

Worth 571

Chapter 571: No One Asks About It!

They were on the trial grounds. As Wang Baole and Dugu Lin looked at each other, there were also people around them who had lost. However, compared to Zhou Chudao's carefree back view as he left, Xu Ming, who was lying in the basin, was feeling a sense of bitterness and was laughing at himself for not daring to take on another battle.

Right now, it was also time for the teleportation to begin!

The loud boom arrived from all directions in the trial grounds, initially soft but quickly becoming as deafening as thunder. It was as if a humongous giant was screaming at the trial grounds.

The map in the night sky warped for the first time. The ground trembled, and the mountains shook!

The booms grew increasingly louder as if the heavens and earth were about to flip. The force of teleportation appeared from nothingness, and it was unleashed fully in the trial grounds in the short time of a few breaths!

That was the first teleportation, and it would take away a key from everyone. Those who didn't hold any keys would be eliminated!

At that moment, the originally calm trial grounds were thrown into chaos. Numerous keyless participants who had lost their keys suddenly rose up, charging forward with all their effort towards those who possessed keys near them!

Even though some of them succeeded, most of them failed. As the glow from the teleportation shimmered between the heavens and earth, keys disappeared one after another, and the elimination took place.

It was as if there was a hurricane that only those who possessed keys could stand firmly against. Those without keys would be wiped of all the meaning they ever held in the trial grounds by the hurricane.

It was the case for both Xu Ming and Zhou Chudao. Wang Baole witnessed one of his keys being taken away in this wave of teleportation. Zhou Chudao, with his back facing Wang Baole a distance away, grew gradually blurry as if he was walking into nothingness. The moment before he completely disappeared, Zhou Chudao raised his right hand with his back facing Wang Baole, as if bidding him farewell.

He only managed to wave thrice before he disappeared entirely without a trace.

The teleportation came and went quickly. The entire process only took the time of a few breaths. When the heavens and earth returned to a state of calm, the teleportation ended. The warped map in the night sky became clear once again, but the number of keys on it had significantly decreased!

Looking at the map in the night sky, Wang Baole took a deep breath, and Zhao Yameng's voice arrived by his ears.

“Every time the teleportation happens, it will wipe everything out, eliminating those keyless participants. At the same time, new keyless participants will appear. In addition, this is the only time every day where the tracks of the keyless participants would be exposed!”

“This is because, at every single location on the map where there is a key, there is bound to be a new keyless participant who appears there!” As Zhao Yameng spoke, she raised and waved her right hand. Instantly, the compass in her hand shone with a gentle glow, gathering before her and forming a map!

“I have indicated all the locations where a key was taken away previously. These positions right here are the locations of the keyless participants. According to this, we can estimate the coordinates of the keyless participant!” Zhao Yameng said while pointing her left hand at the compass. Immediately, numerous locations glowed on the map formed by light ray.

These glowing spots were the coordinates of the keyless participants present on the trial grounds, according to Zhao Yameng’s estimations. Right now, there were three such spots around them!

“How should we handle this?” Zhao Yameng looked towards Wang Baole, apparently asking what they should do with the keyless participants located at the three points near them.

“We don’t have to care about them... Hmm?” As Wang Baole spoke, he seemed to have noticed something. After taking a look at one of the spots, he raised and waved his right hand. Immediately, the tri-colored flying sword emerged, charging towards the other two positions.

As the tri-colored flying sword flew through the nothingness, cultivators leaped up from the two locations. The two cultivators escaped hurriedly without even turning around. However, their speed was no match for the flying sword. After a brief moment, painful screams emerged as the two of them tumbled to the ground one after another.

Wang Baole didn’t kill them, instead simply making them lose the ability to run far for the coming day, restricting them to this region.

The tri-colored flying sword returned after that. Wang Baole walked towards the location where the third glowing spot was at. When he neared, something wriggled within it, and a person emerged. The person didn’t run away. Instead, he sat there, laughing bitterly and incredulously while looking adrift at Wang Baole.

“Baole... You...”

Looking at the familiar face that was similar in size to him, a smile appeared on Wang Baole’s face.

“Senior Brother Yun Piaozi...”

That person was indeed Yun Piaozi. He had seen the battle between Wang Baole and Zhou Chudao. He was immensely shocked even now, as he couldn’t reconcile the image of Wang Baole in his mind with that before his eyes.

Wang Baole’s was so powerful that it completely exceeded his expectations. This made him feel somewhat distant towards Wang Baole.

“I have cleared all the keyless participants around here. Be careful after you leave this region.” Wang Baole had managed to understand what Yun Piaozi was thinking about, and also sensed the unfamiliarity

that was revealed instinctively by him. Therefore, he only spoke after a moment of silence, and then he looked at Zhao Yameng.

Zhao Yameng understood Wang Baole's intention. She took out a key and placed it before Yun Piaozi.

"Yun Piaozi, see you back at the sect. Bye." Wang Baole cupped his fists at Yun Piaozi and then left with Zhao Yameng and Kong Dao, a smile on his face. As they left, Kong Dao looked curiously towards Yun Piaozi before turning back.

He naturally understood that Wang Baole didn't have plans to deal with the two keyless participants initially and that he only did so because of Yun Piaozi.

It could be said that Wang Baole did so in order to give Yun Piaozi a key to ensure his safety. This made Kong Dao curious. After all, they were Federation disciples, and it was difficult for them to form a deep relationship with the Dao Palace disciples despite having shared some common experiences.

In reality, that was the truth. Even though Yun Piaozi was close to Wang Baole, it was mostly due to Wang Baole's generosity, as well as the Spirit Boat gains. It was a one-sided relationship, and fundamentally, this relationship between them couldn't weather major storms.

This made Yun Piaozi fall silent as he looked at the key before him. After a brief moment, he raised his head and looked at Wang Baole and company's back view. He stood up silently and exclaimed loudly, "Baole!"

Wang Baole stopped his tracks in mid-air and turned to look at Yun Piaozi.

"Dugu Lin fought with Xu Ming previously. You... take care."

Hearing that, Wang Baole thought about it briefly before waving his hand with a smile on his face, then, he turned to leave. When he disappeared before Yun Piaozi, Yun Piaozi lowered his head to look at the key, a tinge of respect appearing in his eyes.

His respect resulted not from the act of Wang Baole giving him a key. Instead, it was because he dealt with the two keyless participants for him specifically.

At the same time, he suddenly realized that the difference between him and Wang Baole wasn't only their combat capabilities, but most importantly, their mindsets!

He doesn't even care about the keys or the rules here. To him and the other personal disciples, these aren't important. They didn't need to follow the rules because they have their own rules!

That is... To eliminate all competitors other than themselves. It is enough that they are the ones remaining. Yun Piaozi looked at the key and managed to think through everything. When he raised his head, he sighed a long sigh of relief while laughing bitterly.

This bitter laugh was quickly replaced by a carefree attitude. He looked up, and instead of picking up the key, he turned and walked in another direction. He knew that it was meaningless to continue persevering in the trial grounds. What he needed was to find a place to meditate and leave when the second teleportation happened.

This isn't a trial for ordinary people like us anymore. Yun Piaozi shook his head and walked further and further away. The key remained on the ground, shining brightly, but no one cared about it anymore.

In the air a distance away, Zhao Yameng was the first to realize what had happened amongst the trio. She looked at the night sky map, where the key stood unmoving. Even though she didn't witness everything first hand, she had managed to guess what had happened. After thinking about it, she smiled and looked at Wang Baole.

"Baole, that friend of yours isn't simple. He knows the appropriate time to part."

Chapter 572: Baole, Do You Understand?

As Wang Baole and company left the trial grounds where they battled Zhou Chudao previously, breathing sounds emerged from the momentarily silent Dao Palace public square. Even though discussions could be heard, most of the disciples remained silent.

If it were said that the battle they witnessed between Wang Baole and Zhou Chudao had begun on fair terms, then the armor formed by blood-colored meridians that appeared outside Wang Baole's body towards the end was the factor that caused the entire situation to be turned around!

To a certain extent, it couldn't be considered a one-dimensional combat force. The result was something that everyone was unable and unwilling to believe.

All the Federation Seedlings were silent, and torrents of emotions crashed in their hearts. They felt that Wang Baole's powers were unreal.

Feng Qiuran was deeply surprised, and she felt a myriad of emotions in her heart. She stared at Wang Baole through the footage, thinking about how powerful Thearch Armor was on the one hand, and deeply shocked by Wang Baole's rising on the other!

Before this, she didn't have high hopes for Wang Baole and company. She even thought that unless a miracle happened, it was impossible for the trio to emerge in the top three with their own abilities.

However, right now, Feng Qiuran had to admit that she made the wrong judgment. She had also belittled her ally, the Federation!

They have sent such an elite to the Vast Expanse Dao Palace. I am nothing compared to the Federation's generosity! Feng Qiuran was focused. She thought to herself that if there were a talent like Wang Baole under her lead, she would definitely not send him out. After all, if anything untoward happened, the losses would be too great to handle.

To her, it wasn't easy that the Federation could do that!

Mie Liezi also thought similarly. Right now, Mie Liezi was looking at Wang Baole through the footage silently. Daoist You Ran reacted the same way, but what was different was that in the depths of his eyes, a chilly glow and an intention to kill was hidden!

At the same time, as the first teleportation ended, there were only slightly over a hundred people remaining on the trial grounds. This was due to the intensity of the first day, which had resulted in a large number of keys being collected.

Most of those that remained were scattered all over the place. They were cautious and vigilant towards the possibility of being attacked by the keyless participants. Indeed, according to Zhao Yameng's judgment, as the first day was so intense, the second day was comparatively calmer.

Even though fights and clashes still occurred occasionally, everyone knew that there were four people on the trial grounds that shouldn't be provoked. Other than the three remaining personal disciples, the last one was the personal disciple from the Federation, Wang Baole!

'Federation Personal Disciple' was the respectful term that people on the trial grounds gave to Wang Baole. To them, only the words 'Personal Disciple' were a good fit for Wang Baole's identity.

