two beast lord-ranked soul engineer legions of the Sun Moon Empire. Yuhao and Wutong went after the two legions together and managed to take down more than half of them. In fact, they even managed to kill the legion commander of the Imperial Dragon Soul Engineer Legion."

"What a joke!" Xue Kui exclaimed. "Do you know how powerful the Sun Moon Empire's beast lord-ranked soul engineer legions are? They are part of the Hand that Protects the Nation—the strongest force the Sun Moon Empire possesses. Do you really think the two of them can take down those two soul engineer legions who destroyed the entire Palace? Are the linked soul tools they carry around just for show? Xu Sanshi, I can't believe you actually said something so absurd." In his last sentence, he purposely emphasized Xu Sanshi's surname.

Xu Sanshi burst into laughter that echoed within the entire hall.

“The ignorant should never be blamed. Do you know how powerful my junior brother is? Oh, that’s right. You didn’t even see how your minions—including the four Titled Douluo—were destroyed by my little junior brother with a single soul skill. Perhaps I need to let you know that my junior brother is an Ultimate Douluo. Do you understand what I have just said? An actual Ultimate Douluo who is only a little more than twenty years old.”

After hearing what Xu Sanshi had said, everyone in the hall was shocked. Gasps of surprise could be heard from everywhere. At that instant, everyone turned their heads to look at Huo Yuhao.

What was an Ultimate Douluo? Ultimate Douluo were so rare that they pretty much existed only in myths! The most powerful soul master in the entire Dou Ling Empire was the Heavenly Sun Douluo. Even then, he had not even reached Rank 98, and was definitely not an Ultimate Douluo.

But now Xu Sanshi was claiming that the young man before them who was only a little older than twenty had already attained the rank of an Ultimate Douluo. All of them simply could not believe what he had just said. In fact, even the Prime Minister seemed a bit doubtful about Xu Sanshi’s words. After all, how was that possible? In the entire history of the Douluo Continent, there was only a single instance when a twenty-year-old young man had attained the rank of an Ultimate Douluo.

In fact, they were not the only ones who were shocked. Even Huo Yuhao could not believe what Xu Sanshi had just said. He knew he was no Ultimate Douluo! After all, he had just become a Transcendent Douluo. What is third senior brother doing?

Xu Sanshi gave a light chuckle before continuing, “I know all of you cannot believe what I have just said. However, have you ever considered what the news from Shrek Academy was suggesting? My little junior brother won seven consecutive battles, and defeated evil soul masters and Class 9 soul engineers. Among them was Zhongli Wu—the Leader of the Holy Ghost Church. Even Zhongli Wu was defeated by my little junior brother. From that day onwards, my little junior brother received the title of Spirit Ice Douluo. Zhongli Wu was previously ascertained by the Academy to be a Rank 98 Transcendent Douluo. This definitely lends credibility to what I have just said. It is also common knowledge that evil soul masters are usually more powerful than soul masters at the same rank as them. Hence, the fact that he was defeated by my little junior brother simply means that he is a real Ultimate Douluo. There’s no other possible explanation. As for whether the Imperial Dragon Soul Engineer Legion and the Evil Tyrant Soul Engineer Legion were really attacked, and whether their legion commander was actually killed, all of you can go ahead and investigate the matter. It shouldn’t be too hard to find out the truth.”

As Xu Sanshi spoke, he became even more confident as he destroyed all of the arguments Xue Kui had put forth.

Everything Xu Sanshi had raised was substantiated with facts. Huo Yuhao’s feat before Shrek City was definitely true, and could never be faked. If Zhongli Wu was really defeated by Huo Yuhao, what else could it mean? Besides, there were also soul masters among the generals and ministers before Xu Sanshi. They naturally knew that battles consumed a lot of soul power. Prior to facing Zhongli Wu, Huo Yuhao had already taken on several Transcendent Douluos. Even though Ma Xiaotao had not attained the Transcendent Douluo rank, her Ultimate Fire martial soul gave her powers that were almost on par with that of a Transcendent Douluo.

Even then, Huo Yuhao was somehow able to secure consecutive victories without any significant rest between the battles. Under such circumstances, the only logical explanation was that Huo Yuhao was an Ultimate Douluo.

An Ultimate Douluo! An Ultimate Douluo was actually standing behind Xu Sanshi.

It was important to note that an Ultimate Douluo had been the most powerful force of destruction before the appearance of Class 9 soul engineers. Before the Sun Moon Empire's recent rise, no other place—other than Shrek Academy—had had Ultimate Douluo.

How powerful was an Ultimate Douluo? It was rumored that an Ultimate Douluo could shift mountains and fill the ocean. He or she would be able to destroy an entire city in the blink of an eye. If an Ultimate Douluo were to support the rule of an Emperor, it would be the best deterrence against any people who harbored ill intentions against the empire.

Even though soul engineers were increasingly well regarded and had almost overtaken the status of soul masters in terms of prestige, everyone was starting to understand how a powerful soul engineer must first be a powerful soul master. This was a fact that Shrek Academy had disseminated to the rest of the continent.

This was exactly why the Sun Moon Empire was so anxious to start the war. In fact, they had no choice but to attempt to conquer the entire continent in the shortest amount of time.

Once the three empires' technological development started to pick up speed, they would definitely be able to overtake the Sun Moon Empire with the huge number of soul masters they had. However, no one knew how long they would need before they successfully overtook the Sun Moon Empire.

Hence, they could only try to conquer the entire continent while they still had an absolute advantage over the other empires. It was only after they had conquered the empire that they could be freed from all of these worries. But when that happened, the Sun Moon Empire would also have no choice but to admit that Shrek Academy's theory was right. They would have to merge the development of soul tools and soul masters.

Hence, Ultimate Douluo were still the most powerful existence in the entire world. In fact, only a Class 10 soul engineer could be compared to an Ultimate Douluo.

However, there was no record of a single Class 10 soul engineer in the history of soul engineers. Hence, Ultimate Douluo were definitely the strongest in the entire continent!

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Hence, when the ministers and generals present in the hall started to believe that Huo Yuhao was an Ultimate Douluo, they changed the way they looked at Xu Sanshi. After seeing this transformation, Xue Kui and Xue Leng revealed grave expressions on their faces.

They had not expected things to turn out this way. Also, they had not even known that Huo Yuhao was an Ultimate Douluo. Today, when they had brought their most powerful underlings with them along with a Class 9 soul engineer from the Sun Moon Empire, they had planned to go all-out to take down Xu

Sanshi and his friends. After all, Xu Sanshi was from Shrek Academy, and they didn't know what kind of reinforcements the Academy would send to assist or avenge him. They knew they would definitely not be able to go up against the Academy. Hence, they knew that they had to kill Xu Sanshi after taking control of the situation before seizing the palace. And when that was done, both father and son would be able to seize the military and then the throne.

Unfortunately, they had failed. And good things never happened to those who failed.

Xu Sanshi strolled towards Xue Kui and Xue Leng before speaking plainly, "There is little royal blood left in the Dou Ling Empire. Yet both of you try to launch a coup for your own selfish reasons right after the Sun Moon Empire has threatened our empire. How dare the two of you try to lead your people to attack me? Neither of you can be spared."

"Your Highness, no..." The Prime Minister sensed that something bad was about to happen, but he was already too late.

Xu Sanshi had raised both of his hands and placed them on Xue Kui's and Xue Leng's heads.

At this instant, a few people rushed out from the group of generals as they tried to stop Xu Sanshi. However, a white figure flashed before them.

The surrounding temperature plunged again as those generals were instantly turned into ice sculptures. In fact, no one had even seen how Huo Yuhao managed to do it.

There were actually quite a few soul masters with seven or eight rings among the generals. However, even they could not help but shudder after sensing the powerful soul power fluctuations radiating from Huo Yuhao's body.

Following which, two loud thuds could be heard as both Xue Kui and Xue Leng started to bleed from their mouths and noses before collapsing onto the ground.

Xu Sanshi took out a handkerchief before using it to wipe his hands, which were not stained with their blood at all.

"It is a fact that both Xue Kui and Xue Leng tried to launch a coup against our empire. They deserved to be sentenced to death. However, because of the contributions their family and ancestors made for the empire, and how royal blood is currently scarce within the empire, their families shall be spared. However, their families will be demoted to commoners. Is everyone agreeable with my verdict?"

The culprits were already dead. Besides, there was an Ultimate Douluo standing behind Xu Sanshi. Only a fool would dare to go against what he had just announced.

Xu Sanshi spoke plainly, "I know some of you in the hall have some links to Xue Kui and Xue Leng. However, right now, our empire is short of talent and manpower. Hence, I can pretend as if nothing had happened to preserve the few resources our empire still possesses. I hope that all of you can value your lives and commit to the betterment of our empire. Prime Minister, I will leave it to you to decide who shall take over command of Xue Kui and Xue Leng's troops."

"Yes, Your Highness." The Prime Minister acknowledged with an unwilling look on his face.

Following which, Xu Sanshi threw the handkerchief in his hand onto the face of the dead Xue Kui.

“Even though the internal conflict within the empire has been settled, we still have external problems to deal with. However, I must admit that I’m not the best at leading an army or fighting wars. I believe that all of you can definitely do that better than me. I must also admit that the internal conflict started because of the power vacuum formed due to the lack of an Emperor. Xue Kui and Xue Leng believed that I was greedy for power. They did not want a person with the surname of Xu to take away the empire built by the Xue family. This was the most important reason why they wanted to start a coup. I found it hilarious because I had never wanted to become an Emperor. I have always been living a free and easy life. So let me now lay down a few important things.”

As he spoke, Xu Sanshi raised his hands and took the purple-gold crown off his head. Following which, he returned to the throne and placed the crown on the seat.

“Now that the internal affairs of the empire have been temporarily stabilized, I think it’s time for all of you to decide who shall inherit the throne. My mother will definitely be staying in the empire, and she will make the final decision as to who shall become the new Emperor. I will now give up my Prince Regent title. From today onwards, Xu Sanshi shall not have any ties or relationship to the Dou Ling Empire. I have already done enough as someone who possesses royal blood.”

After finishing his sentence, Xu Sanshi walked to the side and grabbed Jiang Nannan’s hand. Following which, he sauntered out of the hall.

Every single minister and general was shocked by what they had just witnessed.

What is going on? Is he quitting? Did he just quit his appointment as the Prince Regent and turn down his potential position as the Emperor?

Right now, Xu Sanshi was the only male with royal blood in the entire Dou Ling Empire. Because of what Xue Kui and Xue Leng had done, their descendants no longer had a chance of succeeding the throne.

What will happen to the empire now that Xu Sanshi is leaving? Who’s going to become the Emperor??The Prime Minister, who was usually very calm and composed, started to panic as he knelt down on the ground immediately. “Your Highness, please stay!”

The ministers and generals knelt down in unison as they exclaimed, “Please stay, Your Highness.”

Xu Sanshi held Jiang Nannan’s hand as he stopped walking. “I am both a member of Shrek Academy and a member of the Tang Sect. I don’t usually spend my time mulling over political matters. In fact, I have always been a happy-go-lucky person. But ever since I have arrived at the Dou Ling Empire, I have stopped smiling. Every day, I am suffering under the immense pressure that comes with my position. In addition, all of you have never given me your fullest support. But I understand why you chose to do that. After all, my surname is Xu, not Xue. This is a fundamental difference which is almost irreconcilable. Also, I have never learned how to be an emperor, and have never wanted to learn it. I have no interest in becoming the Emperor of the Dou Ling Empire. I have already made my decision, and none of you need to stop me. All of you should know that it would be futile. With my little junior brother around, none of you will be able to stop me. If all of you still want the Xue family to stay in power, please allow my mother to reign from behind the curtains. After all, she has the Xue surname. It will be a lot easier for you to accept her. In the future, after my wife has given birth to our first son, I will give him the

surname of Xue. If no one opposes it, I will send him back here to receive his education in the Dou Ling Empire. That's all I have to say. Goodbye."

After that, Xu Sanshi held Jiang Nannan's hand before leaping upwards. Following which, both of them flew out of the palace from the hole in the roof.

Following which, Huo Yuhao, Tang Wutong, Ye Guyi, Nan Qiuqiu, and Ji Juechen transformed into seven streaks of light and followed right behind them.

Xue Lingxun sat down at where Xu Sanshi used to sit as the edge of her mouth twitched on its own. She had not known that Xu Sanshi was planning to do this. How could that little rascal not inform me of his plan in advance?

And he just left like that? That's too unbecoming of him. After taking down all of his potential competitors, he left without even bidding a proper goodbye. This was his act of revenge for all the grievances he had felt. Even though the Dou Ling Empire's internal politics were now a lot more stable, how could they function without a leader? However, it was important to note that Xu Sanshi did not leave in an entirely irresponsible fashion. After all, there was a reason why he had made a proper introduction for Huo Yuhao before he left. He wanted to remind the ministers and generals that the Xue family had the support of an Ultimate Douluo. In addition, his mother was backed by Shrek Academy and the Tang Sect. He wanted to let them know that they had better think twice before trying to seize political power from the Xue family.