Therefore, the locations where Wang Baole and the other three people were at were forbidden grounds for the other disciples. They didn't dare go near those areas and would flee if they even saw them from a distance away.

After flying in the air for a period of time and noticing the scattered keys on the night sky map swiftly running away, Wang Baole called for Zhao Yameng and Kong Dao to take a rest on one of the mountain peaks.

To the others, the keys were of increasing importance. However, to Wang Baole, it didn't matter, and no one dared to snatch it from him either. He knew very clearly that right now, he only had three opponents remaining!

One was Dugu Lin, one was Lu Yun, while the other was Zhou Chudao's Dao partner, Huang Yunshan!

Wang Baole didn't belittle any of the three. That was especially so for Dugu Lin, who had risen to become Wang Baole's greatest competitor!

"If nothing peculiar happens, the top three would definitely be chosen from the four of you." As Wang Baole was looking at the night sky map, Zhao Yameng commented softly while sitting beside him.

"Then, Baole, do you want to stably enter the top three, or do you want to try going on the Lonely Path?" A glow flashed across Zhao Yameng's eyes as she looked at Wang Baole.

Kong Dao responded similarly as well and was even tempted to try it out. That was because once Wang Baole chose the latter option, he would have great advantages...

Wang Baole thought about it and suddenly laughed.

"I still want to go on the Lonely Path to eliminate everyone, so that there is no number two or number three, but only a number one! Then, when the trial ends, each one of us shall take a Hyacinthus Tree leaf!"

"Let's do it!" Kong Dao spoke excitedly. Zhao Yameng rubbed her forehead, appearing as if she had long guessed that Wang Baole would take that option. She relaxed, and as she heard Wang Baole's words, she no longer continued to think about the details of the rules here.

“Since this is the case, then I’ll no longer do the analysis. You do it yourself. However, let me remind you that your next opponent might appear even before the second teleportation happens. If I didn’t guess incorrectly, it should be Huang Yunshan, Zhou Chudao’s Dao partner!”

“Coming for revenge?” Kong Dao raised his eyebrows.

“Coming to give us a key! Kong Dao, I’ve realized that your intelligence seems to have been lowered recently.” Zhao Yameng spoke calmly.

Kong Dao twisted his mouth and didn’t speak. He thought silently in his heart that whoever followed these two weirdos had to bow down to them. One was undefeatable in terms of combat power, the other undefeatable in terms of wit. What could he do other than say something? If it were someone else, they would have long lost their sense of existence.

Seeing how awkward Kong Dao looked, Wang Baole cleared his throat, and almost instinctively thought to take out his snacks. However, on the one hand, there were only a few pieces left, and on the other hand, he felt that it didn’t match the situation. Therefore, he resisted doing so. Instead, he raised his chin and maintained the proud attitude that he had been putting on in the trial grounds.

True to Zhao Yameng’s judgment, after the trio rested for half a day, a star worth over thirty keys could be seen nearing them quickly on the night sky map.

This caught the attention of everyone inside and outside the trial grounds. Naturally, Wang Baole and trio also noticed it, but they simply sat waiting, without moving.

An hour later, as the star appeared before the trio with astonishing speed, the alluring Huang Yunshan arrived like a ball of fire.

She was extremely fast. The previous moment, she was still a distance away, but in the blink of an eye, she was just a thousand feet from the trio. As she landed on the mountain peak, she didn’t look at Wang Baole, instead, throwing a glance at Zhao Yameng first.

Zhao Yameng looked back at her with a smile. Huang Yunshan smiled as well, before turning to look at Wang Baole, sizing him up. At the same time, Wang Baole was also looking at that woman.

When their eyes met, Huang Yunshan suddenly laughed.

“Even my man fell in your hands. It seems like I am no match for you either. Since that is the case, I’ll give you the keys. Since you’ve won over my man, you should continue battling and become number one!” With that, Huang Yunshan raised and waved her right hand, and tens of keys landed before Wang Baole.

Then, she looked at Wang Baole once again and smiled before turning to leave.

From her arrival to her departure, that was the only thing that she said. Kong Dao was deep in thought, looking at Zhao Yameng and back at Wang Baole, who seemed to also be thinking about something, before speaking suddenly.

“Baole, she must have fallen for you... Otherwise, why would she travel so far to give you those keys...”

Wang Baole blinked and was about to speak, but Zhao Yameng snorted upon hearing those words.

“Kong Dao, your intelligence has indeed been lowered.”

“What do you mean by that, Zhao Yameng!” Kong Dao was delighted but purposely acted as if he were angry. In reality, he had deliberately said those words to agitate Zhao Yameng.

“I don’t mean much. However, if my man failed, I would hope that the person who beat him would become the mightiest person in this trial. This way, my man would have failed under the hands of the top elite and not under the hands of other failures. This would minimize the damage to my reputation, and he wouldn’t be as disheartened. He would have a chance to rise up again and defeat him with his own hands!” Zhao Yameng spoke calmly. Kong Dao didn’t know how to argue back and simply mumbled.

“You’re a lunatic as well...”

“That’s because you don’t understand!” Zhao Yameng laughed. She looked at Wang Baole with a glow in her eyes and asked, “Baole, do you understand?”

Being looked at by Zhao Yameng in that way made Wang Baole’s heart rate quicken. As Zhao Yameng sat down, he couldn’t help but sweep his gaze at her...

Chapter 573: Clearing the Area!

Wang Baole was about to speak, but right then, on the night sky map, the star that represented Dugu Lin suddenly moved!

He was fast, much faster than when he charged towards Xu Ming. He was headed towards the last personal disciple of Feng Qiuran, Lu Yun!

The distance between the two of them wasn’t great. Since he moved with such a high speed, even the outsiders were surprised as they watched. The people that Dugu Lin passed on the way were also shocked, as they heard the sound of thunder arrive by their ears while noticing Dugu Lin’s figure charging ahead!

“Dugu Lin is battling once again!”

Wang Baole raised his head to look at the night sky, and Zhao Yameng and Kong Dao also turned their attention towards it. On the night sky map, they saw that the galaxy that represented Lu Yun, which had been moving slowly initially, suddenly stopped. It appeared that it had reached a decision after pondering over it briefly, and then it changed its direction and charged towards where Dugu Lin was coming from!

He wasn’t trying to escape or avoid battle, he was moving to take Dugu Lin head-on!

This could only be sensed by the disciples in the trial grounds through the night sky map, as they couldn’t see the details. However, the Dao Palace cultivators outside who could see everything going on were gripped with surprise.

They witnessed Dugu Lin charging forward, and they saw Lu Yun changing direction and charging towards Dugu Lin, an intention to fight in his eyes. They also noticed the decreasing distance between the both of them!

They were like two meteors swiftly approaching each other, about to collide!

“Huang Yunshan giving away her keys just now must have agitated Dugu Lin, forcing him to act sooner than he had planned!”

“Lu Yun actually took the initiative to battle!”

“The way things are now is simply good luck on Wang Baole’s part. He only needs to continue waiting, and he will enter the top two!”

As commotion arose amongst the disciples outside, Mie Liezi looked more comforted, though he was still solemn. However, a look of anticipation appeared in his eyes. Despite Wang Baole’s rising causing changes in how this trial was playing out, he still believed that his disciple, Dugu Lin, would emerge as number one!

Compared to Mie Liezi, Feng Qiuran was now sighing. Xu Ming was teleported back previously but didn’t stop by the public square. The moment he returned, he immediately left, as if ashamed with himself.

Right now, only her personal disciple Lu Yun remained on the trial grounds. With Huang Yunshan’s decision to give up, the results of the trial were clear, and there was little possibility of a change happening.

If everything happened accordingly, the top three would be Dugu Lin, Wang Baole, and Lu Yun!

However, the fact that Dugu Lin suddenly charged out with his intention to kill unleashed showed clearly that his goal wasn’t to be in the top three. Instead, he only wanted there to be a number one, with no other positions in the trial!

Dugu Lin! Feng Qiuran’s facial expression was awful as she threw a glance at Daoist You Ran. However, she realized that Daoist You Ran still had his eyes shut, and he merely sighed without making any moves even when his personal disciple had been defeated.

In the silence, Feng Qiuran felt a myriad of emotions. She had high hopes of the two of them, but Xu Ming had already been eliminated. Lu Yun was impressive, but compared to Dugu Lin, whose ferocity was unleashed, Xu Ming still fell behind. Feng Qiuran had also realized that Dugu Lin wasn’t going at full force and was reserving some of his powers.

It was without a doubt that Lu Yun would fail.

However, Wang Baole, whom she didn’t look upon favorably initially, had suddenly risen up. The last Thearch Armor punch that he threw at Zhou Chudao to defeat him made Feng Qiuran feel that perhaps the trial was made specifically for Dugu Lin and Wang Baole. If Dugu Lin won, he would lead the Dao Palace disciples in the days to come, rising up completely with Mie Liezi.

Similarly, if Wang Baole won, his status and identity in the Dao Palace would be transformed. Even the others from the Federation could raise their heads, and few if not none of the Dao Palace disciples would dare to provoke them. This was because the Federation wouldn’t only have a personal disciple, but they would have the personal disciple that was the strongest below the Nascent Soul realm, suppressing even the Dao Palace disciples!

As everyone felt a torrent of emotions, Dugu Lin and Lu Yun were charging forward at increasing speed. Half an hour later, they neared each other in the central region of the trial grounds, and the battle between the two began as a loud boom was produced!

Different from the time he battled Xu Ming, and perhaps because Lu Yun came to battle on his own accord, Dugu Lin's attacks were even more decisive. As he sealed his hands, his ferocity intensified, and nine black dragons appeared behind him, charging towards Lu Yun while screaming.

Not many on the trial grounds could see what was happening. Only the disciples near the battle location could see what was going on from a distance. Other than that, only the Dao Palace disciples outside could see what was going on clearly.

However, the clearer they could see, the more shocked they were. In reality, personal disciple Lu Yun had already surpassed his peers and was someone who could eliminate those in the Core Formation realm. However, in front of Dugu Lin, he was completely suppressed!

From start to finish, Dugu Lin only attacked with his fists while the nine black dragons circled around Lu Yun. Like the battle against Xu Ming, he didn't use other spells and only threw punches. That was enough to make Lu Yun scream painfully, but he still charged out despite being pelted by the punches and thrown to the ground.

The Dao Palace disciples fell silent while watching it. They didn't notice that a distance away, the heavily injured Xu Ming had returned, supported by his servant. Looking at the duo in battle, Xu Ming was silent, as if he could see himself in their position.

When Lu Yun's body was about to crumble to a state similar to that of Xu Ming's, Dugu Lin said the same thing he did to Xu Ming while flying in mid-air. Lu Yun laughed bitterly and didn't avoid the battle. Instead, with a hint of madness, he charged out!

Looking at Lu Yun, Xu Ming trembled. Lu Yun did something that he didn't dare do for fear of death!

Xu Ming was silent, and he closed his eyes with bitterness in his heart.

The battle between Lu Yun and Dugu Lin had ended. Perhaps due to admiration for Lu Yun, Dugu Lin didn't unleash the final punch on Lu Yun. Instead, he slapped Lu Yun out of the sky, knocking him unconscious and no longer attacking.

As the battle ended, the public square was filled with momentary silence. Sounds of delight emerged from Mie Liezi's clan. Compared to them, both Feng Qiuran and Daoist You Ran's clans were silent, their hearts filled with shock and a torrent of emotions that couldn't rest like the raging sea.

Without a doubt, Dugu Lin was more powerful than anyone could imagine. He didn't use a second skill against both Xu Ming and Lu Yun from beginning to end. He could simply defeat them with punches and the nine circling dragons.

Everyone could see that Dugu Lin didn't unleash his full force, but no one could guess how much power he actually used for the two battles.

"Thirty percent at most!" Xu Ming mumbled before turning to leave.

As everyone was filled with shock, the disciples within the trial grounds all fell silent. Even Wang Baole and company, who were resting on the mountain peak, looked solemn.

“This Dugu Lin is powerful, very powerful!” Kong Dao took a deep breath as he spoke.

“Baole, are you confident?” Zhao Yameng looked towards Wang Baole, a look of concern in her eyes.

Wang Baole remained silent for a while before his gaze deepened with a strong intention to battle burning in his eyes. His lips slowly curled into a smile as he spoke slowly.

“We’ll find out after the battle.” With that, Wang Baole shut his eyes and meditated with his legs crossed. He wanted to remain at the peak of perfection. Even if Dugu Lin didn’t come for him, he would look for him himself.

The battle between the two wasn’t only the end of this trial, it was also the most brilliant highlight!

Dugu Lin didn’t want there to be anything other than number one, and that was the case for Wang Baole as well!

Time passed, and it was no less than five hours to the second teleportation. Commotion arose in the trial grounds once again!

The one who caused the commotion was still Dugu Lin. After defeating Lu Yun, he had managed to accumulate over a hundred keys. However, he didn’t stop and instead began to clear the scene!

The goal of that was to fight against Feng Qiuran’s disciples!

Soon, Feng Qiuran’s remaining disciples who were struggling to survive in the trial grounds could only bitterly hand out their keys. They became keyless participants, and looking at it on the night sky map, Dugu Lin gained an increasing number of keys, while the keys that were scattered around dwindled.

This was definitely noticed by the cultivators outside. Even though they were shocked, they also understood that it was the survival of the fittest!

Chapter 574: Two Peaks of One Mountain!

Watching Dugu Lin wiping out others from the night sky map, Wang Baole thought about it and laughed suddenly.

“It’s good that you’re wiping out the rest!” The outcome of this battle had already turned into the inevitable battle between him and Dugu Lin. Dugu Lin’s act of wiping out the others was clearly to ensure that the battle would not be interrupted. Wang Baole felt that it was a good move made by Dugu Lin, and he stood up on the mountain peak.

“Let’s begin to wipe out the rest as well, targeting those from his clan!” With that, Wang Baole stepped into the air and flew out. Zhao Yameng and Kong Dao followed behind, and the trio charged forward towards all the locations on the map that marked the position of the keys.

Therefore, the map was gradually cleared with both Wang Baole and Dugu Lin heading in two different directions!

This was a bitter experience for the disciples of Feng Qiuran and Mie Liezi. Previously, Wang Baole was someone insignificant in their minds. However, with this trial, Wang Baole had risen up like a star, and he had even managed to defeat Zhou Chudao to become one of the two elites in the trial ground.

The struggling cultivators under Mie Liezi were all aghast at his arrival. Even though they were indignant, they also knew that it was impossible for them to succeed in this trial, given their capabilities. Initially, they also held onto the hope of reaching the top three by chance.

Of course, if someone, either Wang Baole or Dugu Lin were to fail, they felt that second place was possible. However, they had already realized that neither Wang Baole nor Dugu Lin was giving others a chance!

Therefore, this so-called 'wipe out' was simply an assembly of keys. It wasn't possible that anyone would foolishly try to fight back, regardless of whether it was people from Feng Qiuran or Mie Liezi's clan. Right now, those who had keys weren't stupid either. Most of the time, after being caught up to by either Wang Baole or Dugu Lin, they would hand over their keys without a fight.

However, amongst the two clans, there were still a few who weren't smart. Towards people like them, Dugu Lin and Wang Baole acted similarly. They didn't kill them but simply broke their legs to cripple them.

Looking at it from the night sky map, one could see that the stars that represented the two of them were extremely distinct, sweeping across each other's region. Three hours later, through beating up or taking away the keys, the disciples from Mie Liezi and Feng Qiuran's clan gradually lost all the keys they had.

It was the same for Daoist You Ran's clan as well. Even though they were a neutral party, as the scene was cleared, they also knew that it was meaningless to persevere. In this trial, everyone could be considered a beginner, and the value of their existence lay simply in helping those two elite stars rise to the top!

Therefore, when they met Wang Baole and Dugu Lin, the disciples of Daoist You Ran didn't bother to resist, and instead courteously handed out their keys. As this went on, before long, it was a mere one hour until the second teleportation. There were no longer anymore scattered keys on the night sky map.

There were only two stars made from numerous keys assembled together, and the numerous keyless participants who would be eliminated in this round of teleportation.

Right now, all these people raised their heads to look at the night sky map as they waited in silence.

As they waited, Wang Baole looked away from the night sky, and he looked at Zhao Yameng and Kong Dao.

Without hesitation, Zhao Yameng took out all the keys she had. Kong Dao took a deep breath as he similarly passed all his keys to Wang Baole.

"Baole, you must win!" Kong Dao spoke in a deep voice.

A smile appeared on Zhao Yameng's face, and a look of anticipation appeared in her eyes. Looking at both of them, Wang Baole smiled as he kept all the keys, before speaking calmly.

“Let’s see each other outside in a while!” With that, Wang Baole turned around and stepped into mid-air. With his full speed unleashed, he turned into a shooting star as he charged towards the north, where Dugu Lin was!

At the same time, Dugu Lin, who was meditating on some rocks, suddenly opened his eyes, which carried an extremely strong desire to battle as he mumbled.

“You, who defeated Zhou Chudao... I wonder if you have the ability to force me to unleash the second divine power!” With that, Dugu Lin smiled and stood up. He was like a giant as he stepped forward, flying into the air with the speed of lightning, charging towards the approaching Wang Baole!

The two of them, one from the north and one from the south, were traveling extremely fast such that the distance between them was shortened instantly. This intense move by both of them made everyone on the trial grounds who had lost their keys extremely taken aback. To them, even if they were destined to fail, the fact that they could witness the battle between the elites of the Dao Palace made their failure worthwhile.

That was especially so as the battle to become the first was between a Dao Palace local and a Federation cultivator!

From the aspect of emotional ties, they naturally hoped that Dugu Lin would emerge victorious. However, everyone also recognized Wang Baole’s rising. It could be said that in the hearts of these people, it was difficult to say who would eventually win!

However, the majority still hoped that Dugu Lin would win!

Amidst those emotions, and as Wang Baole and Dugu Lin neared each other, the other cultivators on the trial grounds also advanced at high speed. Their goal was to reach the region between the two of them. With their speed, estimating the region where they would make contact wasn’t a difficult task.

At the same time, as Wang Baole and Dugu Lin’s battle was about to begin on the trial grounds, and as the others assembled, the public square outside was teeming with sounds of discussion and commotion. Everyone focused their attention as they looked towards the sky, where the eye-catching figures of Wang Baole and Dugu Lin were on the big screen!

The two of them were nearing each other at such high speed that thunder was produced continuously. A tear was formed in the empty space as a result of their speed, such that it appeared as if the sky behind the both of them was being torn open!

Their force also grew increasingly stronger as they charged ahead!

“The both of them are gearing up!”

“Dugu Lin only used a single spell for both his previous two battles. That shows how formidable he is. As for Wang Baole, the blood-colored armor that he used to defeat Zhou Chudao is astonishing as well!”

“If Wang Baole’s blood-colored armor can be sustained for a long period of time, then the outcome of this trial will be uncertain. However, if he is unable to sustain it, then Dugu Lin will definitely win!”

As all the disciples on the public square were engaged in heated discussions, the Federation Seedlings were also extremely nervous. They were agitated and worried, and with the myriad of emotions that they were feeling, everything turned into anxiety.

Even the Nascent Soul realm cultivators from the Dao Palace looked solemn. It was clear that whether it was Wang Baole or Dugu Lin, both of them had showcased, to a certain extent, a combat power that was similar to that of a Nascent Soul realm cultivator!

Naturally, their experience was on a level that those Core Formation realm disciples couldn't compare to. Therefore, after witnessing the duo engage in their individual battles, they had reached a conclusion in their hearts.

"Wang Baole will lose."

"He will lose because he is still in the mid-stage Core Formation realm, while Dugu Lin has already reached the perfected Core Formation realm!"