This was indeed a very shrewd move. However, Xue Lingxun could not help but feel that it was a wasteful act from her son to give up the throne so easily. She came to the conclusion that different types of people were made for different things.

After soaring up into the sky, Xu Sanshi broke out into a loud laugh. The smile which had been missing for a while had finally returned to his face.

Jiang Nannan also revealed a gentle smile. She was definitely the person who understood Xu Sanshi best. She had seen how stressed he had become since he took on the Prince Regent position. Now that he was released from this stress, how could she not be happy?

"Sanshi, is it really okay for us to do this?" Jiang Nannan asked softly.

Xu Sanshi stopped laughing, but his smile was still on his face. "What's wrong with this? We have already done our best to stabilize the empire. After all, what's so good about being an emperor? Do you really think I care so much about such things? In this world, there are only a few things I truly care about—my parents, family, friends, and you. What's the use of having so much power? It won't be as fun as touring the world with you. I am so glad I have broken free from the clutches of those fellows. Did you see how displeased they looked when we left? It was so hilarious. They looked as though they had just eaten shit. Little junior brother, have you taken care of those people?"

Huo Yuhao nodded and said, "I have taken care of them. Those soul masters were merely taking orders from Xue Kui and Xue Leng. I have interrogated them, and they have all expressed their desire to atone for their mistakes by working hard for their new leader. I have left a seal on them, and have passed the method to control the seal to your mother. If they are to harbor any malicious intent against your mother, they will die instantly."

As the successor of a necromancer, it was not difficult for Huo Yuhao to plant such seals on people. With the help and support of those Titled Douluo, Soul Douluo, and Soul Sages, Xue Lingxun would be able to protect herself. This was also why Xu Sanshi was able to leave without any worries.

“I think I’d go crazy if I were to continue to stay at that place even after being freed from my responsibilities.” Xu Sanshi admitted.

Huo Yuhao tried to change the topic. “Third senior brother, how could you betray me like this? When have I become an Ultimate Douluo? Do you know that the words you have said today will spread across the entire continent like wildfire? Now that the Holy Ghost Church and the Sun Moon Empire are coming after me, I already have enough trouble on my plate.”

Xu Sanshi gave him a naughty chuckle. “Come on! Even though you’re not yet an Ultimate Douluo, I believe you’re not too much different from it, right? I might not have become a Titled Douluo, but I believe I can still tell certain things apart. The aura you released when you were dealing with those fellows was more or less on par with that of an Ultimate Douluo. The fact that you were able to freeze so many powerful soul masters with just a single soul skill means that your fighting power is comparable to that of an Ultimate Douluo. On top of that, you have already told me what your martial soul fusion with Wutong can accomplish. So you can stop pretending to the rest of us! The two of you are now somewhat equivalent to an Ultimate Douluo. In this case, I think the Tang Sect will really need to depend on you in the future. In fact, I don’t think the Academy will let you go so easily either. You’ll probably become the Master of the Sea God’s Pavilion in no time. After all, with great power comes great responsibility.”

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Huo Yuhao’s face turned bitter, “Third senior, you know how painful it is to be under heavy pressure. Am I not in pain then? Because of your words, I don’t even dare to return to the academy anymore.”

Xu Sanshi sighed and changed the topic. He said, “When the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion comes and holds down the fort at Dou Ling City, watch my mom deal with those officials and generals. Even though she steps out of line with her words sometimes, she’s still very intelligent. I inherited her intelligence. It’s much better for her to control the empire. At least she grew up in the imperial palace. She must have learned some tips and tricks on how to be the ruler of an empire. What do I know? I’ve been played by those officials and generals. It appears that I’m a prince, but none of my orders have worked out. They always seem to find a reason to challenge me. Things are better now. I can just walk away. The Tang Sect is much more comfortable! As for your problem, you can settle it yourself. If you’re really unwilling to handle it, I can help you tell the others. I’ll just say you and Wutong are both fine.”

Huo Yuhao twisted his lips and said, “Are you doing this for my own good? It concerns too many things in this world. How can I just put it down? Oh yes, third senior, how has the situation in the Sun Moon Empire been during this period of time I took Wutong for treatment? Has the Sun Moon Empire done anything?”

Xu Sanshi shook his head and replied, “I’m not sure. You should also know that the Sun Moon Empire is the best at hiding any information. If they really want to seal off any information, no one will know anything. The Sun Moon Empire’s army has disappeared. They should be in the Heavenly Soul Empire. As for exactly where, no one knows. Who knows when they’ll reappear? They only have two targets –

the Dou Ling Empire and the Star Luo Empire. Oh right, it seems like the academy has become more generous. Not only have they asked the elites from the Dou Ling Empire to return, but they've also sent the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion over to help. Why is this so?"

Huo Yuhao chuckled and answered, "If you have so many Class 9 stationary soul cannon shells, you'll naturally be more generous."

"What?" Xu Sanshi screamed. "Yuhao, don't tell me that you robbed the Sun Moon Empire's imperial palace? Otherwise, how could you have so many Class 9 shells? They're strategic resources. Even the Sun Moon Empire rarely uses them."

Huo Yuhao told him about how he had robbed the Imperial Dragon Soul Engineer Legion. After hearing his story, Xu Sanshi gave him a thumbs-up. Xu Sanshi really wanted to kill everyone from those two soul engineer legions that Huo Yuhao had been up against.

"Yuhao, what are your plans after returning to the sect? Are you going to revamp the sect, or what?"

Huo Yuhao thought about it for a moment before replying, "The situation is a little complicated right now. I need to gather first-hand intelligence before I can decide what to do. I won't return with all of you this time. When you see Elder Xuan after returning, relay the message that both Wutong and I are fine. We are going to the Sun Moon Empire to obtain some intelligence. We'll report back once we've obtained something reliable. Furthermore, we'll also do something to try to delay their army."

"Hmph, I knew you were going to run away again. Alright, you can go. However, you must take care of your safety! Haih, I'm really worrying too much. Given your current abilities, especially your concealment ability, it'll be difficult for anyone to deal with you. Not even an Ultimate Douluo will find it easy."

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, "I'm not that optimistic either. Nothing's impossible. Not only is the Holy Ghost Church after me, but I believe Di Tian is also watching me. He might appear at any time. Do you really think I can fight Di Tian given my current abilities?"

Xu Sanshi shuddered a little. "Little junior, don't scare me. If that's the case, we should split earlier. Both of you can still flee. What about us? It's best to have fewer people."

Huo Yuhao couldn't help but chuckle when he saw him acting afraid. Ye Guyi suddenly flew over and was a little indignant as she said, "Why is he an Ultimate Douluo now? Huo Yuhao, challenge me to a duel if you dare."

Huo Yuhao looked at her and sincerely said, "Guyi, thanks for your help this time. If not for you, everyone might not have hung on until we came."

Ye Guyi's face turned cold and she replied, "You've never treated me as one of you."

"What? Why do you say that?" Huo Yuhao was astonished as he looked at her.

Ye Guyi coldly answered, "I'm also a part of the Tang Sect. It's only right that I protect my comrades. Why are you thanking me in such a superior manner? I'm challenging you to a duel!"

Huo Yuhao was confused as he looked at her. He sighed and asked, "Alright then. Where?"

“Here.” Ye Guyi pointed to the sky. Her six wings fluttered as she rose into the air.

Huo Yuhao was a little helpless as he shook his head. He also flew up.

Jiang Nannan furrowed her brow. Xu Sanshi was even more shocked. “What is she trying to do? She wants to fight even though she just got here. Yuhao is also another one. Why did he agree?”

Tang Wutong smiled at one side and commented, “She’s liked him for so long. It’s only right that she’s using him to vent right now.”

Nan Qiuqiu was curious, “You know about it?”

Tang Wutong revealed a helpless look in her big, pinkish-blue eyes, “I’m not blind. Can’t I tell how she looks at Yuhao? In fact, I think I’m the one she really wants to challenge. However, she believes she can’t stop if she fights me. That’s why she’s using Yuhao to vent. No worries, I don’t mind letting her vent. It’s all for the harmony of the sect.”

Xu Sanshi gave her thumbs-up as he wore an admiring look on his face. “Magnanimous! You have the demeanor of a big-hearted woman. Why don’t you let Yuhao have a few mistresses? I believe the Tang Sect will grow big and strong if he’s willing to open his mouth. Perhaps that War God Empress will come to the Tang Sect. Perhaps Shrek Academy is the one that will rule the continent in the end. Hahaha! Wutong, why are you looking at me like that? I feel a little uncomfortable.”

Tang Wutong snapped at him, “I think you’re looking for it. Come, let me challenge you too. Ever since I became a Transcendent Douluo, I haven’t really fought before. You can be my guinea pig. I can help you build your foundation to make a breakthrough as a Titled Douluo too. Sister Nannan, surely you won’t stop me, right?”

Jiang Nannan’s expression was also back to normal now. “Some people’s mouths are just loose. They deserved to be beaten up. Wutong, don’t leave any face for me.”

As they were speaking, a fight had already begun in the air. Against Huo Yuhao, Ye Guyi had no intention of showing mercy. Her body immediately shone with golden light the moment she started. She unleashed her martial soul true body immediately.

Huo Yuhao wore a bitter look on his face. He only focused on defending himself, and allowed Ye Guyi to assault him.

However, he easily dispelled all her attacks.

It had to be admitted that Ye Guyi’s attacks were very strong. Huo Yuhao was also very impressed by them. When the fight was over, his shirt was already damaged in many areas. There were even a few spots that were charred, and he had to change before leaving.

Ye Guyi was also completely drained. She only stopped her attacks after she used the last streak of her soul power.

Huo Yuhao only paid the price of a piece of shirt. After the fight was over, Ye Guyi appeared to be more relieved. However, she still maintained her silence during the journey back.

After an hour, they separated. Huo Yuhao held onto Tang Wutong as they proceeded in the direction of the Heavenly Soul Empire.

Xu Sanshi waved them goodbye with one hand and used his other hand to rub the bruises on his face. Tang Wutong's abilities had increased drastically. Even his Xuanwu Shield wasn't sufficient to defend against her. However, Tang Wutong still gave Jiang Nannan some face. She didn't really whack him badly. Does this lass not know not to hit someone in the face? Xu Sanshi was displeased as he complained to himself.

In the distance, the Heavenly Soul Empire was within sight. Huo Yuhao was holding onto Tang Wutong, but there was a melancholic expression on his face. *no ve-1b*)In

The Heavenly Soul Empire was gone. It had been wiped from the face of this earth.

After the Sun Moon Empire occupied the entire Heavenly Soul Empire, more than half the territories of the entire continent came under their control. Ever since the Douluo Continent had formed, no empire had occupied such a huge proportion of the continent.

Even if the Star Luo and Dou Ling Empires teamed up, they weren't strong enough to fight the Sun Moon Empire. While one person's fighting strength could decide victory in a fight, it couldn't change the overall situation in the entire continent.

Regarding this, Huo Yuhao was very clear.

The Sun Moon Empire would never stop the war. As human-shaped soul tools kept on developing, their powers were going to increase by leaps and bounds in the short-term.

From the human-shaped soul tools currently used by the Sun Moon Empire, it seemed like they were rather simple. Only the Class 9 ones were strong enough. It was unknown how those lower-tier soul engineers were able to control those human-shaped soul tools, but it was certain that they were still rather impressive.

Under this circumstance, the Sun Moon Empire's soul engineer legions would become even stronger once they were able to equip their soul engineers with more human-shaped soul tools. If the human-shaped soul tools meant that the soul engineer legions could carry more stationary shells and Milk Bottles and increase their defensive strength, that was enough for their overall abilities to increase significantly.

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Human-shaped soul tools were already quite developed. In the near future, the Star Luo and Dou Ling Empire's fate would be sealed when ordinary soldiers could also use simplified soul tools.

Huo Yuhao was a little lost when he thought until here. Since he knew that everything was in vain, why was he still doing it? The continent was going to be dominated by soul tools in the future. This was the natural outcome as technology developed. Perhaps it wasn't a bad thing for the continent to be unified. As long as the Sun Moon Empire was more restrained and passed down the good things of the original three empires, a unified empire wasn't necessarily a bad thing.

However, he would feel very panicky when he thought of this. His own empire could potentially be wiped out. This was definitely not something that would be joyous to anyone.

No matter what the future was going to be like, he was going to do his best to protect his empire.

Even if the Sun Moon Empire ruled the entire continent, he wouldn't be around anymore. Furthermore, the Soul Tool Hall was still improving day by day. In addition, both the Dou Ling and Star Luo Empires were quickly developing their own soul tools. If they delayed the Sun Moon Empire's unification of the continent, it might be possible for them to remove the threat that the Sun Moon Empire posed. When that happened, the continent would still remain divided. As more and more of their soul masters started using soul tools, the Dou Ling and Star Luo Empires might actually have an opportunity to counter the Sun Moon Empire.