"In the face of an enemy that isn't on par with you, combat power is important. However, if both sides are equally powerful, then how long they each can last becomes crucial!" As the Nascent Soul realm cultivators made their own judgments, Feng Qiuran also took a deep breath as she looked at Mie Liezi.

"Mie Liezi, it's time to end the battle now that we have reached this stage."

"Even if we go according to the rules, we still need to wait until after the teleportation to make a decision. There is still an hour left. Elder Qiuran, you're too anxious." Mie Liezi spoke calmly as he rejected her proposition.

Feng Qiuran narrowed her eyes and was about to say something when Daoist You Ran suddenly spoke.

"Elder Qiuran, it's just an hour. I am also curious to know who would emerge victorious between the two of them! Furthermore, halting the battle now wouldn't only not be accepted by the both of them, but it is also something that the surrounding disciples would be against."

Feng Qiuran looked at the disciples around her and noticed the anticipation and passion in their eyes. She also looked at Wang Baole and Dugu Lin from the screen in the sky and saw their strong desire to battle. As such, she fell silent.

As Feng Qiuran fell silent, the spectators focused their attention on the trial grounds. Five minutes later, on the night sky map of the trial grounds, the two stars nearing each other from the north and south finally met each other!

Perhaps due to a coincidence, or perhaps it was on purpose, the location where they met was a double-peaked mountain!

A mountain with two peaks stood stably on the ground, towering as it pointed towards the skies!

Right now, a loud boom was produced as Wang Baole appeared on the right peak, while Dugu Lin arrived on the left peak. As he stood on the peak, he looked like a god at Wang Baole, who was a thousand feet away from him with bright eyes!

"Wang Baole!"

Wang Baole looked at him as well, and their gaze met in mid-air. Vaguely, a loud boom produced from around both of them and reverberated in all directions.

“Dugu Lin!”

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As the duo shouted, they fully unleashed their forces. A blood sea containing nine large carps that were swimming vigorously in it appeared behind Dugu Lin. Every time they leaped out of the water surface, waves of the blood sea rose and crashed.

This illusion also brought with it a genuine smell of blood that spread in all directions. This resulted in the peak beneath Dugu Lin’s feet being stained blood red!

Wang Baole was impressive as well. Large amounts of lightning appeared and spread in all directions, forming a Lightning Domain that covered a large area. The heaven and earth were discolored as the lightning and thunder arrived in waves, covering the entire mountain peak from his body!

Looking at it from a distance, the mountain peaks beneath the feet of the two of them were a Blood Peak and a Lightning Peak respectively. They were equally matched and shook the heavens and earth!

This scene gripped all the spectators who were watching the events unfold. At the same time, in the area surrounding the twin peaks, numerous trial-takers had arrived. They didn’t dare to go near, watching from thousands of feet away. It was as if the physical bodies of a cultivator were different from that of ordinary people. As such, as their gaze was focused with their cultivation, they could see everything on the battlegrounds clearly.

However, it was also this that caused them to be deeply shaken, feeling extremely pressured. Their breathing grew chaotic as Wang Baole and Dugu Lin unleashed their forces, and as the Blood Peak and Lightning Peak stood!

“The battle is about to begin!”

“This is a battle between the peaks, the battle of the top person below the Nascent Soul realm in the Dao Palace!”

“Whoever emerges victorious will be the undeniable top person below the Nascent Soul realm!”

Numerous disciples, both inside and outside the trial grounds, were focusing their attention on what was happening. That was especially so for the disciples who had bet on Dugu Lin’s victory, and they were extremely nervous.

That was the case for the Federation disciples as well. With everyone’s attention on the twin peaks, Wang Baole suddenly laughed. His laughter grew louder, and in the end, he raised his right hand and waved it hard!

He wasn’t making an attack. Instead, he was throwing all the keys he had into the valley between them. Those keys shimmered brightly, and as they landed in the valley, they were like twinkling stars!

That scene surprised all the spectators instantly. They had never thought that Wang Baole would throw out the keys, but after thinking about it, they realized that it was a logical move!

The rules of this trial had already been changed. In other words, be it Wang Baole or Dugu Lin, they could simply disregard the rules, as they each had their own rules!

That was... Only one person shall remain!

However, even so, not everyone could throw out the keys without concern like Wang Baole. Such a simple action caused a powerful force to accumulate on Wang Baole. That was an act of no return, an act of leaving no way out!

The surrounding spectators all held their breaths, and this was especially so for the disciples outside. At this moment, even though Wang Baole was a Federation cultivator, he had already gained the respect of many people everywhere!

“Such boldness... I have belittled Wang Baole in the past!”

“If I have a chance, I want to be friends with Wang Baole, regardless of whether he wins or loses!”

As the perceptions towards Wang Baole changed in the minds of numerous cultivators, Dugu Lin also felt respect towards what Wang Baole had done!

Dugu Lin also laughed heartily and raised his right hand, waving it. He threw all the keys that he had obtained into the valley as if they were trash, and he didn't even bother looking at them as he did so. A single key was left behind, and as he pointed at it with his right hand, the remaining key flew out and landed on the rocks between the two peaks as it shone brightly!

The winner would take the key!

As the key was thrown out, the force from Dugu Lin's body also intensified, shaking the sky. The disciples around them who had lost their keys were completely shocked by what Wang Baole and Dugu Lin had just done, and they held their breaths. Regardless of whether they admitted it, they felt that they were insignificant compared to the both of them.

“The both of them are the true elites!” someone mumbled, and this comment gained the agreement of others around them.

They could feel the mightiness of the both of them and could understand the purpose of why they did what they did.

This battle would end with the next round of teleportation. Before the teleportation began, the winner and loser must be determined. If not, everyone, including the both of them, would be eliminated, and everyone would fail!

No one dared to pick up the keys from the valley between them either, as it was meaningless. Rules may be rules, but with the sect watching everything, if someone really made use of the opportunity to reach the top three, that person would have a hard life in the future!

After all, all the cultivators in this trial met each other often in the Vast Expanse Dao Palace. Not many would take the risk, and that was especially so for those who remained, as they were all smart.

Therefore, even though some of them were filled with regret, they controlled their greed and tidied up their thoughts!

The winner of this trial was to be determined between Wang Baole and Dugu Lin. The winner between them would be the only one eligible to pick up the shimmering key laying on the rock, and as that person held the key and watched as the others were being teleported away by the teleportation array formation, he would become number one in the trial!

“Wang Baole, don’t disappoint me!” The moment he threw out the keys, Dugu Lin bellowed as the desire for combat was unleashed in his eyes. He stepped into the air instantly as he charged towards Wang Baole. He raised his hand and grabbed, and instantly, the nine carps in the blood sea behind him all screeched and leaped out of the water surface!

In mid-air, in the blood sea, the nine carps were transformed into nine black dragons that coiled around Dugu Lin’s right arm, boosting his punch with the force of nine dragons!

Similar to when he was battling Xu Ming and Lu Yun, he charged towards Wang Baole!

Until now, in the Vast Expanse Dao Palace, he had never met someone who could force him to unleash the second spell. All his opponents fell and lost against his nine dragon punch.

He had once thought that Zhou Chudao was the only one that could make him unleash the second spell. However, right now, this anticipation had turned towards Wang Baole. To a certain extent, Dugu Lin no longer cared about the Hyacinthus Tree leaf, he only cared about having a hearty battle and using the victory from this battle to accumulate his power!

With that thought, the desire to battle, and the determination to win, Dugu Lin’s force was unleashed as the blood sea behind him churned. He leaped into mid-air and punched at Wang Baole!

That punch made the heavens and earth vibrate, and it even produced a black hole. It produced a force that shook the firmament. The nine dragons screeched, and a force of unity was contained within everything!

Like an indestructible pike, it pierced straight forward!

“As you wish!” Wang Baole’s desire to fight was evident in his eyes. All the lightning in his Lightning Domain danced and was unleashed. His voice carried a level of power that was unlike before. It was decisive, and as it reverberated, Wang Baole stepped out!

Using his right hand for support, the force from his hip accumulated in his right hand the moment he neared. His cultivation was completely unleashed. His Lightning Core, Dark Core, and Heart Core all activated, forming a collective force that integrated with his consciousness, causing his power to intensify as he similarly punched his fist!

Supernova!

The resonance boosted him two-fold!

With that punch, the heavens and earth were shaken, the wind was disrupted, and the clouds and sky were being torn apart. A black hole-like existence was being forced apart, making him appear like a steady, indestructible pike. His fist was the sharp tip that pierced forcefully towards Dugu Lin!

The distance between the two of them on the peaks was a mere thousand feet. As they charged out, it looked like two extremely sharp pikes that were never before seen had made contact with each other!

The heavens and earth shook, and tremors filled the surroundings!

This was the contact between the Blood Sea and the Lightning Domain!

This was the collision between the Blood Peak and the Lightning Mountain!

This was... The ultimate battle to become the first amongst the Dao Palace disciples!

Chapter 576: Light Rays Intersect!

Astonishment and amazement like never before!

That was the thought that revolved around the minds of the trial-takers who were standing around the twin peaks. Their emotions were being heavily influenced by the two pikes that Wang Baole and Dugu Lin had transmogrified. Astonishment, and nothing else, filled their thoughts right now!

The next moment, a deafening noise sounded, reverberating in mid-air as Wang Baole and Dugu Lin collided, and as the Nine Dragon Punch and Supernova made contact!

The nine dragons were torn apart, and the supernova was devastated. As a result of the both of them completely unleashing their power and cultivation, a black hole-like existence appeared, overlapping and exploding in the opposite direction. An indescribably powerful impact spread swiftly between the two of them!

The waves that were produced as the spread happened also harnessed an astonishing force. If other Core Formation realm cultivators were to go between the two of them, they would definitely be killed by the waves themselves!

To Wang Baole, who was equipped with the Heart Core, the waves may be frightening, but it wasn't sufficient to kill him. That was the case for Dugu Lin as well. He didn't have a Heart Core, but his combat body could provide him with a physical protective covering. Amidst the loud boom, the two of them didn't even move a single step back, unlike what the others had expected!