Of course, this was the ideal situation. After the Heavenly Soul Empire was wiped out, didn't the Sun Moon Empire reorganize part of its soul masters?

Not every soul master in the Heavenly Soul Empire had as much backbone as Du Busi. At least this wasn't the situation now. If not, how could the Sun Moon Empire form a few more soul engineer legions out of nothing? Where did the soul engineers come from? Weren't they just soul masters equipped with soul tools? Using soul tools wasn't very difficult. A soul master could use soul tools after some simple training. It was not as if they were required to manufacture them.

The overall strength of the Sun Moon Empire was still very great! Whether it was the Star Luo or Dou Ling Empire that was destroyed next, it would result in an irreversible outcome. Right now, the only hope they had was that internal problems would arise in the Sun Moon Empire. For example, Ju Zi's suggestion was one.

If Xu Tianran could be killed, Ju Zi would give the Star Luo and Dou Ling Empires ten years of buffer time. After ten years, who knew what the situation would be like? At least, Huo Yuhao could still reach Rank 98 within ten years and aim to become an Ultimate Douluo with three soul cores.

If he really succeeded, no one knew how powerful he would be. Perhaps soul tools could no longer threaten him. If that was the case, everything would be different. Moreover, could he really not change an entire war with his individual ability once his fighting strength reached an extreme? For example, could he possibly abduct Ju Zi and her son? If internal problems kept arising in the Sun Moon Empire, perhaps the threat they posed could really be removed. *no ve-1b*)In

When he thought until here, Huo Yuhao felt more and more tortured. However, he started to understand why Du Busi was so proud that he chose to die instead. He really had no choice! His empire was on the brink of collapse. If he didn't resort to such an extreme method, there was nothing he could change.

However, could Huo Yuhao really do the same? No, he couldn't. Not even talking about anything else, he couldn't even convince himself.

He also didn't know how Xu Yunhan was right now. When he thought of how close both of them were earlier, Huo Yuhao felt much more relaxed. He had to have a few such kids with Tang Wutong in the future. Wutong is so pretty. Our kids should be very good-looking.

As he gently held onto Tang Wutong's hand, he felt how delicate her small hand was. He felt a little passionate right now. His father-in-law, whom he had not met before, had finally let him off. The seal had been removed. It seemed like he could do more things now.

However, perhaps he might have been traumatized, or perhaps he treasured Wutong too much, but Huo Yuhao hadn't done anything yet.

As they entered the Heavenly Soul Empire's borders, they inevitably ran into high altitude aerial surveillance soul tools drifting in the sky.

Huo Yuhao would always have a fresh feeling when he saw these soul tools. This was because they were all modified.

The Sun Moon Empire never once relaxed on their research of soul tool technology. They kept on improving their soul tools. The pressure of war enabled them to fully understand the huge advantage that technology gave them.

However, these surveillance soul tools weren't modified as rapidly as the improvements in Huo Yuhao's abilities. They were unable to find traces of Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong no matter what.

This plain terrain in the Heavenly Soul Empire was very level. To find an army in such a huge empire wasn't easy. Huo Yuhao wasn't very anxious either. He only led Tang Wutong around within the empire. Whenever they reached a city, they would enter to seek intelligence, as well as try the local delicacies.

Of course, he wasn't just drifting without any purpose. First, he moved along the side of the Heavenly Soul Empire that was close to the Dou Ling Empire's borders. If the Sun Moon Empire wanted to attack the Dou Ling Empire, it had to station troops along this stretch. However, nothing like this happened. This meant that the Sun Moon Empire was unlikely to attack the Dou Ling Empire in the short-term. If it wasn't the Dou Ling Empire, was it the Star Luo Empire?

This discovery left Huo Yuhao very tense. Precisely because he was very familiar with Ju Zi, he was more aware that Ju Zi hated the Star Luo Empire! Her family members had perished during a clash between the Star Luo Empire and Sun Moon Empire. As a result, she would bring the war to the Star Luo Empire once she had the slightest chance to do so. The reason why she hadn't targeted the Star Luo Empire earlier was because it was the strongest among the three empires of the original Douluo Continent. If the Sun Moon Empire dealt with the Star Luo Empire first, it would suffer much greater losses, especially if the Star Luo Empire had the support of Shrek Academy. If the Sun Moon Empire failed to take the Star Luo Empire down, it was also difficult to tell how greatly the Sun Moon Empire would be drained as the war went on.

The White Tiger Duke was a reputable general. Everyone knew this. Ju Zi also regarded him as her most formidable opponent.

Currently, the Star Luo Empire still threatened the Sun Moon Empire with their control of the Ming Dou Mountain Range. They restrained part of the Sun Moon Empire's forces.

However, it was a very good time for the Sun Moon Empire to attack the Star Luo Empire right now. The Heavenly Soul Empire had already been wiped out and the Dou Ling Empire was facing internal chaos. They couldn't even protect themselves, much less help the Star Luo Empire. Apart from Shrek

Academy's help, the Star Luo Empire didn't have any other external reinforcements. In terms of strength, the Star Luo Empire was still inferior to the Sun Moon Empire.

When he thought until here, Huo Yuhao hurriedly led Tang Wutong deeper into the Heavenly Soul Empire. He wanted to take a look at Heaven Dou City first before proceeding to the Star Luo Empire's borders. If Ju Zi was really intent on attacking the Star Luo Empire, Huo Yuhao had to intervene.

Even Huo Yuhao didn't realize that his concern for the White Tiger Duke had exceeded his hate for him as time passed.

Heaven Dou City didn't seem any different from how it was before. After it went through war, it was devastated for a period of time. However, it was soon rebuilt by the Sun Moon Empire. Not only did it regain its former look, but it was also becoming more and more prosperous after soul tools were introduced to the civilians in the city.

Huo Yuhao had the illusion that this city hadn't been through a war when he entered. The streets were bustling with activity, and everyone appeared to be very happy. It was as if the pain that this city had once been through had vanished.

Civilians were really the easiest people to satisfy. As long as they didn't go hungry, weren't cold and had a roof above their heads, they were content. As for who their ruler was, they weren't too bothered.

Huo Yuhao sighed before gently shaking his head. He led Tang Wutong towards the imperial palace in the city.

They had once met the Darkness Holy Dragon Long Xiaoyao here and almost died. However, they weren't so afraid of him now. The imperial palace was the best place for them to obtain any intelligence.

Huo Yuhao had already unleashed his omnidirectional Spiritual Detection. With his current cultivation, his Spiritual Detection was sufficient to cover half the entire city.

There weren't many troops stationed in the city. After all, this was a landlocked city, and wasn't the capital. It was just a huge city.

The Sun Moon Empire didn't erect very strong defenses for the inner cities. It seemed like they didn't remember how Huo Yuhao had once destroyed many of their cities.

Right now, Huo Yuhao had the idea of returning to lead his three soul engineer legions to cause trouble in the Sun Moon Empire once again, so that the Star Luo Empire and Dou Ling Empire had more time. However, it seemed like this idea was a little unrealistic right now.

The academy needed to be defended, and the Tang Sect Soul Engineer Legion was being sent to the Dou Ling Empire. As for the two other soul engineer legions, their situation wasn't very clear. Given how intent the Sea God's Pavilion was on protecting the academy, Huo Yuhao wouldn't be allowed to use the soul engineer legions now.

It seemed like he could only cause destruction on his own.

The imperial palace was within sight. Huo Yuhao could sense more and more soldiers, as well as many surveillance soul tools inside the imperial palace scanning the outside. Some of these surveillance soul tools were even unfamiliar to him.

“Do we go in? Or what?” Tang Wutong softly asked Huo Yuhao.

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Huo Yuhao shook his head and replied, “No, let’s not enter for now. Let’s observe a little longer first. There are some surveillance soul tools that I’m unfamiliar with. It’s best to be careful.”

Before he came to Heaven Dou City, Huo Yuhao was actually a little eager. If the Sun Moon Empire’s army needed a place to reorganize, Heaven Dou City would be the most suitable place to do so. There were plenty of resources here.

It was a pity that there wasn’t an army outside the city. Huo Yuhao even had the illusion that their army had disappeared. This was a very frightening feeling for him.

Tang Wutong asked, “Should we capture someone and interrogate him?”

Huo Yuhao shook his head and said, “I’m afraid only those in power will know any military secrets. Let’s observe first before we find anyone. Once we find someone, we’ll ‘invite’ him out at night.”

As he spoke, he had already focused his Spiritual Detection inside the palace. He scanned the place in detail.

Very soon, Huo Yuhao found a very familiar figure. He had once met this person the last time he was here.

He was Jing Hongchen, the Dean of the Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineering Academy.

Of course, the original Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineering Academy was long gone by now. The Illustrious Virtue Hall was also gone. Huo Yuhao didn’t know if they had been rebuilt. However, it seemed like Jing Hongchen would have nothing to do with them even if they were rebuilt, judging from the fact that he was in this city now.

While Jing Hongchen continued to back Xu Tianran, Xu Tianran still threw him one side after he gained the throne. Of course, Heaven Dou City was still very important. To be the mayor of this city was still considered good enough for Jing Hongchen.

Not only did he find Jing Hongchen, but Huo Yuhao also discovered two very familiar people. Both of them had once given him a lot of trouble on a competition stage. Huo Yuhao hadn’t expected them to be alive.

“Wutong, guess who I found?” Huo Yuhao mysteriously asked Tang Wutong.

Tang Wutong was curious as she asked, “Who? From your expression, it seems like it’s someone we know.”

Huo Yuhao nodded. “Do you still remember that lady who once had a crush on you? She was really nice to you.” As he spoke until here, he couldn’t help but chuckle.

“She had a crush on me?” Tang Wutong was stunned. After this, she recalled, “Are you talking about Meng Hongchen? I always thought she had died in that huge explosion.”

Huo Yuhao shook his head and answered, "No, she didn't die. She's in the palace right now. She's not the only one. Xiao Hongchen is also here. Enemies always cross the same path! We fought them to the death once. Xiao Hongchen was heavily hurt. I didn't expect him to survive. In addition, they aren't weak right now. They should be Soul Douluo. Even though they can't compare to us, they are still one of the better ones in the Sun Moon Empire. Come to think about it, they can't be considered soul engineers. They're more like soul masters. Xiao Hongchen's talent is astonishing. I wonder how their fighting strength is right now."

Tang Wutong's expression turned weird. "We're supposed to be enemies, but for some reason, you seem to be very excited talking about them. They're really our old foes. Yuhao, let them off this time. Let's not kill them, okay?"

Huo Yuhao smiled as he nodded and said, "I have the same feeling as you. Let's not kill them. I didn't have the intention of killing them either. Let's just pay them a visit. As for Jing Hongchen, we'll let him off as long as he tells us what we want to know. If not for the pressure they placed on me, I wouldn't have developed so quickly."

Both of them looked at each other and smiled. When a person's abilities reached a certain level, there were many things in the past that they didn't care about anymore. At least, this was what was happening to the two of them right now. Jing Hongchen's family could no longer pose any threat to them.

Night fell. Huo Yuhao held Tang Wutong's hand and confidently walked into the palace, camouflaged in the darkness of the night.

Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection and Imitation combined perfectly. Along with delicate control of his Snowy Domain of Ultimate Ice, Huo Yuhao managed to modify their body temperatures. He also used spatial power to alter any traces of their presence. With their twin soul cores, they could appear and disappear anytime and anywhere they wanted.

Whether it was oscillation detectors, thermal detectors or spiritual detectors, Huo Yuhao could anticipate them beforehand and react accordingly.

Xu Sanshi was right. Huo Yuhao possessed some abilities that were on the level of an Ultimate Douluo. These surveillance soul tools were completely useless against him.

Unless the Sun Moon Empire came up with a soul tool that could seal space, it would be very difficult for them to discover him at all.

They walked into the palace as if they were walking into their garden.

Heaven Dou City's Imperial Palace had a long history. When it still belonged to the Heavenly Soul Empire, the furnishings and decorations inside the palace weren't considered very new or modern. Instead they were very simple and ancient. It had appeared very dignified and awe-inspiring at the same time. It was just that some soul lamps now affected the simple and ancient feel inside the palace.

As he looked at the dirty spots on the walls, Huo Yuhao knew that the Sun Moon Empire had no intention of refurbishing this palace. It was a pity. It was really a pity.

Huo Yuhao still recalled the significance of this city to the Tang Sect. The sect came from Heaven Dou City! There was even a large courtyard in this city that belonged to the Tang Sect. No matter what happened in the future, he was intent on reclaiming that courtyard. That was also Tang Ya's wish.

Under the guidance of his Spiritual Detection, they quickly entered the palace.