That was because at that moment, whoever moved back would lose the lead. Being in the lead was important, perhaps the most crucial in a battle between two equally matched individuals!

It could be said that from the beginning, the duo's individual attacks were already extremely intense, and they weren't giving each other any leeway!

Amidst the loud boom, Dugu Lin laughed heartily, with excitement evident in his laughter. His intention to battle far exceeded when he battled Xu Ming and Lu Yun. He turned around and bellowed.

"Wang Baole, you're qualified!" With that, Dugu Lin sealed his right hand, and with his body against the impact, he charged towards Wang Baole. At that moment, as the Blood Sea behind him churned, a giant Kun Peng emerged from under the sea!

The appearance of the creature instantly made everyone who was around, as well as those outside, shocked beyond words. The fact that a Core Formation realm cultivator could create such a powerful scene was incredulous to many. In the minds of most cultivators, only the Nascent Soul realm cultivators could achieve this feat!

However, this phenomenon appeared through Dugu Lin. In addition, it was extremely powerful. When the Kun Peng appeared, it was already extremely physically imposing as it was tens of thousands of feet wide. As it screeched, it didn't charge towards Wang Baole. Instead, it turned and raised its tail, sweeping it towards Wang Baole!

Looking at everything that was happening, it seemed as if a large fan was creating a churning wind that could destroy everything in its path. It tore apart the space, causing the Blood Sea to tumble. It appeared like ink was being spilled to stain everything red!

It moved extremely fast, at a speed that exceeded even that of Dugu Lin himself. Instantly, it appeared before Wang Baole, who was similarly going against the impact!

A strong sense of crisis arose in Wang Baole's mind. It didn't come from in front of him, but from behind him instead!

Behind him, as the tail of the Kun Peng swept with immense force towards him and blocked the path ahead of him, Dugu Lin appeared!

He somehow appeared behind Wang Baole, and his appearance was extremely bizarre. He seemed to be bloated and covered with large amounts of black hair all over his body. In the blink of an eye, he was transformed into a maniacal ape that was hundreds of feet tall!

The ape's eyes were reddened, carrying a maniacal level of desire to battle. It was extremely excited, and as it waved its large arms, its two fists were like giant pails, pounding down on Wang Baole as it laughed!

The Kun Peng was in front of him, while the giant ape was behind him. This was an extremely treacherous situation and didn't give Wang Baole any time to react. If it were someone else, they would be completely flustered. Dugu Lin was simply too experienced, and every move he made was fatal!

However, Wang Baole had been through life-and-death crises numerous times before. Right now, even in the face of danger, he was calm. He suppressed the urge in his mind to unleash Thearch Armor. It wasn't that it shouldn't be unleashed, but if he were to use it as a form of resistance now, it would definitely not feel as good as using an unexpected move!

Therefore, a glow flashed across Wang Baole's eyes as he sealed his hands without hesitation. Instantly, a ribbon appeared, winding around its surroundings while the tri-colored flying sword also appeared, shining brightly as it pierced straight ahead at the Kun Peng. As for Wang Baole, he turned around with a punch to welcome the giant ape that Dugu Lin had transformed into!

Everything, from the beginning of the crisis to tackling the attacks head-on, happened in an extremely short amount of time. Immediately, a loud boom reverberated. The ribbon that was akin to an eighth-grade Dharmic Armament had a unique protective characteristic. At the same time, the tri-colored flying sword that was like a ninth-grade Dharmic Armament was extremely powerful. Using the two Dharmic

Armaments together boosted their individual powers, such that the Kun Peng's tail that was fast approaching was staggering.

The punch that Wang Baole threw after turning around was also without hesitation. With all his cultivation being activated, he collided with the giant ape with the collective force of his body.

A loud boom was produced. Wang Baole's Blood Qi churned throughout his body. He knew that in this battle, he was at a slight disadvantage. As such, a glow flashed across his eyes, and he was about to leverage on the force to retreat and emerge from the situation before entering it again to attack. However, Dugu Lin didn't give him the chance to do so, as he laughed heartily.

"It seems like the pressure I've given you is still insufficient for you to unleash your trump card. Fine, I'll add on to the pressure!" As he spoke, Dugu Lin opened his mouth and spat out three beads!

The three beads were green in color, with a blurry figure sealed within them. It looked extremely bizarre, and a vibe that made Wang Baole's heart tremble emanated from the beads. He didn't even have time to fully recognize what they were when Dugu Lin suddenly shouted.

"Shatter!"

Instantly, sounds of explosions were produced as the three beads broke apart, and three identical Dugu Lins emerged. Every single one of them carried an imposing aura, and when they appeared, they charged towards Wang Baole from five different directions together with the Kun Peng, unleashing a formidable force!

The sense of crisis far exceeded what he experienced previously. It was clear through this battle that Dugu Lin was extremely powerful. Even though Wang Baole was mentally prepared for it, he was still deeply shaken. It could be said that if Zhou Chudao had replaced Wang Baole, he would definitely be defeated under Dugu Lin's continuous attacks!

A worthy opponent! Wang Baole narrowed his eyes. He realized that if the three beads weren't broken apart, they could be reused multiple times. However, their force wouldn't be as powerful as right now, after they had been torn apart. This made him grow vigilant of Dugu Lin's decisiveness, as he recognized that the person before him only cared about winning and not about the items he possessed!

With that thought, a look of ferociousness appeared in Wang Baole's eyes. He no longer fret over making a loss. As he sealed his hands, he pointed towards the ribbon and bellowed.

"Explode!"

Instantly, the ribbon exploded. It wasn't an eighth-grade Dharmic Armament that had a one-time-use quality. Instead, it was a treasure from an extraterrestrial civilization. Right now, as it exploded, it immediately formed a hurricane with Wang Baole as the center as it swept its surroundings. The tri-colored flying sword also produced a sharp sound as it charged towards Dugu Lin's three avatars.

That wasn't the end. Wang Baole quickly took out five one-time-use eighth-grade Dharmic Armaments and exploded them. The hurricane that resulted instantly rose towards the sky with an even more powerful force that swept the surroundings!

As the hurricane swept violently with such an imposing force, the giant ape that Dugu Lin had transformed into trembled. Even he was surprised at Wang Baole's decisiveness. He could sense the aura from the ribbon, and it wouldn't be a huge matter if only one of his Dharmic Armaments had exploded. Instead, right now, Wang Baole exploded five such treasures, and this decisiveness filled Dugu Lin with surprise for the very first time. He didn't dare to go head-to-head with the force that resulted from the explosion of the five Dharmic Armaments, and he could only retreat.

His three avatars also retreated as the explosion happened and the tri-colored flying sword zeroed in on them. A weakness was exposed in Dugu Lin's attacks. The most obvious weakness was the gap formed by Dugu Lin and his avatars as they retreated. However, Wang Baole didn't choose to attack that area. Instead, as the hurricane swept, he stepped back and landed on the Kun Peng's tail. Blood spewed out of his mouth as he passed the Kun Peng, as well as the gap left as Dugu Lin and his avatars retreated!

Unexpectedly, he tossed a coin into the gap!

That made Dugu Lin narrow his eyes, and a look of excitement could be evidently seen. As he waved his hands, an almost invisible thread emerged from the gap that resulted when he and his avatars retreated. It coiled around the copper coin instantly, and the copper coin couldn't break free no matter how hard it struggled!

"Wang Baole, you've piqued my interest!" As Dugu Lin laughed, he turned and charged towards Wang Baole!

Chapter 577: Soul, Come Over!

"What you just said can lead to a misunderstanding, you know." As Dugu Lin charged towards him, Wang Baole suddenly laughed. His lips, with fresh blood flowing from them, made his smile seem indescribably evil. He raised his right hand and pointed towards the copper coin that was being restrained by the thread!

As he pointed with his finger, the ordinary-looking copper coin suddenly vibrated. Countless runes were produced from it, becoming a fountain of runes. Under this impact, the thread that coiled around it broke apart and charged towards Dugu Lin as the runes were increasingly unleashed!

An aura that belonged to a Nascent Soul realm cultivator immediately emerged from deep within the copper coin's runes, forming a suppressive force as it landed on Dugu Lin!

From a distance, there were countless runes, and they were so dense that it formed a large copper coin in mid-air by itself. This scene made everyone surprised, and the spectators outside were shocked. That was especially so for Mie Liezi, whose eyes widened significantly.

"A Runic Soldier!"

As everyone was immersed in astonishment, a glow flashed across Wang Baole's eyes as he bellowed!

"Mountain spirits, thunder gods. Slay these ghouls, bring these spirits to their knees. Destroy these demons and exorcise all evil. Protect the eternal and divine!"

The moment he said those words, astonishing flashes of lightning were produced from within the large copper coin formed by the runes. As the lightning crashed down and landed on Dugu Lin, Dugu Lin was shocked. He waved his hand and punched, breaking numerous lightning bolts while more of them continued to rain down. The large rune-formed copper coin also began to descend, trapping and pressing Dugu Lin under it!

That wasn't the end. Wang Baole sealed his hands and pointed at the copper coin as he bellowed again.

"With lightning at the front and the Eight Trigrams at the back, seal!"

As soon as he said that, markings of the Eight Trigrams appeared on the rune copper coin. A loud sound was produced as it landed around Dugu Lin. Right now, the speed of suppressing him increased, and with innumerable lightning bolts raining down, it seemed like Dugu Lin was about to be completely suppressed!

However, right at that time, a peculiar flash appeared in Dugu Lin's eyes. After looking deeply into Wang Baole's eyes, he raised his hand, and a flower could be seen in it!

That was a five-colored flower with petals of five different colors!

When the flower appeared, an aura akin to a peak ninth-grade Dharmic Armament was unleashed from it. When Wang Baole sensed it, he was gripped with surprise as Dugu Lin's voice reverberated.

"You made me reveal this treasure. Wang Baole, if you don't have any other forms of attack in this battle, then this is the end!" With that, without even taking a look at the Eight Trigrams around him, the copper coin above his head, or the flashes of lightning surrounding him, Dugu Lin raised his hand and tore off the blue petal of the five-colored flower. When he released his hand, the blue petal danced in the wind.