There were five hundred troops stationed inside the palace. Apart from them, there were another a hundred soul engineers. These soul engineers were responsible for a soul formation that was used to defend the entire palace. They coordinated with all types of surveillance soul tools. To ordinary people, this place was impenetrable.

However, that wasn't true for Huo Yuhao.

He revealed a smile on his face and led Tang Wutong to the front of a palace hall. He stopped a few steps in front of the door and shared his Spiritual Detection with Tang Wutong. A three-dimensional image appeared in their minds.

Inside the palace hall.

Jing Hongchen gently sipped on a cup of wine. There was a comfortable look on his elderly-looking face. "Great wine, this is great wine! Such great wine is one of the best in the Heavenly Soul Empire. Even Xu Tianran might not have tasted such great wine in his life."

There was a strange expression on Huo Yuhao's face. Jing Hongchen was so domineering in the past, but he was relegated to tasting wine now. This was completely not his style!

When he was in control of the Illustrious Virtue Hall and Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineering Academy, his authority was unrivaled. The Illustrious Virtue Hall was one of the most prestigious research organizations in the Sun Moon Empire, along with the Worship Hall. It had played a huge role in the development of the Sun Moon Empire's technology.

However, his aura right now was much different from before. His cultivation even seemed to have fallen. It was very reflective of how his mentality had changed over the years.

"Grandpa, you should drink less." Meng Hongchen was advising him from one side.

Jing Hongchen snorted. "What do I do if I don't drink? In this city, I'm not needed unless something special happens. I'm only a figurehead here. Xu Tianran, I helped you to where you are now, but I've landed in such a state. You even excluded me from the rebuilding of the Illustrious Virtue Hall. Since that's the case, what else can I do except drink and rot here?"

Xiao Hongchen was furious as he said, "Xu Tianran is too despicable. You contributed so much for him in the past. You supported him when no one did. But he's treated you like this. Isn't that just because he controls the Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineer Legion now? He dared to kick you to one side and give the important roles to those around him. He's really despicable. He only steers clear of those from the Worship Hall. In my opinion, he wouldn't even care about the Worship Hall if his Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineer Legion was stronger. Grandpa, I don't understand. Why didn't you go to the Worship Hall in the past?"

Jing Hongchen sighed and replied, "It's not that I'm unwilling. I didn't have the face to do it! How can I face your great-grandfather after the Illustrious Virtue Hall was destroyed in my hands? How can I go to the Worship Hall if I have no face to see him? Why did you think I came here to take up this post? If Xu Tianran didn't tell your great-grandfather before he sent me here, would he have dared to treat me like this? Your great-grandfather didn't say anything because he wanted to punish me! What could I say? I could only go. I'll probably be stuck here for the rest of my life. However, don't learn from me. Both of you are extremely talented. All these years, both of you have been improving too. I'm only keeping you here so that you'll shock the world one day. When both of you become Titled Douluo, our Hongchen family will rise once again. When that happens, both of you can find your great-grandfather. I no longer have any potential, but you still do. When you enter the Worship Hall, that'll be the day that the Hongchen family rises once again. When that happens, you must fight for control of the Illustrious Virtue Hall. It's the core of our empire!"

After listening to Jing Hongchen's words, Xiao Hongchen and Meng Hongchen nodded. Xiao Hongchen even clenched his fists. "Grandpa, don't worry. We'll work hard. One day, we'll become the best!"

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Jing Hongchen looked at Xiao Hongchen and said, "Kid, you were born at the wrong time! If you had avoided this period of time, you'd be a leading figure in any other era. It's a pity that Shrek Academy has too many talents in this era. They've suppressed you, such that you can't fulfil your potential. You've even wasted a lot of potential trying to increase your cultivation, leaving side effects. Otherwise, you would have become a Titled Douluo given the amount of resources we've poured into you."

When Xiao Hongchen competed in of the Continental Advanced Soul Master Academy Soul Dueling Tournament for the second time, he had used some kind of special method to increase his cultivation. He had stimulated his own potential to quickly become a Soul Sage. He was preparing to shine in the tournament, but who knew that he would still lose tragically? He even almost lost his life. After that, he only recovered his vital energy after recuperating for five years. Although he had been cultivating tirelessly over the years, his cultivation still lagged too far behind his sister. He had just become a Soul Douluo, but Meng Hongchen was already at Rank 87. Soon, she would try to make a breakthrough to become a Titled Douluo.

Xiao Hongchen walked in front of Jing Hongchen and grabbed his wine flask. He downed two mouthfuls from it. After this, his eyes turned red as he said, "Shrek, it's all Shrek's fault. They were the ones who thwarted my destiny. One day, I'll completely destroy Shrek Academy if I manage to make my way into the Illustrious Virtue Hall and control it. I'll let Huo Yuhao and the rest watch as Shrek Academy is destroyed."

"Shut up!" Jing Hongchen snatched the flask back. He was furious as he said, "What nonsense are you spouting? Do you think you can destroy Shrek Academy on your own? Remember, don't let this idea resurface again. Otherwise, you'll implicate our entire family with you. Do you understand?"

Xiao Hongchen retorted, "Grandpa, didn't you teach me to aim far and wide since my youth? Why can't I destroy Shrek Academy? Why?"

“You don’t know your limits.” A low-pitched voice sounded. The three of them were astonished at the same time. They turned in the direction of the voice. In the night, the lighting inside the palace was very dim. At this moment, two figures gradually appeared.

They were all astonished when they saw the appearance of those two figures.

Xiao Hongchen’s reaction was the biggest. He almost leapt forward instantly. When he saw his enemy, he became agitated. How could he possibly keep calm?

Huo Yuhao held Tang Wutong’s hand and silently stared at the three of them.

Xiao Hongchen and Meng Hongchen had both grown up. They were no longer as young as they looked in the past. Meng Hongchen was still as pretty as she was before. However, Xiao Hongchen’s hair had already started to turn slightly grey, even though he was still less than thirty.

Right now, he was about to spew flames from his eyes as he saw Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong.

However, he didn’t leap out eventually. Just before he moved, Jing Hongchen pulled him back.

Meng Hongchen looked at Huo Yuhao in a daze. When she finally turned her attention to Tang Wutong, her face also turned pale. In her mind, she would never forget Wang Dong. He was her first crush! However, it had only ended in pain. After all these years, it still tortured her greatly.

Meng Hongchen looked at Tang Wutong in a daze and muttered, “What should I call you now?”

Tang Wutong also looked a little awkward as she nodded at her. She replied, “I’m Tang Wutong.”

“Tang Wutong? Aren’t you Wang Qiu’er or Wang Dong’er?” Meng Hongchen was a little astonished.

Xiao Hongchen roared, “Grandpa, let go of me!”

“Shut up!” Jing Hongchen stood up suddenly. “Piak!” Xiao Hongchen was slapped.

Right now, Jing Hongchen appeared more domineering than he was before. His terrifying and suppressive aura was unleashed towards Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong.

Huo Yuhao smiled. He didn’t even move. The aura from Jing Hongchen disappeared once it was ten meters from him. Jing Hongchen couldn’t even tell what skill he had used.

Jing Hongchen’s expression changed, and he said, “Both of you, leave right now. There’s no need to get reinforcements. Quickly, leave this place and return to Radiant City.” He was talking to Xiao Hongchen and Meng Hongchen.

“No, I’m not going!” Xiao Hongchen still refused to listen after being slapped. He had been suppressing his anger for many years. If not for Huo Yuhao, he wouldn’t be in such a state. Would his cultivation have stalled for so many years? He was supposed to be a generational talent, but he couldn’t even touch the peak of this world anymore. He was full of hate right now! He hated Huo Yuhao the most.

“Shut up! Get lost.” Jing Hongchen turned pale. “This rascal. Is it time to be emotional? Even five evil Transcendent Douluo from the Holy Ghost Church lost to this young man. What does he intend on relying on to fight him?”

Jing Hongchen was once the head of the Illustrious Virtue Hall. He had many avenues to turn to for information. He didn't believe that the hundred soul engineers in the palace were capable of dealing with Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong. Perhaps they were already dead.

He was only relying on his own strength to seek an escape route for his two grandchildren right now.

"Grandpa, we won't leave. Even if we die today, we must die with you." Meng Hongchen walked to Jing Hongchen's side, and a layer of white fog slowly surfaced from her body. She unleashed her Vermilion Clear Ice toad, and white air currents engulfed her. However, they didn't move towards Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong. This was because she was aware that her lethal poison was useless against Ultimate Ice.

Xiao Hongchen was also much more aware now. He gritted his teeth and stood on the other side of Jing Hongchen. Dark golden light flashed from his body. He unleashed his Three-Legged Golden Toad and was prepared to fight.

When he saw how the three of them were ready to fight, Huo Yuhao laughed. Then, he said, "Hallmaster Hongchen, would you believe me if I said we aren't here to hurt the three of you?"

Jing Hongchen was stunned. However, he didn't relax because of this. "What do you guys want then?"

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong had appeared here without any warning. Weren't they here for something? Jing Hongchen had heard that Huo Yuhao had once led soul engineer legions to cause trouble in the Sun Moon Empire, causing huge losses. Would he really show mercy now that he was here? It was important to know that the Sun Moon Empire had even surrounded Shrek City not long ago, but Huo Yuhao was the one who forced them to retreat. n).OVELIn

Huo Yuhao sighed slightly and replied, "I really have no intention to kill anyone. To be honest, it's been many years, but what happened in the past still flashes before our eyes. Although we were once opponents, we shouldn't be enemies if our empires aren't at war with each other. Xiao Hongchen, Meng Hongchen, I should thank both of you. Both of you trained me, so that I managed to develop more quickly."

Xiao Hongchen's eyes turned red. "Are you treating me as a stepping stone?"

Huo Yuhao shook his head and replied, "Nope, never. I just have this feeling when I think of the past. We were not comparable to both of you in the past. However, we had strong fighting wills. Eventually, we emerged victorious. It's just we didn't expect you to take such an extreme path. If you hadn't overly stimulated your potential back then, we'd still be opponents now. It's a pity."

"Am I not fit to be your opponent now?" Xiao Hongchen was furious. He suddenly lifted his right hand, turning it into a dark gold metal barrel. A dark gold shell was instantly fired towards Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong.

Huo Yuhao shook his head and lifted his right hand. He waved it gently, causing the temperature to suddenly fall. In the next instant, that dark golden shell disappeared.

Only Tang Wutong saw a small slit in the air where the shell crossed it. That slit devoured the shell. As for where it exploded, she didn't know.

As they were moving around the Heavenly Soul Empire over the past few years, they had been cultivating too. They were sensing spatial power. After all, spatial power might be the key to their breakthroughs to Ultimate Douluo in the future. Right now, they had developed some understanding of spatial power. Using it now had started to take effect.

Jing Hongchen's expression changed. He knew what power his grandson had just unleashed. He didn't expect it to hurt Huo Yuhao, but he didn't expect it to be neutralized so easily either. Huo Yuhao is indeed much stronger than I expected. How has he done this even though he's so young?

Meng Hongchen was furious. "Huo Yuhao, why are you flaunting your powers here? What do you really want?"

Huo Yuhao didn't even look at her. Rather, he turned to Jing Hongchen. "Hallmaster Hongchen, we don't wish to kill anyone today. That's why I hope you can ask your grandchildren to curb their behavior. I only have one question to ask. Tell me the answer and we'll leave. I promise I won't harm them either."

"What if I don't answer you?" Jing Hongchen asked coldly.

Huo Yuhao calmly replied, "I wouldn't mind helping Shrek Academy remove some potential threats. I've killed many members of the Sun Moon Empire over the past few years. I can't even count how many anymore. Two more wouldn't matter."

Jing Hongchen's expression changed. "Are you threatening me?"

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Huo Yuhao smiled, "If you think it is, then it is one. So what if I threaten you?"

Power was everything. Jing Hongchen was evidently scared out of his wits by Huo Yuhao. However, he couldn't do anything. He couldn't not be terrified. The three of them were not as strong as Huo Yuhao. Moreover, Tang Wutong was with him.

"What do you want to know?" Jing Hongchen tolerated the humiliation and opened his arms wide to stop Xiao Hongchen and Meng Hongchen.

Huo Yuhao asked, "I want to know where the Sun Moon Empire's army is right now. It's too troublesome to find them slowly, and I just so happened to pass by Heaven Dou City. That's why I'm here to ask you. Give me accurate information, and I'll leave immediately."

Jing Hongchen was furious. "You want me to betray my empire? No!"

Huo Yuhao nodded. He didn't say anything else, and just pointed his right hand at Jing Hongchen. As he lifted it, a golden sun and blue moon slowly rose behind him. An unprecedentedly strong aura was instantly unleashed.

Xu Sanshi was right. When Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong fused their martial souls, they possessed the abilities of an Ultimate Douluo!

Jing Hongchen shouted, and his body shone with red light. A disc drifted in front of him, and bright red light shone. It turned into a huge screen that protected him and his two grandchildren.

Huo Yuhao was a little empathetic as he looked at him. Then, he shook his head.

Without a doubt, Jing Hongchen had unleashed his Class 9 defensive-type soul tool, Hongchen's Yearning. Compared to ordinary Class 9 soul engineers, Jing Hongchen was much stronger. He also had many powerful Class 9 soul tools with him. However, he was only a Class 9 soul engineer.

An icy-blue glow flashed before disappearing. In the sky, a layer of morning dew appeared.

White scratch marks appeared on the surface of the Hongchen's Yearning. Jing Hongchen groaned and only felt as if his body was being separated. He felt as if he was being torn apart.

It was a terrifying feeling. Jing Hongchen was frightened. Before he could even react further, Huo Yuhao was already within the Hongchen's Yearning, and Tang Wutong with him.

The temperature fell to negative one hundred and fifty degree Celsius. The extremely low temperature was the best domain to use. Whether it was Jing Hongchen, Xiao Hongchen or Meng Hongchen, they all felt as if their blood had coagulated. Their soul power, blood and even aura weren't flowing properly. They had no choice but to circulate their soul power to maintain their body temperatures.

After this, they saw a smile on Huo Yuhao's face. It wasn't an arrogant smile, but it gave them the feeling that they couldn't resist him.

Huo Yuhao shook his head at the three of them. As he moved his right hand, dark gold blades of light appeared. He smacked down another of Jing Hongchen's Class 9 soul tools.

A low-pitched dragon roar echoed in front of Tang Wutong. A purplish-gold dragon head spat out countless streaks of flowing light, suppressing Xiao Hongchen and Meng Hongchen, who could only struggle with all their might.

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong used their Instant Teleportation and disappeared. When they reappeared, they were already in front of Xiao Hongchen.

Xiao Hongchen, who was about to turn fluid, was locked in his current state by the low temperature. Huo Yuhao palmed the air, sealing the space around him. This caused Xiao Hongchen's body to freeze up immediately.

Tang Wutong's body shone brightly with golden light. As a sonorous dragon roar echoed, Jing Hongchen and Meng Hongchen's attacks were completely devoured by that purplish-gold light. They couldn't pose any threat to Huo Yuhao at all.

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong returned to where they were as they instantly stepped back. However, Xiao Hongchen was in front of them right now. The dark gold Xiao Hongchen had been completely frozen.

Huo Yuhao pressed his palm against Xiao Hongchen's head. He appeared very calm as he looked at Jing Hongchen.

Jing Hongchen's body was shaking. It wasn't because he was furious, but because he was terrified.

He's too strong. That's right, he's really that strong! After he personally witnessed it, he finally understood why Huo Yuhao said everything he did earlier, and why he had promised to let them off. The

three of them were no longer fit to be his opponents. The revenge that Xiao Hongchen was harping on earlier was just a joke.

An Ultimate Douluo who's only twenty plus years of age? It seems like this world is really about to change! The heavens gave the Sun Moon Empire such powerful soul tools, but they gave such a freak to the three empires of the original Douluo Continent. Who can challenge such a freak? At least it's not possible for me.

Jing Hongchen shut his eyes in pain. He nodded at Huo Yuhao and said, "Alright, I'll tell you."

If it was twenty years ago, or even ten years ago, he would have protected his own dignity even if it was at the expense of watching his biological grandson die in front of him, given his character as the Hallmaster of the Illustrious Virtue Hall.

However, things were different now. He was old. He was an old man. He treasured his family more. He only had these two outstanding grandchildren now. They were his entire hope. They were also the hope of his family. Jing Hongchen's subordinates and friends were almost all dead from that huge explosion. Otherwise, why would he be in this state? This was why he had no choice. He could only compromise, as long as he could save his grandchildren's lives.

Huo Yuhao nodded. As he shook his hand, Xiao Hongchen was in front of Jing Hongchen again. The effect of ice on his body also disappeared. Huo Yuhao wasn't even a little afraid that Jing Hongchen was going to go back on his word. If he could capture Xiao Hongchen once, he could do it again.

Xiao Hongchen was still shuddering even after he returned to normal. He wasn't afraid, but was still shaking from the cold.

He was a little dazed as he looked at Huo Yuhao. If he still had some energy when he was furious, he was only left with desolation now. Yes, it was desolation.

What should I do? How can I resist him??He couldn't find the answer. He even understood that he might never find an answer for the rest of his life.

Huo Yuhao shook his head at him and said, "I know how to show gratitude. Thanks for putting pressure on me then. Thanks for being my opponent then. I won't kill you today. You don't have to be so frightened either. If you want to seek revenge, I welcome you anytime. However, you need to work harder." *n/Ovel&In*

Xiao Hongchen's face suddenly turned blood-red. He spat out a mouthful of blood and staggered.

Jing Hongchen was furious. "Go, please go. The Sun Moon Empire's army is two hundred and fifty kilometers to the south of Heaven Dou City. They are resting at a place surrounded by mountains. Go! Don't let me see either of you again."

If Huo Yuhao continued speaking, he might forever lose his grandson. His only wish was for them to leave now. The best thing was that he would never see them again.

Huo Yuhao nodded at Jing Hongchen. "Hallmaster Hongchen, take care." After getting the answer he wanted, he held Tang Wutong's hand before turning and leaving.

"Wait a minute." Jing Hongchen suddenly called.

Huo Yuhao stopped in his tracks and turned back to look. "Hallmaster, what else do you have to say?"

Jing Hongchen paused for a moment before saying, "Huo Yuhao, I have something to tell you. Currently, the War God Empress is under investigation by His Majesty. I don't know why, but it has something to do with the Holy Ghost Church. I heard that the soul engineers in the army killed many of the lower-tier members of the Holy Ghost Church. Only the evil Titled Douluo managed to escape. There's also some confusion regarding this in the capital. That's also the reason why the army hasn't done anything yet. However, I also hear the War God Empress has deployed newly-trained soul engineers to fill up the gaps in the soul engineer legions. They are accumulating their strength."

"Oh?" Huo Yuhao was a little astonished as he looked at Jing Hongchen. He hadn't expected him to say something like this.

Jing Hongchen continued, saying, "Currently, the newly-trained soul engineers should be on the way. I predict that His Majesty wouldn't want to offend the two Ultimate Douluo in the Holy Ghost Church over this matter. However, the strength under His Majesty is getting stronger and stronger. It's also not a fact that the two Ultimate Douluo are at an absolute advantage. At least the War God Empress should be fine. His Majesty trusts her the most. Furthermore, he'll still need to rely on her to help him in the war. It's a good opportunity now. As for what you can do, it'll depend on you. I shall not speak further. I shall just take it as a favor that I'm repaying for not killing us."

Huo Yuhao smiled and replied, "Thanks for telling us." After he finished, he held onto Tang Wutong and turned around before leaving.

Xiao Hongchen and Meng Hongchen were both astonished as they looked at their grandfather. They wouldn't have expected him to tell Huo Yuhao such a confidential secret.

"Neither of you can't understand why, right? I'm telling him the truth. I didn't lie at all. Don't you think I'm betraying my empire?" Jing Hongchen spoke self-mockingly.

Xiao Hongchen's voice was a little hoarse as he asked, "Grandpa, why did you do that?"

Jing Hongchen looked at him coldly. "Now do you know how ridiculous you were acting earlier? Let me tell you. Even if our empire rules the entire continent, Shrek Academy will be fine. The empire will not target the academy. The reason is simple. It's an academy, not an empire. This is also why Shrek Academy is very clever. They've never leaned towards any side. They only influence soul masters and soul engineers. No matter which empire rules the continent, it'll want such a prestigious academy to stick around. This is why Shrek Academy has survived so long, and will continue to survive. If the empire really wants to destroy Shrek Academy, it might even catalyze its own downfall. This is because there are too many powerful individuals in the academy."

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"For example, there are many among the Heavenly Soul Empire who were from Shrek Academy that have already submitted to the Sun Moon Empire. They can submit after the Heavenly Soul Empire perished. However, do you believe that they'll immediately revolt if Shrek Academy is destroyed? Both of you have been to Shrek Academy before. Tell me, how does it feel over there?"

Xiao Hongchen gritted his teeth and didn't say anything. Meng Hongchen said, "It's really a learning institution that every soul master wants to go to. Even though we were ostracized by the students there, the teachers didn't do the same. As long as we asked, we got the correct answers. Over there, they have the best learning and cultivation atmosphere. Any student that hails from Shrek Academy is outstanding. Furthermore, everyone has a deep love for the academy. If possible, I would really love to go back there to learn. That's why I can understand why many of their inner courtyard students choose to remain with the academy."

"Nonsense!" Xiao Hongchen roared furiously.

Jing Hongchen shook his head and said, "Kid, you're too stubborn. Did you know? I've been to Shrek Academy before, and really wanted to learn there once. That's also the reason why both of you were able to go there in the exchange. It's because I was relying on you to fulfil my dream! I know how outstanding their students are. Those who come to the Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineering Academy will be accomplished too, but I still couldn't help but send both of you there. It's not just me. Every soul master wants to go there. Everyone wants to go there, even His Majesty!"

"His Majesty?" Meng Hongchen exclaimed.

Jing Hongchen nodded and answered, "Believe it or not. If His Majesty rules the continent in the future, the Crown Prince will learn in Shrek Academy, as long as his safety can be guaranteed. This is the charm of Shrek Academy! That's why Shrek will be fine. Everything that Xiao mentioned earlier is just ridiculous."

"As for why I told Huo Yuhao everything earlier, the reason is actually very simple. It's because I hope that he'll know, or rather, I don't wish to see the empire dominate the continent so quickly. If the empire successfully rules the continent, soul engineers like us will lose our footing. As long as the war continues, both of you have the opportunity to shine in the Worship Hall in the future. This is why I did that. That's right, I betrayed my empire. However, I had to do it for my family." n-}0vel&1n

Jing Hongchen shut his eyes in pain. "Both of you must remember that you should never treat Huo Yuhao as your target anymore. Neither of you stand a chance. I've never even heard of such an extraordinary genius emerging from Shrek Academy before. He's already fully developed. Even the two Ultimate Douluo in the Holy Ghost Church might not even be able to kill him. Once they die, the continent will belong to Huo Yuhao. If there's anyone in the history of the Douluo Continent who can compare to him, it has to be the founder of the Tang Sect, Tang San. Back then, Tang San led Shrek's Seven Monsters as they established the Tang Sect. They dominated the entire continent, and he finally became a god. He defeated the Hallmaster of the Martial Soul Hall, who had already become a god. From there, he tore the Martial Soul Hall apart and helped his empire truly control the continent. After that, he rose into the godly realm and vanished. Although this is a legend, I believe that Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong both possess the potential to become gods if such a realm exists. They are opponents that neither of you can challenge at all!"

"Gods?" When he heard this word, even Xiao Hongchen was stunned. He had never thought of it before. What did it mean to be a god? Were there really gods in this world? No one knew. However, this legend existed in Shrek Academy and the Tang Sect.

Even until now, the statues of the first generation of Shrek's Seven Monsters who became gods were still outside the gates of Shrek Academy.

Jing Hongchen nodded seriously. "It's really possible. Time will prove everything. Perhaps we can really see the appearance of gods in our lives."

Meng Hongchen was completely confused by now, whereas Xiao Hongchen was in a daze. He didn't expect that the person he had always regarded as his greatest foe had the potential to become a god.

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong didn't stay any longer after they left the palace. They flew into the sky. All the surveillance soul tools were just a joke to them.

"Yuhao, do you believe Jing Hongchen?" Tang Wutong asked.

Huo Yuhao nodded and replied, "Highly credible."

"Why?" Tang Wutong couldn't understand.

Huo Yuhao replied, "He's past his prime! Can't you tell? Jing Hongchen is already very displeased with the Sun Moon Empire. He was once the head of the Illustrious Virtue Hall and one of the best Class 9 soul engineers. What about now? Although he's the mayor of the Heaven Dou City and appears to be very glorified, he has actually already been excluded from the core of power in the Sun Moon Empire, by the work of Xu Tianran. How can he not hate him? From the words of his two grandchildren earlier, it does seem that he's indignant. Since that's the case, he needs his grandchildren to rise to the occasion. Peace is never what powerful individuals need. They only stand a chance if this war continues. Jing Hongchen is just afraid that there will no longer be any chaos. Of course, he doesn't want us to really harm the Sun Moon Empire, but he doesn't want the Sun Moon Empire to rule the entire continent so quickly. It won't be beneficial for him."

"He's actually so selfish?" Tang Wutong was a little scornful.

Huo Yuhao felt a little heavy and said, "That's not really it. With his family around, he can't just think about himself!" He thought of the White Tiger Duke. Did he ignore mom and me because...

Am I really searching for excuses on his behalf?? Huo Yuhao was shocked, but he found it amusing too.

He could still deeply remember that he had secretly sworn to avenge his mother when he became the strongest person in the Douluo Continent when he left the Duke's Mansion.