As it danced in the wind, everything around it seemed to have frozen. Quietly, large quantities of blue-colored bubbles appeared on the Eight Trigrams. The large rune-formed copper coin in the sky also rose and was covered by thousands of blue-colored bubbles.

That was the same case for the surrounding lightning as well. Visibly, they turned into bubbles. When everything around Dugu Lin had been transformed into bubbles, he cleared his throat, and that was when all the bubbles burst at the same time. When everything was destroyed, a copper coin that looked as if it had been corroded landed on the ground.

Wang Baole retracted his gaze, staring at the flower in Dugu Lin's hands, which now had four petals remaining. Of them, he paid special attention to the black-colored petal. Even though he felt a strong sense of crisis from the flower, he still suppressed the urge to unleash Thearch Armor. He turned and was about to go near when a chilly glow flashed across Dugu Lin's eyes. He tore off the second petal, which was blood-red in color.

"Blood Draw!" Dugu Lin spoke softly. When he released the petal, Wang Baole was taken aback, and his heart trembled. He had a peculiar feeling that the petal had insidiously formed a strong connection with him.

This connection couldn't be controlled and seemed to have been formed automatically after the petal was torn off. When Dugu Lin opened his mouth, the petal transmogrified into a bloody hand that

grabbed towards Wang Baole. Immediately, Wang Baole's body trembled, and his face turned pale. Blood Fog emerged from all his pores!

Blood Fog also emerged from all his orifices. He clearly felt that the blood in his body couldn't be controlled and was being drawn out by a bizarre force that couldn't be described!

That bizarre force of a Dharmic treasure was never experienced by Wang Baole previously. Now, his breathing was visibly quickened, but Dugu Lin, with his rich combat experience, wasted no time. As soon as the second petal was torn off, he immediately tore off the third petal!

The third petal was white in color!

"Bone Cracking!"

When the petal landed, a white glow was produced as it transmogrified into a small white-colored skeleton that sneered at Wang Baole. Wang Baole snorted in his heart. As the blood in his body was being drawn out in large volumes, the bones in his body were being attacked by an unknown force. Cracks appeared as if his bones were about to break apart!

If it were someone else, they would have definitely died from these attacks. However, Wang Baole had a Heart Core and was physically strong. The green lotus in his body shook quickly, releasing life energy that swiftly recovered the blood and the breaking bones in Wang Baole's body!

Even so, only an equilibrium was achieved. If Dugu Lin didn't have any further moves, it would be enough. However, if he were to continue to attack, he might be thrown into a state of disequilibrium, which would cause his body to crumble instantly as all his blood would be lost and all his bones would turn to powder!

However, despite all that was happening, Wang Baole didn't unleash Thearch Armor. Instead, he screamed and charged towards Dugu Lin. That made Dugu Lin feel bored.

"Do you really think that you will be able to walk in front of me with my Heaven Representing Flower in hand?" He shook his head and tore off the fourth petal, which was the black-colored petal!

"Soul, come over!"

When he said that, the black-colored petal instantly dissolved. As a black fog spread, a black ball of fire was produced, which gave out a chill. From within, a palm-sized lone boat appeared. There was a small black-robed man with a lantern oar in his arms. As he appeared, he raised his right hand and pointed at Wang Baole, but that was when the black-robed man trembled!

When the black boat and the tiny black man appeared, Wang Baole raised his head, and a bright glow flashed across his eyes. That was the moment he was waiting for!

Without hesitation, the Dark Core in Wang Baole's body was instantly unleashed. A Dark Fire emerged from his body. The black boat and tiny man formed from the black-colored petal turned around instantly, screaming at Dugu Lin who was frozen with surprise. The tiny man waved the lantern oar in his hands and pointed at Dugu Lin!

As he pointed, Dugu Lin's body trembled vigorously and his mind buzzed noisily. In his shock, he wanted to retreat, but it was too late. Wang Baole roared loudly and charged out, his body like a shooting star

that seemed capable of destroying the universe. When he emerged, he raised his right hand and formed a fist. Immediately, the blood-colored meridians transmogrified and coiled around him. An overbearing and sinister aura was produced, and the Flame Snatch Thearch Armor appeared!

When the Flame Snatch Thearch Armor appeared, the force from Wang Baole's body was fully unleashed, and its scale exceeded that of previous times significantly. It was doubly boosted by the collective force, and that was a triple boost for the Flame Snatch Thearch Armor!

When they overlapped, the resulting force was extremely imposing, carrying with it an irreversible and destructive power as it approached Dugu Lin!

Everywhere it passed was torn apart, and the heavens and earth shook violently!

Dugu Lin was gripped with indescribable shock. He wanted to resist, but right now, his spirit was trembling and on the verge of being drawn out. He slowed down as Wang Baole's lightning avatar appeared, snatching away the flower that only had one petal left, while the actual Wang Baole let out a punch through the Flame Snatch Thearch Armor. The disciples who were surrounding them and watching the battle, as well as the Dao Palace cultivators outside, were all shocked!

He was so fast and so powerful that it seemed like he had harnessed the Heaven and Earth powers. Dugu Lin vomited blood, and his body retreated. Wang Baole chased after him like lightning and punched him again!

This punch made a dent in Dugu Lin's chest, revealing his bones. It was a powerful impact as his body was thrown towards the other mountain peak. When he landed, the mountain peak caved in, and Wang Baole continued chasing after him with his powerful force!

Chapter 578: Opening the Seal!

The tide had turned!

At this moment, both the surrounding spectators and the Dao Palace cultivators outside were watching with their mouths agape. The battle between Wang Baole and Dugu Lin was full of twists and turns. Initially, it was clear that Dugu Lin was in the lead, and was pressuring Wang Baole strongly.

However, to the outer world cultivators, they knew about Wang Baole's blood-colored meridian armor which he used to suppress Zhou Chudao. As they watched, they realized that Wang Baole didn't unleash it even in the face of crisis. Some of them even thought that perhaps there were disadvantages to that move of Wang Baole's, which was why he didn't unleash it. As Dugu Lin unleashed the five-colored petals that caused Wang Baole's blood and bones to be destroyed, Wang Baole was about to be defeated!

However, all the changes that happened after that shocked everyone. For some unknown reason, the black-colored petal switched alliances!

This betrayal was also the factor that turned the situation around. Wang Baole grabbed hold of the opportunity, unleashing all of his power and beginning to destroy everything. The blood-colored armor

that wasn't seen previously instantly appeared. In his attack, he snatched away the flower with only one petal remaining from Dugu Lin, inflicting severe injuries on him with two shocking punches!

The punches made fresh blood spew out of Dugu Lin's mouth, and caused his chest to cave in. His body slammed against the mountains. At that moment, as Wang Baole emerged, he was like a spear, and he was about to attack Dugu Lin once again!

Everything that happened caused everyone's breathing to quicken as they watched on. However, even before they could gasp, Wang Baole's pupils constricted. He felt an astonishing force emanating continuously from Dugu Lin, who had crashed into the mountain before him.

However, Wang Baole didn't stop. A chilly glow flashed across his eyes as he picked up speed and neared Dugu Lin. He punched ahead, landing his fist on Dugu Lin's caved chest.

However, at that moment, Dugu Lin suddenly opened his eyes. His eyes had turned a pale gold color, and the glow from them wasn't only extremely imposing, but it also carried a sense of excitement!

"The first seal, open!"

The moment he spoke, an imposing force was unleashed from Dugu Lin's body. Dugu Lin laughed heartily, raising his right hand, where an identical golden glow spread from. He punched the fast approaching Wang Baole!

A loud boom reverberated instantly. Wang Baole snorted and retreated thousands of feet as his body shook. As a brilliant blood-colored glow emerged from the Flame Snatch Thearch Armor, he charged out once again towards Dugu Lin, who had leaped up from the mountains, and attacked him again!

At that moment, the duo were attacking each other with punches through the air. They fell from the sky, crashing into the mountain peaks and then leaping up at the same time to continue fighting under the night sky map. In the short span of an hour, the ground was broken, the mountains had crumbled, and only the twin peak mountain stood steadily, as it was deliberately avoided by both of them.

In those five minutes, both Wang Baole and Dugu Lin had forgotten how many punches they had thrown out. They had battled to the best of their abilities and were both breathing rapidly. However, the desire for combat continued burning crazily in their eyes.

It wouldn't be extinguished if no winner emerged!

"Again!" Amidst the loud boom, Wang Baole laughed again and licked away the blood on the corner of his mouth. He neared Dugu Lin once again, who then frowned. Even though he had enjoyed the battle so far, he was also being surprised again and again.

In reality, having unlocked the first seal, his combat capabilities were significantly boosted. However, after the continuous attacks for the past five minutes, he began to feel that his body couldn't keep up with the changes that were happening in the battle!

To put it more accurately, his speed of recovery couldn't be compared to Wang Baole's!

As such, after the duo continually attacked each other, Wang Baole could continue making his attacks as he recovered quickly. However, for Dugu Lin, even though he was able to withstand everything at first, if this were to continue, he would eventually be completely exhausted!

I shouldn't compete against his physical body! Dugu Lin narrowed his eyes and raised his right hand to attack at full force. When his fist touched Wang Baole's, he leveraged on the force and retreated. As Wang Baole picked up speed and approached him, he suddenly stopped. A peculiar glow flashed across his eyes as he sealed his hands and bellowed.

"Vermilion!"

With that word, a purple-colored sea of fire immediately emerged from his body. The purple-colored flames were scorching, and the moment they appeared, the surrounding space was warped by the flames. The ground melted, the mountainous rocks were turned into lava, and everything else was shrouded in an environment of extremely high temperature!

As the space warped, the outline of a vermilion bird appeared from it. It was initially colorless and without a physical body, as if it was formed by the waves produced by the warping. Everything was transparent!

However, the flame was colored, causing the vermilion bird that was produced from the warped nothingness to turn a purple color. It was a thousand feet wide, and it enveloped Dugu Lin within it before it chirped at Wang Baole and dashed towards him!