He was already close to his goal of becoming the strongest person on the continent. If he could become an Ultimate Douluo in the future, he could become the strongest person in this world. However, he was no longer as vengeful as he used to be. As he became stronger, a lot of his hate slowly dissipated.

Huo Yuhao was very grateful to the academy and the Tang Sect. Without the guidance of the academy, he might have actually gone down the wrong path. Perhaps he might have become an evil soul master. It was precisely because the academy kept on changing his perspective and was concerned about his growth. The academy nurtured him to where he was today. It was also because of the encouragement he got from his teammates.

Huo Yuhao was a grateful person. He had always been like this. He would use his whole life to repay this debt of gratitude.

Dim starlight flashed in the sky. The stars were extremely bright tonight. Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong concealed themselves in the night sky using Huo Yuhao's Imitation, and flew towards the south.

"What should we do next? Kill those soul engineers? It's a good opportunity before they rendezvous with the army." Tang Wutong said.

Huo Yuhao nodded and replied, "It's indeed a good opportunity. Ju Zi once proposed this idea to me – if I can kill Xu Tianran, she won't wage war for the next ten years. The Star Luo and Dou Ling Empires would be given the chance to get stronger."

"What? She wants to kill her husband?" Tang Wutong was astonished.

There was a bitter smile on Huo Yuhao's face. "It seems so. I don't know what she's thinking either. However, I've got to admit that her proposition is tempting. That's why my next target is possibly Xu Tianran. Xu Tianran is an anti-hero. The Sun Moon Empire is really able to dominate the entire continent under his control. However, there'll certainly be chaos within the Sun Moon Empire if he dies. Ju Zi will need some time to stabilize her son's position in the empire. That's why the Sun Moon Empire would be unable to wage any war in the short-term, even if she goes back on her word. That's why killing Xu Tianran is my goal."

Tang Wutong said, "So you're going to the Sun Moon Empire to discuss this matter with Ju Zi?"

Huo Yuhao shook his head. "That's not the only reason. A lion will only negotiate with a tiger. If we don't demonstrate our strength, how can I possibly force her to keep her promise? That's why we must still act and weaken her forces. After that, we'll negotiate with her. In this way, she'll be more pressed. This is something we can't avoid. If possible, I don't wish to become enemies with her. Ju Zi is too clever, especially on the battlefield. Even I can't outwit her."

Tang Wutong nodded and said, "The only flaw with Ju Zi is her individual ability. If she were stronger, she'd really be too dangerous. Yuhao, will you kill her if she threatens the academy one day?"

When she asked this, Tang Wutong looked very serious. When Huo Yuhao looked into her eyes, Tang Wutong revealed a guilty expression. She lowered her head and said, "I'm sorry, Yuhao. I still feel a little uncomfortable."

Huo Yuhao pulled her into his embrace and controlled their flying speed just like this.

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"I understand. Don't worry, Wutong. In this world, only Dong'er and Qiu'er are able to walk into my heart. Right now, whether it's Dong'er or Qiu'er, they're in fact you. That's why no one can affect our relationship. Yes, I once liked Ju Zi. However, that's all in the past. Things might have been different if she was willing to be with me before I knew you were a girl. However, she didn't; she chose to walk her own path. Thus, I already know that it's forever impossible between us. That's why I only treat her as a friend. If she threatens the academy one day, I'll definitely not show any mercy."

When he said his last sentence, Tang Wutong could clearly sense the killing intent in him.

The academy was still the most important thing in his heart!

Tang Wutong revealed a smile on her face and asked, "What if I'm the one threatening the academy? I know it's a stupid question, but I still want to ask you."

Huo Yuhao was stunned. After this, he immediately turned serious, "You can't make jokes about that. If that day really comes, I'll kill you too. The difference is that I'll kill myself after I kill you—I'll kill myself for you. In that way, I'll protect our love and the academy."

"I'm sorry, Yuhao. I'll not ask such a question in the future." Tang Wutong hugged him tightly and seemed to want to alleviate his worries.

Huo Yuhao softly caressed her long hair and said, "I hope such a day never comes. I don't think Ju Zi will do that. After all, the academy is not an empire. No matter how mad Xu Tianran is, he wouldn't target the academy. For any ruler, the academy is the best supplier of talents. Moreover, the academy has such a long history. If someone wants to destroy it, he'll need to consider whether it's worth incurring the wrath of all the students of the academy."

Tang Wutong nodded and said, "Yes, we'll all give our all if the academy is destroyed."

Huo Yuhao nodded lightly and revealed a slight smile on his face, "Alright, let's not talk about this anymore. Let's pick up speed. Let's observe the situation in the Sun Moon Empire first before we decide what to do. We need to weaken Ju Zi's abilities, but we can't do that too much. Furthermore, the Sun Moon Empire will adapt once we make a move. Something else might happen too. That is, the Holy Ghost Church might send someone to the army. If that's the case, it'll get a little crowded. We just need to kill those soul engineers and plant it on the Holy Ghost Church. I'll not have any misgivings doing that."

Tang Wutong snapped, "You're getting worse. Who do you think the Holy Ghost Church will send next? Will Ye Xishui personally come? There's also Zhong Liwu. After he attacked me that day, you greatly hurt his martial soul. I wonder how he is now."

Huo Yuhao said, "Zhong Liwu's origin must have been hurt too. Although I don't know how critical his injuries are, they shouldn't be light. He won't be able to recover in a month. That's why I believe the Holy Ghost Church can only send one person capable of striking fear into everyone's hearts – Ye Xishui. It's just that Ye Xishui might not be able to compare to an entire army. No matter how strong the Death God Douluo is, the Sun Moon Empire's army might not really be afraid of her with the linked soul tools they have. Even Di Tian didn't fare very well against them. I wonder whether his injuries have healed."

Tang Wutong rolled her eyes and asked, "Are you concerned about him now? It's already good that he's not bothering you."

Huo Yuhao chortled and said, "I'll need to face him one day, even if I try to avoid him. I just hope that I can face him when I'm stronger. I can only stand at the top of this world if I defeat him. Wutong, promise me that you won't stop me when I challenge him one day. You don't have to help me either. I'll use my own strength to beat him."

Tang Wutong was stunned. "But we are together."

Huo Yuhao sighed and replied, “To me, challenging Di Tian is not just a way of proving my strength. At the same time, it’s a personal mission. It’s a mission I have to complete.” In his mind, he recalled what Nian Rongbing had told him.

To increase his cultivation and become a Transcendent Douluo, Huo Yuhao could clearly sense the strength of the God of Emotions getting greater and greater in his body. Perhaps it was the strength of a god.

It was a strength that didn’t belong to him. At least, it didn’t belong to him yet. However, it was fusing with him.

When he summoned this strength before, it was when Tang Wutong got hurt trying to save him. He unleashed the power of emotions and fused his emotions with his fighting strength. It was an important direction that he was gearing towards in the future too.

Di Tian was already at the top of the world. Even if he became an Ultimate Douluo and had a third soul core, he might still be unable to defeat Di Tian. If he wanted to beat Di Tian, he had to fuse his power with his emotions. It was only through this way that he could achieve a breakthrough and truly inherit the title of the God of Emotions. n))Ovr1bIn

He wasn’t just doing this for himself now. Becoming a god was also a route that he had to take if he wanted to free the six Spirits in his body. Furthermore, when that time came, he would definitely bring Tang Wutong along with him to the godly realm. Huo Yuhao had this thought – since Tang Wutong was so strong, he could ask Nian Rongbing to find a title for her to inherit after he became the God of Emotions. To him, Nian Rongbing shouldn’t reject his request.

When he thought until here, Huo Yuhao suddenly felt very motivated. What was happier than knowing one’s direction in life?

Huo Yuhao relaxed his embrace of Tang Wutong and held her hand once again. As the two of them spoke, they had already covered two hundred and fifty kilometers.

In the distance, the lay of the land was presented in Huo Yuhao’s mind as he used his Spiritual Detection. Just like Jing Hongchen had described, there was a huge valley. The size of this valley was much bigger than the Icefire Yin Yang Well that they had been to before.

Although there were many treasures and even two wells in the Icefire Yin Yang Well, it wasn’t very huge. However, it was very different here. This valley was very large, far exceeding the size of an ordinary city.

There was an entrance and exit at both sides of the valley. The terrain was very level. From the plants that grew here, it was evident that this was a treasure spot.

Mountains of rocks surrounded the valley. Although they weren’t completely barren, there weren’t many plants growing on these mountains. This was why only the rocks could be seen. While they weren’t aesthetically pleasing, they were very tough. They were natural city walls.

The Sun Moon Empire was hiding here. It was indeed very difficult to locate them. If not for Jing Hongchen’s intelligence, Huo Yuhao wouldn’t have found them here anytime soon.

Huo Yuhao used his Spiritual Detection to take a more detailed look. Indeed, there were many tents pitched in the valley. Furthermore, there were soul formations erected in four different directions, at the tops of the mountain peaks. The scale of these soul formations was rather great. It appeared that they were all helmed by beast lord-ranked soul engineer legions.

Who are they trying to deal with? Surely not me, right??Huo Yuhao wondered curiously. Along with his previous guess, the answer had revealed itself to him.

His plan had ultimately succeeded. Internal chaos had ensued as their soul engineers killed the evil soul masters. The Holy Ghost Church was definitely going to retaliate.?I wonder how Ju Zi is going to deal with this matter. She didn't lead the army back to the empire. That shows that she's not willing to truly admit her mistake. As for how Xu Tianran is going to deal with this situation, I think it's obvious. He'll side with Ju Zi. While the Holy Ghost Church is important to the Sun Moon Empire, its primary purpose is to deal with Shrek Academy. Now that the academy is slowly not becoming the most important opponent to the empire, the Holy Ghost Church is becoming less and less important, especially after the Heavenly Soul Empire's destruction and the increase in the Sun Moon Empire's overall strength following the investment of a huge amount of resources. However, Ju Zi is different. Her reputation in the army is only growing. She also represents Xu Tianran's interests. If she's heavily punished, it'll clash with his interests. That's why Xu Tianran should be on her side.

The furious Death God Douluo will surely be here to look for trouble. I just don't know when she'll appear. However, it seems like she's not here yet. However, she wouldn't be able to handle so many soul engineers at once even if she manages to destroy a part of their soul formations! As for where Ju Zi is, I'm afraid only she'll know. It won't be easy to find her.

Of course, Huo Yuhao was considering things from Ye Xishui's perspective, rather than his own. He had his Spiritual Detection. Even if there were many times more soldiers, he would still be able to locate Ju Zi as long as he had enough time.

He didn't directly proceed to find Ju Zi. He only checked the deployment of the soldiers on the terrain, as well as the positions of all the soul formations. After this, he flew further with Tang Wutong, through a route that soldiers would have to pass in order to reinforce the army in the valley.

It was impossible to escape from Huo Yuhao's sight given his spiritual power.

Tang Wutong asked, "How is it? What's the deployment of soldiers like over here?"

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Huo Yuhao said, "The entire Sun Moon Empire army is here. Ju Zi should be here too. There are four beast lord-ranked soul engineer legions helming soul formations at the mountain tops. In the mountain valley, there are eight other soul formations. Although they're weaker, they've been built very close to one another. They complement the soul formations at the mountain tops very well. Above the valley, in a region covering a few hundred kilometers from the center, there are all types of aerial surveillance soul tools. This is a trap! Even we would be discovered if we made any moves inside, and it wouldn't be easy to escape. Ju Zi is really vicious! She's targeting the Death God Douluo and the Darkness Holy Dragon. It's too domineering. Have they really fallen out so badly?"

Tang Wutong chuckled and commented, "It's all your doing. If you didn't frame them, things wouldn't be like this."

Huo Yuhao also laughed. "Do you know how I feel right now?"

Tang Wutong was confused as she looked at him.

Huo Yuhao laughed, "Right now, I feel that we have to carefully make our way in from the outside and slowly tear apart her impenetrable defense. We'll then thwart her plans. Although it'll take some time, I feel confident for some reason."

"If my earlier plan didn't succeed, the Holy Ghost Church would undoubtedly want to deal with me first. Two Ultimate Douluo won't be easy to deal with. However, it seems like Ju Zi is going to help us take the pressure this time. From her current setup, she must be pretty confident that the Death God Douluo will come and seek trouble. Otherwise, she wouldn't have prepared like this. Let's watch and observe first, and let them fight among themselves. When they're almost done, let's step in. As for killing those reinforcements, of course it'll be the doing of the Holy Ghost Church."

Tang Wutong laughed. "You can do whatever you want. Anyway, if you are the antagonist, I'm the woman of the antagonist."

"Haha! I must be a thief, and you're the thief's wife."

"Sounds bad. What thief's wife? I'm much better than that!"

The two of them quickly picked up speed and flew into the distance.

Mountain valley. Commander's tent.