From a distance, it was impossible to see Dugu Lin anymore. One could only see the purple-colored vermilion bird, its wings opened as it charged towards Thearch Armor together with the churning sea of fire!

The cultivators outside were all shocked, and the Nascent Soul realm cultivators looked extremely solemn. They knew very clearly that right now, the combat power unleashed by Dugu Lin was on the level of a Nascent Soul realm cultivator!

Even if it were them, they would have to put in their utmost effort to resist such a force. Some of them even predicted that Wang Baole would definitely be defeated!

However, with everyone focusing their attention on what was happening as the vermilion bird neared, an undetectable glow flashed across Wang Baole's eyes. He knew that there was no way he could avoid it. Therefore, he screamed loudly, clenching his right hand into a fist as he punched!

That punch was a culmination of two times the collective power and three times the force of the Flame Snatch Thearch Armor. When it was released, Wang Baole's Flame Snatch Thearch Armor seemed to have shrunk by seventy percent!

It was several hundred feet tall previously and was now only sixty feet tall. The power of Thearch Armor was all accumulated in the punch and released!

Looking at everything that was happening, in front of the vermilion bird, as Wang Baole attacked with his punch, a gigantic illusory fist a hundred feet wide landed on the vermilion bird. When contact was made, Wang Baole vomited fresh blood, and the Thearch Armor in his body also produced cracking sounds as his body was thrown back.

The vermilion bird was extremely beaten. Even though it wasn't devastated, a huge cave had appeared in its chest, and it looked solemnly at Dugu Lin.

This is the end! Dugu Lin took a deep breath. To him, Wang Baole was the strongest opponent he had ever met in his life. In the face of such an opponent, he chose not to allow any further attacks to be made by him. As he spoke, he turned and charged towards Wang Baole with the severely injured vermilion bird!

However, the moment he neared, a glow flashed across Wang Baole's eyes, and he chanted in his mind!

"Enlightened, prisoner of the Dao of heaven, all sentient beings must endure immeasurable calamities..."

It was the Dao Scripture!

He may be heavily injured, but in reality, that was the form of retaliation he had thought of during the crossfire just now. As he chanted the Dao Scripture in his mind, a frightening and indescribable force emerged from the depths of the Universe, about to be awakened. Instantly, it arrived in the Solar System, on the ancient greenish-bronze sword, in Vast Expanse Dao Palace, and in... the Infinite Spells Array Formation!

Boom!

The Dao Palace cultivators outside felt their minds buzz noisily with activity. They were all surprised, and the higher their level of cultivation, the more significantly they could feel it. That was especially so for Mie Liezi and Feng Qiuran, who were now aghast as they stood up and exclaimed.

"What is this aura!"

All of them, who were immersed in shock, didn't notice that Daoist You Ran beside them had blood spewing out of his mouth. Even with his perseverance, he didn't manage to withstand the impact and opened his mouth slightly. Even though his mouth wasn't fully opened, the shape of his mouth had turned into a square!

The blood disappeared instantly when he reacted to what was happening!

Dugu Lin, who was on the trial grounds, also shook vigorously as his mind buzzed with activity. His cultivation was being messed up, and the vermilion bird could no longer sustain the fight with its injuries as it broke apart. When that happened, and as Dugu Lin shook violently, a chilly glow appeared in Wang Baole's eyes. He charged forward like a ferocious light ray towards Dugu Lin!

Chapter 579: The Limit

During the battle, the duo exchanged attacks. On several occasions, Wang Baole was in the lead, and on the other, Dugu Lin was leading. Until now, with this suppressive force that appeared suddenly, Wang Baole leaped into the air and charged towards Dugu Lin, unleashing his force once again!

He was so fast that it was as if he was passing through the emptiness. When he emerged, he unleashed his Dark Core, and instantly, a Dark Fire emerged from his body, forming a sea of fire outside his body!

This sea of fire was black in color. It didn't give off a high temperature but a chill that seemed to be able to seal everything. Crackling sounds were produced continuously, as if the ground, the firmament, and the space between the two of them were instantly frozen!

Immediately, Dugu Lin's trembling mind and his messy cultivation were thrown into further chaos by the Dark Fire. Fresh blood spewed from his mouth once again, and controlling his body, he retreated and widened the distance between him and Wang Baole. However, Wang Baole continued to pick up speed and didn't stop in his tracks. As the Dark Fire was unleashed, he raised his right hand, and a look of ferocity flashed across his eyes as he chanted two words in his heart!

Soul Guidance!

Dark Art Soul Guidance!

Instantly, a huge blurry hand extended from Wang Baole's chest, as if struggling from hell. When it appeared, the surrounding Dark Fire was instantly drawn to it. It seemed as if strong winds were blowing, not to extinguish the Dark Fire but to boost it!

The next moment, the Dark Fire burned with greater intensity, spreading in all directions. As the Soul Guiding Hand emerged, the Dark Fire was being drawn in, forming a gigantic hand that was thousands of feet wide!

Even though the gigantic hand was somewhat blurry, it carried an aura that made Dugu Lin tremble in shock. Wang Baole's attacks were unanticipated and extremely vicious. From afar, the combination of the Dark Fire and Soul Guidance, which formed the gigantic hand, was now carrying an imposing force from Wang Baole's body, grabbing towards Dugu Lin as it neared him!

At this crucial juncture, Dugu Lin didn't have time to consider too much. The strong sense of life-and-death crisis caused the pale golden glow in his eyes to be replaced by a blood-red color. When the Soul Guiding Hand approached, Dugu Lin exclaimed loudly!

"The second seal is to be opened for the time of ten breaths!"

When Dugu Lin said those words, a force that seemed to have accumulated in his body for a long time was instantly unleashed. It was a ferocious force, ten times more powerful than what he had unleashed previously. As he rose up, Dugu Lin seemed to have been transformed into the sea, his force turning into a vortex that then created a hurricane and tornado that swept in all directions!

Loud booms reverberated between the heavens and earth. The hurricane grew bigger, spreading a distance of a thousand feet and was extremely imposing!

Wang Baole's Soul Guiding Hand vibrated, and it couldn't continue grabbing as it began to be destroyed. A strong sense of crisis arose in Wang Baole's mind. He didn't hesitate and retreated immediately.

As he retreated, Wang Baole could finally see that in the middle of the thousand-foot-wide hurricane, while the figure that rose into the sky was still Dugu Lin, something was different!

His hair was flying in the wind, and it was no longer a pale gold color in his eyes. Instead, it was a rich gold color that was spreading throughout his body, making his entire body shimmer with a golden glow.

A suppressive force that was growing increasingly stronger by the moment was spreading, and he was like a combat god!

However, that wasn't what shocked Wang Baole. What really made him gasp in shock was that Dugu Lin, who was glowing with a golden glow, caused the extremely powerful force that was ten times what he had unleashed previously, as well as the thousand-foot-wide hurricane, to disappear the moment he raised his right hand!

It was completely retracted and vanished entirely. It was as if he were standing in mid-air but didn't give off an aura. In Wang Baole's Spiritual Sense, there was no trace of it ever existing!

This instantly made Wang Baole hold his breath. A sense of crisis that was several times what he had experienced before exploded in him. Vaguely, it felt like all the cells in his body were trembling, telling him to avoid the person before him!

Similarly, the surrounding spectators, including the Dao Palace cultivators outside, were also shocked. However, even before their shock could be translated into sound, Dugu Lin moved!

Unlike previously, he didn't open his mouth to speak. Instead, he stepped out in silence, and as Wang Baole was gripped with shock and wanted to avoid him, Dugu Lin appeared before Wang Baole!

Very simply, a punch landed on him!

Visually, this punch seemed like nothing compared to the Nine Dragon Punch. However, it felt ten times more dangerous to Wang Baole. He was unable to avoid it. It was as if he had been frozen, and as if this punch was fated to land on him!

This was because Dugu Lin, who had unlocked the second seal, had a combat power that completely suppressed Wang Baole's physical body, focus, cultivation, and force!

Wang Baole only managed to raise the right hand of the Flame Snatch Thearch Armor to resist the attack. Both the collective force and the boost from Thearch Armor were unleashed at this moment. However, in the next instance, when Dugu Lin's fist landed, Wang Baole trembled vigorously. It was as if a cruiser traveling at high speed had collided with him. Amidst the loud boom, the right hand of Thearch Armor was destroyed!

Fresh blood spewed out of his mouth, and Wang Baole leveraged on the force to retreat. However, even before he could take more steps back, the silent Dugu Lin neared him and landed the second punch!

This time, it landed on Wang Baole's Thearch Armor's chest. Crackling sounds reverberated in all directions as Wang Baole's Thearch Armor was destroyed and broken into pieces. Dugu Lin's third punch landed on Wang Baole's chest that was exposed by the broken Thearch Armor without hesitation!

It was so powerful that Wang Baole could only see his vision darken. As he vomited blood, his body seemed to have lost all form of control and was forced to retreat by the punch. He was like a kite that had been detached from its string as he landed on the twin peaks, specifically, the peak that represented him!

Amidst the loud boom, the mountain began to crack apart and crumble. Numerous broken rocks were formed, and Wang Baole, who was laying there, was in a semiconscious state as blood continued to flow out continuously from his mouth. Dugu Lin's attack didn't end there!

Dugu Lin approached and punched him once again!

This punch was not targeted at Wang Baole but on the ground beside him. The rocks were turned into ash, and the ground shook, resulting in a ricochet whose force landed on Wang Baole's body. It caused his body to jump up from the ground, towards the night sky!

After that, Dugu Lin leaped up and caught up with Wang Baole. His body appeared above Wang Baole. He was expressionless as he lowered his head and looked at Wang Baole with a chill in his eyes, before landing the fifth punch on him!

That punch was even more powerful, especially when complemented with his astonishing speed. It formed a suppressive force that harnessed the Heaven and Earth powers, and when it landed, Wang Baole's Thearch Armor was entirely destroyed. With an even greater speed, his body landed on the ground, forming a large basin-shaped depression in the ground!