Ju Zi was seated in the commander's tent. Right now, her warrior robe was gone. She was only in an official uniform, just like how she was in the palace. She creased her brow and paced up and down the tent. No one knew what she was thinking about.

After Xu Tianran's instructions were delayed for a long time, they finally reached her. Xu Tianran sternly admonished her for what she had done, but he didn't mention any punishment. He only said that she would be punished after she returned from the war against the Dou Ling and Star Luo Empires.

His edict was very interesting. Everyone could tell that he was protecting her. Only Ju Zi knew that he wasn't just protecting her; he was also weakening her!

Evidently, Xu Tianran knew that the Holy Ghost Church would be mad after he passed this edict. Of course, he wasn't afraid of the Holy Ghost Church in Radiant City. He had the Sun Moon Imperial Soul Engineer Legion to protect him. Along with the soul formations in Radiant City, even Ultimate Douluo couldn't easily lay their hands on him.

Xu Tianran was also not the one who killed the soul masters from the Holy Ghost Church. It was Ju Zi's soul engineers in the army. She was even the commander of the three armies. It would be a surprise if the Holy Ghost Church didn't vent their anger on her.

Fortunately, she had entrusted her son to Xu Tianran before she left the imperial palace. It was unlikely that he would come into any danger. Xu Tianran was being distrustful of her right now. He was always

very distrustful. He must believe that she wielded too much power after they stabilized things in the Heavenly Soul Empire. This was why he was weakening her through the Holy Ghost Church.

Of course, this matter could be argued the other way around too. He wished to borrow her strength to weaken the Holy Ghost Church. The only way to do so was to kill them all.

The Sun Moon Empire had already demonstrated its absolute advantage on the continent. This meant that the Holy Ghost Church was expendable now. Given this, it wasn't a bad idea to wipe out the evil soul masters once and for all. At least, this was something that all the citizens and officials were willing to see. If so, why not?

Xu Tianran was just going to be an observer. He was clearly aware that he had to stand on Ju Zi's side. She wielded a lot of power, and she was very clever too. As for the Holy Ghost Church, he didn't think too much of them. Now that the army had rebelled, it was equivalent to the Holy Ghost Church being ostracized by the Sun Moon Empire. They couldn't return to their former glory anymore.

Just like Jing Hongchen, the Holy Ghost Church had served its purpose.

The Holy Ghost Church's greatest mistake was its arrogance. It was too arrogant, believing that the Sun Moon Empire couldn't deal with Shrek Academy without them.

When it came to this, the three empires of the original Douluo Continent had made the same mistake. They had looked down on the strength of soul tools.

Xu Tianran and the Sun Moon Empire had used facts to prove that soul tools could help them dominate the entire continent. After this fact was established, what further use was the Holy Ghost Church? The evils of the Holy Ghost Church had already incurred a lot of wrath. Getting rid of them completely was something everyone would be happy to see. The dirty spots of the past had to be cleaned, and they had to be cleaned completely.

What Xu Tianran wanted was to rule the entire continent properly, not in an evil manner.

This was why he had thought of this good idea after pondering over it. He was going to let someone else settle his problem without implicating him.

As for Ju Zi's life, did it really matter compared to his future? Of course, if she really died, he would still be very sad. At least, she was the most loyal and caring among all his subordinates. Xu Tianran had even thought of it. If Ju Zi died, he would announce to his people that he would not marry anyone else in the future. Anyway, he already had a Crown Prince. Whether he had an Empress didn't matter anymore.

The cold smile on Ju Zi's face widened. She could completely see through Xu Tianran's mind right now. She could even imagine his expression when he gave this edict.

A distrustful anti-hero. This was her appraisal of him. However, she despised him more and more right now.

I wonder how Yuhao is. Tang Wutong was severely hurt by Zhong Liwu that night. Did he manage to treat her after he left?

When she thought of Huo Yuhao, the coldness in Ju Zi's heart turned into worry. Even though she knew that he was her greatest threat in the future, she still couldn't help but think of him. If she had to lose to

someone in the future, she wished it would be to Huo Yuhao. It wasn't shameful losing to someone she deeply loved. Perhaps it was even a form of bliss. When that happened, she might really be freed.

All types of ideas surfaced in her mind. After two hours, she returned to her seat and sat down a little lethargically.

After she willingly took the rap for her subordinates, her reputation in the army grew unprecedentedly high. All the generals admired and respected her.

They were resting here because they were waiting for Xu Tianran's edict. Apart from admonishing Ju Zi, Xu Tianran had also instructed her to proceed with her attacks until they ruled the entire continent. Supplies would be sent over. As for the threat the Holy Ghost Church posed, he didn't mention a single word at all.

Are you still thinking of using me as a tool to help you rule the entire continent?? A cold look flashed across Ju Zi's eyes. Xu Tianran, you're really bold! Your selfishness will doom you. You only have three to four years left to live. Unless I'm dead, you are doomed!

When she thought until here, Ju Zi looked very cold. Her entire face was filled with killing intent. Fortunately, she was the only one in the tent right now. No one saw her. The edict had already been crushed into waste paper in her hand.

A boom suddenly sounded, jolting Ju Zi awake. She subconsciously put on her human-shaped soul tool and rushed outside to take a look.

Once she exited the tent, she immediately saw the brightly-lit sky. On the mountaintops surrounding the mountain valley, four soul formations had already fully unleashed their linked defensive barriers. It was just that the light coming from the protective soul barrier in the southeast was much dimmer, and rocks were falling from the sky on that side.

Fortunately, only soul engineers were stationed there. Not many people were hurt as soul rays were used to deal with the falling rocks.

Advanced-tier soul engineers quickly gathered close to the commander's tent. They all looked into the sky, and they appeared very serious.

Only Ju Zi looked steady. There was even a scornful look on her face, "What's meant to come will always come. It's a pity that she's more foolish than I thought. Is she really trying to overcome my defensive formations with brute force?"

"Marshal, we must not be complacent. After all, she's the strongest person in the empire. It's best to be prudent."

In the sky, a dark-red figure flashed. There was a huge projection behind this figure. This projection was around a hundred meters tall, and was completely dark red. There was a giant pointed tower surrounding its arms. Red light had just retracted from the tip of the tower.

When the southeast side of the soul formations was attacked, the linked defensive barrier was automatically activated. However, it was still overcome. Huge losses were incurred. More than a third of

the soul formation was wiped out. This was why the effect of the linked defensive barrier in this direction wasn't very ideal.

Chapter 594.3: Army in the Valley

Ye Xishui was the figure drifting in front. Behind her was her Blood Soul Demonpuppet, and that pointed pagoda was undoubtedly the soul tool that was hailed as the only soul tool close to being a Class 10 soul tool, the Death God Pagoda.

The Death God Pagoda had almost threatened the life of Huo Yuhao. This time, it was facing Ju Zi.

Ye Xishui's voice traveled far and wide. "Empress, hand over all the killers and I'll leave. You'll still be the marshal. Otherwise, I'll not leave anyone alive. All soul engineers will die."

Ju Zi's voice was transmitted through a sound-amplifying soul tool. "I don't know what you're talking about. There are only loyal soldiers here. What killers are you talking about? Death God Douluo, as the Supreme Worshipped of the empire and sect leader of the Holy Ghost Church, how dare you kill my soldiers? Even if you bring this issue to His Majesty, I wouldn't be afraid of you. Do you really think you can fight me and my soul formations on your own? You're too naive."

"Hmph!" Ye Xishui roared furiously. Suddenly, her voice echoed everywhere. The entire mountain valley started shaking. Another ball of red light formed at the top of her Death God Pagoda. Although Ye Xishui didn't have Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection, her spiritual power was still at his standard. She could still use her voice to find someone.

At this moment, a domineering beam of white light rose into the sky. This beam of white light instantly appeared in front of Ye Xishui.

On a closer look, it was evident that this beam of light was formed from eight smaller beams of light. It was dazzling. Wherever it passed, space shattered. It also illuminated the entire night sky.

At this moment, a low-pitched dragon roar sounded, and a huge pitch-black figure blocked Ye Xishui. It was a giant black dragon. It opened its mouth suddenly and let out its pitch-black breath, which contrasted perfectly against the beam of white light.

Just as the breath and beam of white light clashed, countless spatial cracks seemed to form within the black breath. Although it was forced back by the beam of white light, the beam of light was also rapidly weakened.

Ju Zi's expression changed. She muttered, "Dragon Emperor Douluo, you are indeed here too."

Yes, it was the Darkness Holy Dragon who had blocked the attack for Ye Xishui. That huge, black dragon was undoubtedly his True Body.

The terrifying collision in the air generated dazzling sparks, which only disappeared after the beam of white light had completely dissipated.

The first linked attack was forcefully resisted by the Darkness Holy Dragon just like that.

The legion commanders who had unleashed this attack turned pale. They hadn't expected a linked attack from eight soul formations to be resisted by the strength of a single soul master. It was already beyond what they could comprehend.

However, that was only the start of their attack. Another four beams of light shot towards Ye Xishui. These four beams of light came from the four sides. They were unleashed by the four beast lord-ranked soul engineer legions.

Although these linked attacks by the soul engineer legions couldn't compare to the linked attack from before, the strength of every beam of light was still half that of the beam of white light earlier. When the four beams of light shot out, the sky immediately changed color.

Linked attacks and defenses were the greatest strengths that soul engineers could rely on.

This was also why Ju Zi was scornful when she saw that Ye Xishui wanted to fight her army directly.

Against such an army, it was not the best choice for an Ultimate Douluo to fight head-on. She wouldn't be able to fully unleash her strength.

Of course, that was also because the surveillance soul tools she had set up were very effective. Apart from Huo Yuhao's special abilities, ordinary Titled Douluo, and even Ultimate Douluo, wouldn't be able to hide from those surveillance soul tools. This was the reason for the current situation.

A dark red beam light was unleashed at Ju Zi.

The four beast lord-ranked soul engineer legions had just finished attacking, and were now frantically re-deploying their linked defensive barriers.

Ye Xishui was very good at exploiting opportunities. She didn't even bother with the four beams of light. Instead, she exploited this opportunity to attack Ju Zi.

Long Xiaoyao started to spin in the sky as he let out breath after breath. He dispelled the four beams of light. However, upon closer inspection, the black air currents around his body had clearly become weaker.

Bloody light inched closer. No wonder the Death God Pagoda was the world's strongest offensive soul tool. The linked defensive barriers set up by the four soul engineer legions were instantly broken, and the red light rained down towards Ju Zi.

At this moment, Ju Zi only felt her body turning cold. She couldn't avoid it even if she wanted to. This was the terrifying effect of a soul tool that was close to being Class 10.

However, the second line of defense was instantly activated. The eight soul formations inside the mountain valley shone brightly at the same time. Another layer of linked defensive barriers was erected above them, protecting Ju Zi.

As the blood-red light and pure white linked defensive barriers collided, bright lights were released. It was as if countless streaks of bloody light had blown apart. However, they didn't just dissipate. Instead, they turned into blood-red avenging spirits that clawed and chewed at the barrier. Piercing, scratching noises could be heard.

The Light of the Death God was terrifying because it burned countless souls every time it was unleashed. From there, the strongest force of vengeance was formed. It wasn't just a soul power-driven attack. It also contained spiritual power.

A linked defensive barrier formed by close to ten soul engineer legions was needed before the Light of the Death God could be resisted. The blood-red lights finally disappeared. However, even though many of the soldiers weren't hurt, they felt as if their souls had left their bodies. They were all feeling dizzy.

The Death God Douluo was actually so strong?

That was also Ju Zi's first time facing Ye Xishui. Her appraisal of the Death God Douluo was already very high in the past, but right now, she realized that her judgment might have been flawed.

Ye Xishui wasn't just an Ultimate Douluo. She was also a Class 9 soul engineer. Her own self-created soul tools might not be very strong, but her Death God Pagoda was one of the strongest soul tools in the world of soul engineers.

She was even an evil Ultimate Douluo! When she unleashed her full strength, the offensive power she could demonstrate was beyond everyone's imagination. She didn't even defend herself. She poured her Ultimate Douluo cultivation into her Death God Pagoda. Along with the force of vengeance in her Death God Pagoda, she managed to resist ten soul engineer legions with her individual strength. This was absolute power!

Long Xiaoyao also astonished everyone. After all, Ye Xishui's attack didn't manage to overcome the defensive formations of all twelve soul formations. However, Long Xiaoyao had helped Ye Xishui defend against all their attacks with just his own strength. Was he still human? Could a human really resist such terrifying attacks that were even capable of destroying an entire city?

Even Di Tian was exposed by the Holy Ghost Church when he faced linked offensive soul tools. Was the Dragon Emperor Douluo stronger than Di Tian?

At a place very far away, two people were lying in an ordinary bush. Their eyes were both shut, but they held each other's hands very tightly.

"Yuhao, don't you think this is a good opportunity? If we..." Tang Wutong softly asked.

Huo Yuhao shook his head and answered, "They won't give us an opportunity."