Fresh blood no longer spewed out just from Wang Baole's mouth but from everywhere on his body. He was almost unconscious. Dugu Lin, who had unlocked the second seal, was so powerful that it was beyond imagination. Even a Nascent Soul realm cultivator would be extremely frightened and shocked by it.

However, Wang Baole didn't give up. The green lotus turned maniacal as it endlessly repaired his body. Wang Baole opened his eyes while gasping, looking at Dugu Lin, who was in mid-air.

"Wang Baole!" Dugu Lin lowered his head and didn't show a trace of emotion in his eyes as he looked calmly at Wang Baole, who was struggling to stand up on the ground.

"Next is my sixth punch, which is also the peak of my force. I advise you to concede defeat, as if you choose to persevere, you would die without a doubt. However, it is also possible that between the state of life and death, you would unleash your full potential!"

"I have witnessed a similar scenario previously, and it all depends on your fate!" With that, Dugu Lin raised his right hand and grabbed. Instantly, a scream emerged from behind him. A giant ape first transmogrified, followed by a nine-headed black dragon, then the vermilion bird and the Kun Peng. The figures of the four beasts took up the entire sky, enveloping Dugu Lin before interweaving with each other and transforming into a large illusory fist. They each screamed and intertwined with each other!

Looking at everything from a distance, the fist was like the firmament, extremely imposing, as if harnessing the Heavenly Tribulation and charging towards Wang Baole!

The ten breaths ended!

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Even though the ten breaths had ended, the punch was still unleashed with a powerful force that seemed like it represented the powers of heaven. Right now, as it arrived, it suppressed everything. It

caused the ground to shake as cracks appeared, and that was the case for the surrounding mountains as well. That was especially so for the spectating cultivators who were all shocked as they retreated. Zhao Yameng and Kong Dao, who were watching everything, were both extremely anxious.

However, there was no way they could help, and neither could they participate. In reality, the battle between Wang Baole and Dugu Lin, having reached the current stage, was no longer on the level of Core Formation realm cultivators. It was closer to that of the Nascent Soul realm, just that they could probably demonstrate more types of spells.

“He still lost...?” Outside the training grounds, everyone who was watching the battle was shocked. Wang Baole lay amongst the broken rocks, looking at the giant fist arriving from the skies above him, his lips curled into a bitter smile. However, in the depths of his eyes, a desire to fight was hidden!

I still have one move that I haven't used! Wang Baole's breathing quickened. Until now, Little Missy didn't say anything throughout the battle. However, Wang Baole knew clearly that Little Missy wasn't hibernating. She was watching his battle!

Naturally, the move that Wang Baole had never used wasn't Little Missy, it was his intrinsic scabbard!

It was the first true treasure that Wang Baole had refined. In the words of Little Missy, it was an intrinsic treasure that could slay anything. Under the nurturing environment in Wang Baole's body, other than releasing mosquitoes, it didn't seem to have other uses.

Wang Baole had never considered using it before, but now... A chilly glow flashed across his eyes. The moment the Four Beast Punch neared him from the skies, the green lotus in Wang Baole's body shook violently, injecting him with life and allowing him to recover from his severe injuries quickly. Even though he was suppressed by Dugu Lin, which made his recovery slow and incomplete, it was sufficient to give Wang Baole enough energy to unleash his never-before-used move!

Instantly, Wang Baole's heart burned with the desire for combat, which was extremely strong. He shouted, and green veins bulged on his forehead. His left hand slammed on the broken rocks and broke them with a bang. He leveraged on the force and leaped into the air. Instead of retreating, he charged forward towards the approaching Four Beast Punch!

That scene immediately gripped all the spectators around him and outside with shock. They watched on, dumbfounded, as Wang Baole charged towards the Four Beast Punch as if courting death!

As Wang Baole caught the attention of everyone, both outside and on the trial grounds, the Four Beast Punch was a mere hundred feet from him when he raised his head and grabbed his chest!

With that, a brilliant glow emerged instantly from Wang Baole's chest, revealing an end of the scabbard. In the blink of an eye, as Wang Baole screamed painfully, a complete scabbard was pulled out from within his body!

The scabbard was an antique and had never been seen in civilization. Now that it emerged, the firmament was transformed, and the winds and clouds churned. Even the trial grounds trembled. It was clearly just a sixth-grade Dharmic treasure and not a Dharmic Armament, but when it appeared, it seemed to be able to influence the entire ancient greenish-bronze sword. This culminated in an indescribable force that concentrated in the trial grounds, from Wang Baole's scabbard!

Very vaguely, Wang Baole had a strong feeling that there was an invisible sword in the scabbard that he couldn't see. Even though he wanted to pull it out, something seemed to be lacking!

It was just short of something!

Wang Baole didn't have time to feel regret and didn't have time to ponder over it. Right now, without hesitation, he gave up the thought of pulling out the sword. Instead, he used the scabbard as a sword, slaying the incoming Four Beast Punch!

Instantly, the brilliance was like an eternity that soon vanished at that moment. Initially, there was still light under the night sky, but right now, all the light had disappeared. It was as if the act of flailing the sword caused all light to be sucked away, leaving behind the scabbard that had made contact with the Four Beast Punch under the sky!

Loud booms that sounded like the angry roars of the world filled the training grounds, while a maniacal force spread in all directions like a wave. As it spread, Wang Baole trembled, spewing large volumes of blood from his mouth. His body landed on the ground due to the suppressive force of the Four Beast Punch, but he still held the scabbard in his hands tightly, a frightening look on his face as he continued to resist!

That extremely powerful Four Beast Punch didn't become devastated with the slaying of the scabbard, but it vibrated strongly, and it could no longer suppress Wang Baole!

It was blocked by the scabbard!

The scabbard seemed to magnify Wang Baole's power, allowing him to withstand the force of the Four Beast Punch. Right now, looking from a distance, the entire scene was a frightening image. The large and powerful Four Beast Punch was only one man's length away from the ground. Under that gigantic fist was Wang Baole, who was gripping onto the scabbard and preventing the fist from landing on him!

He was like an extremely hardy stone that was blocking the wheels of fate. As he suppressed it, the wheel couldn't successfully destroy everything!

It was already Wang Baole's limit, having achieved all of that. His hand that held onto the scabbard was trembling, and the green lotus in his body was shaking. Life energy was released on a scale that was never seen before as it tried to restore Wang Baole's body. As a result, it couldn't relax one bit, as if he did so, he would be completely crushed. His only choice was to persevere.

However, very soon, his body couldn't withstand it any longer. As cracks appeared on his skin and on his bones, the force from the fist caused Wang Baole to be unable to catch his breath. His body was continuously torn apart and continuously repaired, but it was difficult for him to last long.

Even his Lightning Core began to crack at this moment. This was the case for his Dark Core as well. The cracks grew larger. If it were to continue, his two cores would be destroyed, his cultivation would be wiped out, and his Core Formation realm would crumble!

His consciousness grew increasingly blurry at this moment. He seemed to have heard some voices, some familiar, some foreign, but all anxiously screaming for him to give up and concede defeat!

How can I concede defeat? My Dao doesn't allow me to concede defeat. My ambitions don't allow me to concede defeat... I, Wang Baole, would never concede defeat, ever! As Wang Baole screamed in his heart, the cracks in his Dark Core and Lightning Core grew wider. His body showed signs of breaking down. The repair of his body by the green lotus couldn't keep up.

However, just as his body was about to break apart, as his will continued to burn, and as he was suppressed to the maximum, the devouring seed in his body was suddenly unleashed with a loud boom!

It didn't absorb the force from outside. Instead, in this life-and-death crisis, the devouring seed swallowed the green lotus, as well as the Dark Core and Lightning Core. They didn't vanish and were instead integrated with the devouring seed for the second time!

The first integration happened when the green lotus was first planted on the devouring seed, and equilibrium was reached. Right now, at this life-and-death juncture, the devouring seed was unleashed. After taking everything in, it still felt insufficient, which was why it began absorbing Wang Baole's body. His originally rotund body could be visibly seen slimming down swiftly. In the blink of an eye, the Wang Baole that appeared before others...

It was no longer a rotund body, but one that had entirely slimmed down. He had a long body, well-defined eyebrows, and sharp eyes. Coupled with the well-chiseled face and loose clothing, Wang Baole appeared extremely handsome right now. Perhaps it was due to the significant contrast with how he looked previously, but everyone who saw him was surprised by the transformation in his physique. The Wang Baole right now was extremely eye-catching!

Even Zhuo Yifan, who was considered handsome in the Federation, conceded defeat to Wang Baole's handsomeness. That was because Wang Baole had something he didn't have—defiance, an overbearing attitude, and a power that could destroy everything!

All this made the current Wang Baole look handsome, yet a little sinister. His charisma was instantly boosted, and even Li Yi, the Federation Seedling outside, was bewildered.

At this moment, as the devouring seed was in the process of backlash, the process of reverse nourishment also began!

Wang Baole's cultivation was instantly activated, his force growing stronger from an initially weak state. It reached the peak of the mid-stage Core Formation realm and entered into the late-stage Core Formation realm. He broke through with a bang!

That wasn't the end. After entering the late-stage Core Formation realm, the devouring seed continued to nourish him, and his cultivation was boosted again. In a short period of time, his cultivation reached the peak late-stage and was just a small step away from perfection!

This scene shocked Dugu Lin, as well as everyone inside and outside the trial grounds!

"Breakthrough in the midst of battle!"

As the people exclaimed and gasped in shock, Wang Baole's cultivation was activated, and all his injuries were healed instantly. He regained the power that he had lost, and his power was now several times that of what it was previously. Waves of astonishing forces were released from his body, and it was as if it were capable of destroying the heavens. The hand that was gripping the scabbard no longer trembled

and was instead extremely steady. Amid Dugu Lin's disbelief, Wang Baole raised his head, looking past the Four Beast Punch before him and directly at Dugu Lin within it!

"I do not concede defeat!" Wang Baole spoke softly, a frightening desire for combat clearly evident in his eyes!