When the Dragon Emperor Douluo and the Death God Douluo first arrived, they were already aware. After that, Huo Yuhao had brought Tang Wutong here. They weren't observing the fight with their eyes, but through his Spiritual Detection.

Huo Yuhao's Spiritual Detection engulfed the entire battlefield. He was watching from a sky-high perspective, and observed every change on the battlefield.

The only feeling he had was that the two Ultimate Douluo were too domineering.

No wonder they were Ultimate Douluo!

Huo Yuhao could roughly guess that his and Tang Wutong's combined fighting strength was around the standard of an Ultimate Douluo. However, he had a different feeling when he watched them in action.

What were Ultimate Douluo? They were the extremes of this world. They represented the limits that humans could reach. Not only were they very strong, but they were also very proud.

When Ye Xishui arrived, she didn't think of using any other method to fight. She appeared directly above the mountain valley. She didn't even proceed to destroy the aerial surveillance soul tools. She unleashed her Death God Pagoda just like that and attacked the mountain valley. How domineering was that?

At least Huo Yuhao didn't think of such a method when he was pondering how he should deal with this mountain valley. It was a method that was supposed to fail!

However, Ye Xishui had relied on her abilities to carve a way out for herself. She had even almost threatened Ju Zi's life.

Huo Yuhao was absolutely certain that Long Xiaoyao and Ye Xishui's abilities were complementary.

Even though their martial souls couldn't fuse, even Di Tian might not be able to defeat them if they were together.

Ultimate Douluo couldn't possibly fuse their martial souls. This was because martial soul fusion at such a level would exceed the limits that this world had on power—it reached the level of gods. Humans couldn't reach such a level. Even Huo Yuhao was well-aware that he and Tang Wutong wouldn't be able to use their fusion skills once they became Ultimate Douluo.

Chapter 595: The Power of Two Ultimate Douluo

The Dragon Emperor Douluo and Death God Douluo had teamed up. The Dragon Emperor Douluo defended, while the Death God Douluo attacked. Against more than ten soul formations, they didn't even have any intention of retreating. On the contrary, they even suppressed their enemy. This was a demonstration of their power!

Of course, Huo Yuhao could also tell that this was the furthest they could go, even though they were very strong and powerful. After all, they were humans. Even though they were very strong, it was already very astonishing that could resist the world's strongest combination of soul tools. However, it was a different story if they really wanted to fight.

Indeed, a huge, black dragon silently appeared below Ye Xishui. It was carrying her. In the next instant, it carried her high into the air. It broke through space just like that before vanishing into the night. This caused the second round of linked attacks to hit nothing.

While they avoided the attacks, they weren't fleeing. They just left. No power was great enough to retain them. n.(Ov**ECB**1n

Ju Zi was standing in front of her tent. Earlier, she had clearly sensed that she was very, very close to death.

Very soon, news passed that sixty-seven soul engineers from the Evileye Tyrant Soul Engineer Legion had died. The soul tools at the top of the mountains were greatly damaged. Only half the original strength of the soul formations could be used on now.

It was just an attack by two people. However, that was sufficient to cripple the strongest army on the continent. This was even though the army was at its strongest. What a tragedy this was! But this was power, extreme power that humans could achieve at their limits.

Ju Zi suddenly felt fearful. This was her first time having such a feeling. Right now, she truly understood that humans were truly the peak of this world once their abilities reached the peak. Could her army have resisted the two Ultimate Douluo if they had attacked them sneakily?

Even Titled Douluo had their principles. They wouldn't hurt ordinary people. However, what could they rely on to rule this continent after their greatest fighting strength was wiped out? No wonder there were some who claimed that Ultimate Douluo were the strongest strategic weapons in this world. It was indeed the case! Class 9 shells were far inferior compared to them. Ultimately, Ju Zi lacked such power.

Ju Zi silently returned to her tent. She gave the order to mend the soul formations. At the same time, she also instructed her army to be more alert. The linked defensive formations always had to be half-on. Once any enemy appeared, they were obliged to attack, no matter the price.

Revenge was being sought on them. Next, it would depend on how they reacted to it.

Today, the Death God Douluo's attack was undoubtedly just to test their strength. What was next? What would happen in the next fight? Ju Zi didn't know. For the first time, she felt that her destiny wasn't in her own hands.

Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong continued to lie prone. They only opened their eyes after the fight was over and the Darkness Holy Dragon had concealed himself and the Death God Douluo in space. When they looked at each other, they saw the horror in each other's eyes.

"If it was us, how far could we have gone?" Tang Wutong asked Huo Yuhao a little doubtfully.

Huo Yuhao laughed bitterly and said, "We'd be able to resist one attack, and that's only if we have the Goddess of Light."

Tang Wutong nodded gently. That was roughly what she had estimated too. It was only when the Goddess of Light was around that they could resist an all-out attack from the linked offensive soul tools earlier.

The Darkness Holy Dragon resisted had five strikes consecutively. The first one was stronger, while the other four were weaker. When Huo Yuhao referred to resisting an attack, he was referring to an attack of the same standard as the first strike.

The Darkness Holy Dragon is too strong!

Huo Yuhao softly said, "I didn't expect Elder Long Xiaoyao to be so strong. If I'm not wrong, his cultivation should still be below Ye Xishui." After learning from his teacher that Long Xiaoyao had in fact been secretly helping him, Huo Yuhao didn't feel so vengeful towards him anymore.

"Does your teacher know that you're complimenting me like this?" A low-pitched voice suddenly sounded.

Huo Yuhao subconsciously tightened his grip on Tang Wutong's hand. Both of them used Instant Teleportation at the same time before they were reappeared a hundred meters away. Immense soul

power undulations also instantly rose from their bodies, reaching an extreme state. Both of them revealed horrified looks on their faces.

It was important to know that they had been using Imitation to conceal themselves!

A black figure silently walked out from space. It was as if he had appeared from thin air. Another blood-red figure followed him out.

The Death God Douluo appeared even younger now. It was just that her face was very pale. Long Xiaoyao's aura was also a little unstable, but his eyes weren't lifeless. Instead, they were glistering like stars in the sky.

When he saw how wary Huo Yuhao was, Long Xiaoyao couldn't help but laugh. "Good, you've indeed improved a lot. No wonder Zhong Liwu suffered under your hands. I bet you didn't expect it. You didn't expect us to find the two of you, right?"

Huo Yuhao silently shook his head and bowed, "Greetings, Dragon Emperor and Death God."

Long Xiaoyao ignored his greetings and continued speaking, "We only discovered you not because your spiritual power is not concealing you well enough. On the contrary, your spiritual power seems to be greatly accomplished. Even we can't discover you using our spiritual power. We only discovered you through our senses. You can't imagine how acute our senses are. You can only fuse with this world once you become an Ultimate Douluo. When that happens, you'll become part of this world. When something in this world threatens you, you can still trace the source even if you can't see it. This is how we found you."

Huo Yuhao laughed a little awkwardly and said, "Both of you are too awe-inspiring and domineering. We are very impressed, and could only cheer you on from afar. We have no ill intentions. If there's nothing else, we'll leave." As he spoke, Huo Yuhao turned around with Tang Wutong and was about to leave.

"Hold up!" Ye Xishui's rather hoarse voice echoed. Suddenly, it was as if thousands of avenging spirits were crying sorrowfully. A huge pressure fell from the skies and engulfed Huo Yuhao and Tang Wutong.

Huo Yuhao's eyes suddenly lit up. There seemed to be a boundless night sky and shining stars in the depths of his eyes. His Ultimate Ice aura spread from his body and viciously collided with Ye Xishui's aura.

A silent boom echoed through the air. A clash of auras was even more dangerous at their level than a real fight.

If it were someone else with a lower cultivation, he would be instantly crushed into powder if he couldn't resist Ye Xishui's overwhelming aura.

Huo Yuhao's body shook a little, and he took half a step back. Ye Xishui shook slightly, but she didn't step back. There was also an astonished look in her sinister, ice-cold eyes.

She hadn't expected this young man to be capable of resisting her pressure. It was also her first time being resisted, apart from Long Xiaoyao. There were even a few kings of soul beasts who had tried before.

Over the past few years, Di Tian was the only one who had put her at a disadvantage. However, she had still managed to escape safely, and Huo Yuhao had been critically hurt.

Right now, she could clearly sense that Huo Yuhao hadn't borrowed Di Tian's strength, but he was still able to resist her power. This was no longer achievable by a Rank 98 Titled Douluo. Currently, it was as if his strength was at the tier of an Ultimate Douluo!

How is this possible? How old is he? Has he formed his second soul core? Don't tell me that Zhong Liwu's words were true?

The Dragon Emperor Douluo sighed slightly when he saw how astonished Ye Xishui was. "Xishui, don't be like this. You'll only scare the kid."

Ye Xishui looked coldly at him, "You should meddle less with my business. It seems like little Wu was right. This kid has already comprehended the profundity of second soul cores. He's relying on their martial soul fusion to forcefully increase his cultivation infinitely close to that of an Ultimate Douluo. I really want to see if he can fight my Death God Pagoda."

As she spoke, blood-red light shone brightly behind her. Her giant Blood Soul Demonpuppet also surfaced, and the Death God Pagoda reappeared. This time, it was facing Huo Yuhao.

Huo Yuhao's expression changed greatly. He had personally witnessed how powerful the Death God Pagoda was. Right now, it was impossible that he was not anxious facing the Death God Douluo in a duel.

"Xishui!" Long Xiaoyao's voice became even deeper.

Ye Xishui coldly looked at him. "Are you trying to help him?"

Long Xiaoyao shook his head and retorted, "Watch your temper! You've not changed even after all these years. It'll be difficult for us to kill them given that we aren't in our best condition. Since this is the case, why don't we chat with this young man? You've already used your Death God Pagoda twice earlier. If you continue using it, you'll lose yourself amidst the hostility once again. Do you really want to be like those walking dead that only know how to kill?"

"I told you that I don't need you to meddle in my affairs!" Ye Xishui shouted back, "No matter what I become, it has nothing to do with you. Long Xiaoyao, stop being sarcastic here. This kid has already threatened the Holy Ghost Church. If he didn't severely hurt Little Wu and kill those from the Worship Hall, how could that little thief have gotten what he wanted? Do you know how long it has taken for the Holy Ghost Church to become as powerful as it is right now? Now, that bastard Xu Tianran wants to seize this opportunity to get rid of us. I want to let him witness what our true strength is."

Long Xiaoyao was a little helpless as he shook his head. He said, "Alright, stop playing. If you stay like this, I'll leave forever."

As he spoke, he suddenly started to cough. Although his coughing wasn't very loud, it caused Ye Xishui's expression to change greatly. Her earlier hostility suddenly disappeared. She immediately patted his back gently.

“Xiaoyao, Xiaoyao, don’t be so uptight. What’s wrong? Calm down. Are you okay?” Ye Xishui asked concernedly.

Long Xiaoyao sighed as he turned slightly pale. “I’m too old. My blood isn’t flowing very well. If I was at my peak, I wouldn’t have been drained so much from those earlier attacks. But I’m not hurt yet.”

“Are you hurt?” Ye Xishui was astonished.

Huo Yuhao couldn’t help but say, “Elder Long, you faced the linked attacks of more than ten soul engineer legions of the Sun Moon Empire. Their offensive strength was too strong. It’s already unbelievable that a human can resist it. Moreover, you resisted it many times.”

Ye Xishui’s expression turned gentler. It was evident that she wasn’t very well mentally.

“Alright, Xiaoyao, don’t be anxious. I’ll listen to you. I’ll not harm those two kids.” As she spoke, her Blood Soul Demonpuppet vanished. Her fierce and aggressive aura also disappeared.

Long Xiaoyao’s eyes were still very bright as he looked at Huo Yuhao. He wasn’t affected just because his aura was weaker now. He stared at Huo Yuhao passionately and asked, “Have you formed your second soul core?”

Huo Yuhao silently nodded.

Long Xiaoyao took in a deep breath and said, “According to what I know, you are the only soul master in the past few thousand years who has cultivated a second soul core before becoming an Ultimate Douluo. You’re still so young too. I see hope in you.”

Huo Yuhao shook his head and replied, “No, I’m not the only one. Wutong has also succeeded.” He didn’t hide anything or tried to bluff Long Xiaoyao.

Just like Long Xiaoyao was able to find them using his senses, Huo Yuhao could sense something special coming from him for some unknown reason. This feeling developed his trust towards him.

“She also has one?” Long Xiaoyao was stunned as he looked at Tang Wutong.

“Yes! I also thought of that. Unless she formed her second soul core, how could both of you have maintained your martial soul fusion? Very good, both of you are very good. No wonder you’re Mu En’s disciples.” Long Xiaoyao’s smile was very genial. However, Huo Yuhao felt that it was very strange. It was just like Elder Mu was acting before he had passed on.

He was astonished. Don’t tell me that the Dragon Emperor Douluo is also...